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I earnestly bespeak for the CATHOLIC COURIER the united and generous support of our priests and people, and I fervently hope that it may carry into every home in the diocese the salutary influence of the Catholic Press. If Pope Pius XI could say for the whole church, "I feel that for this diocese I can do more personally," I feel that for this diocese I can do more personally. Anything that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me personally.

EDWARD MOONEY,
Archbishop-Bishop of Rochester.

Editorials

BISHOP WALSH

With the passing of Bishop James Anthony Walsh of Maryknoll, the Catholic world sorrowfully writes an epitaph for one of the greatest of its modern apostles. The Catholic Church in this country, in particular, is keenly aware of the void created by the passing of a Bishop so noted for his apostolic zeal.

Like the Twelve of old, Bishop Walsh set out to convert the world. With the late Father Price he founded the American Foreign Mission Society in 1911. He was mainly responsible for its phenomenal expansion. His quiet but consistent, driving efforts laid the foundation for the growth of a Society that is now known the world over.

While the mission activities developed by several Orders and Congregations, notably that of the Society of the Divine Word, preceded the Maryknoll movement, Maryknoll is the first distinctive product of Catholic America in the foreign mission field.

The unique role which Bishop Walsh played in the promotion of the Maryknoll movement, and the work which he accomplished in so short a space of time, won for him an exalted place in the hierarchy of the Church.

Our Divine Lord blessed the labors of Bishop Walsh on this earth. May He grant his apostolic soul peace and happiness eternal.

"MYSTERIES ARE POPPYCOCK"

"Mysteries!" exclaimed the gentleman in the dark brown suit. "Do you know what a mystery is? It is that which is unknowable. It is something we can't understand. Something that exceeds the limit of our mental powers."

"These so-called mysterious truths of religion are poppycock. It's a waste of time to talk about them. You can't know the unknowable. If you could, it would no longer be unknowable. So why try to piece out a puzzle you know you can't work?"

The gentleman in the dark brown suit was correct—to this extent. A mystery, in general, is that which is unknowable. It is a fact or truth which we cannot completely, fully, understand.

It is true that we cannot know every thing about a mystery. If we could it would no longer be a mystery. But it does not follow that we cannot know something about it. Knowledge is knowledge. It may be complete knowledge. It may be partial knowledge. But it is still knowledge.

We do not understand what electricity is. But we know many facts about electricity. And they are true facts. We do not know what life in plants is. But we know many facts about plant life. We know that hydrogen and oxygen unite to form water. Why we do not know. But the partial knowledge that we have is real knowledge.

It is ridiculous to say the merely because we cannot know everything about some one thing, we cannot know anything at all. Most of our knowledge is partial knowledge. There are mysteries all about us in the physical world. In the field of electricity, chemistry, botany, and every other field of human knowledge. It is only reasonable, then, to look for them in the world of the spirit, in the life of the soul.

Every day in the week we accept from the words of our human word, facts that we do not understand. It is no different when we accept from God, on the authority of His word, facts that we can only partially understand.

It is so blind as to scoff at the fact that we consider his own body, his private mystery for him, and the function of the material part of his own body.

How does physical sickness cause mental sickness? Why should mental depression bring on physical ailments?

Life is a mystery, and death. We live in a world teeming with mysteries. When we turn on an electric light we are confronted with a mystery. When we drink a glass of water, we face another mystery. And yet, there are those who scoff at the mysteries of religion!

CATHOLIC EDUCATORS

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Catholic Educational Association opened at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City on Tuesday, April 14. Over 2000 delegates attended the sessions of the meeting, representing nearly 10,500 seminaries, universities, colleges, high schools and parochial schools.

Of the many important educational topics discussed, one stands preeminent: The need of a Catholic philosophy of education in Catholic secondary schools and colleges. The Catholic mind and the mind of the world are at odds. The cleavage between the two is daily widening, deepening, becoming more dangerous. The principles of secular education are diametrically opposed to the principles of Catholic education.

Any system of education that ignores religion is a distorted one. It turns out mental cripples, intellectually deformed citizens. This is an acknowledged fact. It has been emphasized, and bewailed, more than once during the present session of the Federal Congress.

The prevailing system of American secular education ignores religion. It inculcates materialistic principles that make man supreme in his own little world. And where the divinity of man is acknowledged, the natural moral law and the divine revelation become mere curiosities of an archaic age. Man becomes his own end. All means are lawful means. The result is a breakdown, not only in the moral and social orders, but in the economic as well.

The need of a Catholic philosophy of education cannot be over-emphasized. We cannot go too far in making our Catholic schools "more Catholic." We cannot place too much stress on the ultimate objective of Catholic education which, in the words of the Holy Father "consists essentially in preparing man for what he must be and what he must do here below in order to obtain the sublime end for which he was created."

THE STATE OF GRACE

Have you ever noticed a piece of crystal lying in the shade? There is nothing attractive about it. It is just an ordinary piece of glass, dull, opaque.

But pick it up and put it in the sunlight. The sun seems to penetrate into its very essence. The rays of the sun unite themselves with the crystal. The two become one. The crystal is no longer a dull piece of glass. It is a thing of beauty, unity. It partakes, or shares, in the very life of the sun. From its own inner being the crystal reflects the rays of the sun.

A soul in the state of sin is like a piece of crystal in the shade. It is unattractive, discolored, ugly. Through the Sacrament of Confession God pours forth His Divine Grace into the soul. Grace penetrates the very essence of the soul. It becomes a part of the soul itself. Like the crystal in the sun, the soul becomes a thing of beauty, purity. It reflects the image of God.

If you touch a live electric wire, you get a shock. You don't say that you touched electricity, but that you touched the wires. Yet you cannot separate the two. If you touch one, you touch the other.

It is somewhat the same with grace and the soul. Grace enters into the soul. It becomes a part of the soul. The soul is reborn, revitalized. In the state of sin, the soul was dead. In the state of grace, it is pulsing with life. The life of the soul, the grace which made the life possible, and the soul itself are not three separate elements. They are one.

The soul reflects the image of God. God dwells in the soul. The Christian in the state of grace becomes a living tabernacle of the Most High. His body becomes the dwelling place of God.

This is what it means to be in the state of grace.

There's only one fellow who knows all about public affairs, and that's good old Vox Populi.—Geneva Daily Times.

The reckless driver's mind is like a pint of cider in a wash tub—broad enough but not very deep.

It is charged by some that Governor Landon balanced the Kansas budget with federal money. We are glad to learn that some of the federal money was put to a good use.—Atchison Globe.

A census of pedestrians proves that the average person does not need to sit or lie down to fall asleep.

The play "Three Men On A Horse" sounds as if it might have to do with a Scotch polo team.—Dayton Journal.

Nations as a whole don't seem to be bothered much by morals. Whatever they want to do, they think it all right. But they won't let their citizens act that way.—Evening Leader.

This is really a comfortable world. Common sense is always on our side and error and hysteria on the other side.—Elmira Star-Gazette.

Permanent settlements in Europe seem about as permanent as permanent waves.

War is an industry in which the winners destroy their customers.—Geneva Daily

Current Comment

The Wandering Jew wandered across the scene at the Little Theatre. As far as his wandering has been covered a lot of territory. He has been reported to make his home on the spot. His wanderings are of interest to us.

But what is of interest is the Little Theatre background more by way of implication than actuality. A very distorted picture through which the director of the production led the wandering Jew.

We do not accuse the Little Theatre Management of deliberately sponsoring an anti-Catholic picture. We do not even accuse the producers of the picture of deliberately falsifying or misinterpreting certain historical periods in the life of the Church.

What we do object to, and object very strenuously, is the fact that any theatre in this city would lend its influence and prestige to the furtherance of false propaganda.

The story of the Wandering Jew has no factual basis. It is extremely unreal, highly fantastic. But that is perfectly as it should be. The legendary and unreal has a determining place in our hearts and lives. It serves a worthy purpose. However when one uses a legend to cast aspersion and ridicule upon an institution which is the very principle of that institution one debases the legend.

One becomes a propagandist of a very low order. The Middle Ages are portrayed in a very unsavory light in the story of the Wandering Jew. One leaves the theatre with a bad taste in one's mouth and a very distorted idea of the Middle Ages. The Church brought the world out of the dark ages into the light of knowledge and truth.

To judge the Middle Ages by present day standards is fatal. You can't even judge the early nineteenth century by present day standards. Let alone the thirteenth or fifteenth or tenth centuries.

To make an impartial judgment of a bygone era you must put yourself in the mind and soul back into the mental and moral atmosphere of that century. That is the thing the directors of the Wandering Jew failed to do. They judged a part of history by modern prejudices and standards. An utterly ridiculous thing.

The motion picture industry, industrial motion picture theatres, have an important part in the education of the masses in these times. Habits of mind, habits of character are impressed on the theatre goer whether or not he will acknowledge it. The case of the screen is a very important one, in fostering definite attitudes in its patrons, is tremendous. For that reason, any attempt to use the screen as a means of spreading propaganda is a very serious matter.

There are those who favor Federal regulation of the motion picture industry. They would set up a Federal board of censorship. We do not favor that view. The Legion of Decency is a fine agency for doing its own objective. It is not wise to cope with any situation by an advertising sheet for advertising purposes.

We do not wish to see the inherent value of the screen to further the spread of immortality or to become an advertising sheet for propagandist activities of any nature whatsoever.

Spiritual Thoughts

He who has little desire for Heaven, shows that he has little love for God.

The compass of a city is less than a victor's sword. —Saint Gregory the Great.

We all ought to follow the narrow way, though there be many difficulties in it. It is an easy thing to run the blind way of liberty, but God deliver us from all broad sweet ways. —Venerable John Wall, O. F. M.

We need to be alone with ourselves and with God for some definite period of time every day.

As long as a soul has not given itself wholly to God it is in danger of leaving Him and losing itself.

Behind that dark sorrow of yours there may be the anthem of angels and the peace of God.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE: Newspapers are the ordinary man's only university. They are the only post-school education the average person receives. It is highly essential that an antidote to the pernicious doctrines of the sensational secular press be obtained. The Catholic Press defends and expounds the Faith. It teaches right morals. It promotes public decency. It strengthens every Catholic in the exercise of his religion. —Bishop Pinet, Grand Rapids.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

Catholic Facts But Little Known
By M. J. MURRAY

The great brick tower known as the **GUADA** the latest in Spain, is a relic of the MOHAMMEDAN MOSQUE on the site of which the magnificent CATHEDRAL of SEVILLE was erected in 1402.

SOME 1700 JEWS ARE RECEIVED INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EVERY YEAR ACCORDING TO THE PARIS ETUDES

THIS ANCIENT TIMBERED HOUSE AT TARRING NEAR WORTHING, ENGLAND, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ONCE OCCUPIED BY SAINT THOMAS A BECKETT WHO WAS MURDERED AT CANTERBURY IN THE YEAR 1170.

Only one of our Lord's parables includes a proper name of a person, that which is commonly referred to as the PARABLE OF DIVES AND LAZARUS. DIVES is not a proper name but the Latin word for a rich man. Our Lord merely says there was a certain rich man but he names the beggar "Lazarus".

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S QUESTION: THE QUARTO DECIMANS WERE A SECT OF CHRISTIANS WHO INSISTED ON KEEPING THE EASTER FESTIVAL ON THE SAME DAY AS THE JEWISH PASSOVER — 14TH NISAN, HENCE THE ORIGIN OF THEIR NAME. Those who persisted in the observance were exterminated in the 2nd century.

THE LIBRARY SIGN POST

Thank God that not all our current reviewers are sold out to the enemy. The current issue of the Saturday Review of Literature carries an article by Wilson F. Carr, a reviewer of a brand new novel which will doubtless run its appointed course in the chapter of "new books" but which, as far as Wilson F. Carr is concerned, will be a waste of paper. Carr is a reviewer who, like the reviewer of the Saturday Review, has a high regard for the literary value of the book. Carr is a reviewer who, like the reviewer of the Saturday Review, has a high regard for the literary value of the book.

I mention it here for the sake of one remarkable paragraph which I refer to in my column in this issue. It is a masterpiece of diagnosis of the modern world, all the more telling as coming from a secular critic.

From the ultimate horror, here, down, through his overlooking it from behind as he runs." There is no positive good value in the book. Carr is a reviewer who, like the reviewer of the Saturday Review, has a high regard for the literary value of the book. Carr is a reviewer who, like the reviewer of the Saturday Review, has a high regard for the literary value of the book.

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

The Catholic Evidence Library is a collection of books which are recommended for reading by Catholics. The books are written by Catholics and are intended to provide a solid foundation of Catholic doctrine and history. The books are available for purchase or loan from the library.

Diocesan Recordings

ORDINARILY the ladies leave exact dates of birthdays as something better left unmentioned. Friday of this week, however, marks the 25th anniversary of Court Rita 137 Catholic Daughters of America. This organization of active Catholic women came into existence just 25 years ago in Elmira. During the first quarter century of its existence the Court has made an enviable record. Complete details recounting the Catholic Daughters' deeds in Elmira appear elsewhere in this issue. It is a source of pride and pleasure to the members of the organization to have their work and more during the world war. They have a commendable record in the field of charity. Court Rita 137 deserves congratulatory credits on its silver jubilee and many wish well for continued service and success in the future.

PERSONALLY did we feel a great loss in the death of Bishop Walsh, co-founder of Maryknoll and one of the greatest men it has been our privilege to know. We did not know him so intimately that we could say he was a close friend on the few occasions on which we met him in his gracious manner, priestly and later episcopal zeal and his burning desire to bring Christ to the pagan wastes of the world as though he knew him all out life. It was our privilege to walk with the "Old Father Walsh" about the grounds at Maryknoll, for his passing. That incident became an event in our lives. We learned of the beginning of the first Catholic Foreign Mission Society in America. We learned of the hope of Bishop Walsh, who learned of the unshakable faith of him who was beset with difficulties that must have been almost unbearable at times. When ever things looked dark for the youthful organization working to save souls in the Orient, the faith of the kindly Father Walsh seemed to bring hopeful rays of light. Even when it seemed as though the work would have to stop there would come at the right time material and that before seemed impossible to gain. Bishop Walsh in our mind stands out as an example of faith, courage and zeal that will carry us along for many a year. Memory of him and his achievements will make Maryknoll great in the Church universal.

OFFHAND, when it was proposed an Irish Joke Contest would be something apart from the usual run of promotion in this newspaper. As it developed it created considerable interest not only in the contest but in the Irish Minstrels an age old activity of St. Patrick's Cathedral and also indicated more interest in the CATHOLIC COURIER. It brought together in judging the entries sent in the heads of the Irish Catholic organizations, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Equity in pleasant cooperation. It is planned to make this a yearly activity.

THE CATHOLIC informed organization of the Knights of St. John is making elaborate preparations for an inspection and report on Tuesday evening, May 4. The knights are inviting all their friends to attend. This organization has a special field in lay activity. The various commanders are ever ready to assist the pastor of the church with which affiliated. Their annual inspection and review is an opportunity to display their strength. All encouragement possible should be given them.

GREAT INTEREST is being manifested at the Progress Exposition in Edgemoor Park which closes Saturday in the CATHOLIC COURIER exhibit. Displayed for all to see are the records of the progress of your diocese and papers. Early editions are being examined and compared with the Catholic paper that serves you today. Don't miss the CATHOLIC COURIER booth when you visit the Exposition.

Hearing that the K. of C. were conducting a "Society Fair" one was declared that "Society is a fair."

QUESTION BOX

Q—Can a wealthy person who leaves a large sum of money to the Church be saved even though he dies in mortal sin?
A—If a man dies in a state of mortal sin, he cannot enter heaven. If the man turns himself away from his justice—all his justices which he hath done shall not be remembered. (Eccl. 10: 24)

Q—Can the same act be right for one person and wrong for another?
A—Certainly. In some cases circumstances differ in such a way as to render one man guilty where another would be guilty of sin. For example, the