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I earnestly beespeak 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 "anything that you do for the Good Press, I will consider as having been done for me personally", I feel that for this diocese I can and should say: "Anything that you do for the Catholic Courier, I will consider as having been done for me personally".

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Editorials

SAVE US FROM THE WEST'

From the Holy Father comes a seemingly strange request for prayers during the month of August. His Holiness asks for the prayers of the faithful "lest the perverted doctrines and morals of the west be a scandal to the people of missionary lands."

How and where are "the perverted doctrines and morals of the west" preached in the Orient.

The first and foremost conveyor of this propaganda is the motion picture aided and abetted by newspapers, books, graphic reviews and the very lives led by the foreign colonists. No wonder the stock Japanese objection to mission activities is summed up thus:

"You come here to convert us but you might go home to convert your brothers first."

The instances of organized western attempts to shatter the high moral standards in most sections of the Orient are numerous.

In Madras, India, 1,000 women held a protest meeting against the birth control propaganda being spread by Mrs. Sanger.

In South Africa the natives are being subjected to a pamphlet bombardment inspired by Russia and paid for by the infamous Judge Rutherford of the Watch Tower movement. These pamphlets advocate free love, ridicule Christianity and excite the natives against the government.

A sad example of western invasion is native Australia with a population reduced from more than a million less than 200 years ago to a mere 60,000 at present. Ill treatment and diseases brought from abroad decimated the population thus. Deaths in the territories are now surpassing births.

No wonder the Holy Father entreats the faithful to pray for this intention during August.

WRITE IS MIGHT

With a single swift stroke, death has lifted Gilbert Keith Chesterton from the Catholic literary scene.

The beloved "Prince of Paradoxes" is gone and his departure prompts a hasty survey of the remainder of the field.

In the forefront is Hilaire Belloc who was Chesterton's English contemporary for many years. Coming from England to America we find a singular paucity of Catholic writers.

Here and there, of course, are notable exceptions. The Jesuits have given us John LaFarge, Wilfred Parsons, Daniel J. Lord, Francis X. Talbot, and a few others. Then there's the famed Paulist, James M. Gillis. Among the laity we point with pardonable pride to Michael Williams, the distinguished editor of the COMMONWEAL.

At this point, however, the line thins out, especially among those of our laity.

Answering the query on literary scarcity, our embryo authors raise the ancient cry that a novel or essay woven together with the skein of Catholic doctrine cannot strike a responsive and popular chord among our readers. The life and works of Gilbert K. Chesterton form a striking refutation of that contention.

There definitely is a field in Catholic literature which is virgin territory for the aspiring author. Chesterton was only a pioneer.

Whatever may be said to the contrary, there is a Catholic reading public ready, at the stroke of the pen, to follow the true protagonist of Catholic literature whenever and wherever they may arise.

Chesterton's place may not be filled with [illegible] but the path he beat through the [illegible] wilderness certainly should be followed.

SOAP-BOX PULPITS

The Catholic Evidence Guild of New York held its first outdoor meeting Friday, June 5, at Columbus Circle. Although organized in 1928, up to the present the activities of the Guild have been limited to radio broadcasts and talks to indoor meetings. Occasionally these talks have been to mixed groups, but usually they have been confined to Catholics. Now, however, the Guild is closer to its ideal. It speaks to the man-in-the-street while he actually is in the street.

Certain squeamish Catholics shudder at the thought of soap-box sermons. It's not dignified.

It puts us in a class with the Communists.

Well, what of it? Christ condescended to preach at country cross-roads. Is it beneath His followers to talk at city street corners?

Father Gillis, Editor of "The Catholic World" says:

"We jest at the soap boxers, but when the trouble begins the armchairs won't have a chance with the soap boxers. The thought occurs what are we all doing here listening to the gentle voice of a learned lecturer? Should we not get out into the street? Up from these chairs and on to a soap box?"

Convert making is not the primary purpose of the street-speakers. Members of the Evidence Guild are trained to explain Catholic doctrine clearly, to refute time-worn objections to the Church, to give the reasons for the Faith that is in them.

In London, where the street-speaking movement began, courageous young Catholic speakers have done great work. The Communists no longer have a monopoly on Hyde Park. May the New York Guild be equally successful in Columbia Circle.

Free speech doesn't satisfy the crank. The next thing he wants is power to say: "Now, darn you, listen."—Milwaukee Journal.

MARYKNOLL JUBILEE

The Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, popularly known as Maryknoll, will on June 29th, celebrate its Silver Jubilee. Twenty-five years ago, two zealous priests, Father James A. Walsh and Father Thomas F. Price, founded this society, the first distinctly American contribution to the Catholic apostolate.

At that time the idea of training American priests for service in pagan countries was absolutely novel. Only ten years before, in 1908, Pius X had withdrawn the United States from the jurisdiction of the Congregation of Propaganda Fide; we were almost a mission country ourselves. Today mission activity is an integral part of American Catholic life.

When the first band of four Maryknoll priests was sent to China in 1918, there were less than 18 American priests in all Asia. All of these were members of European mission institutes. Today there are 600 American priests and about 300 American Sisters in China alone!

Almost coincident with the celebration of the jubilee came the death of one of Maryknoll's founders. In April Bishop Walsh died. As Superior General of his society, he had done much to make America mission conscious. He lived to see Maryknoll become one of the foremost agencies for the conversion of the non-Christian world. May his successors carry on successfully.

Congratulations, Maryknoll!

Many persons Communicate frequently, and yet draw but little fruit from their Communions, because they remain but a short time with Jesus Christ.—St. Alphonsus Liguori.

GOING AWAY?

Vacation days are here again. It's the open season for the summer migration to mountains or seashore, to woods or lakes.

Rest for the body and change for the mind are necessary for a healthy, balanced life. But it should go without saying that there can be no vacation for the soul. Spiritual duties are not suspended during July and August.

Catholics should so plan their recreation that they will be able to go to Mass easily every Sunday.

Accidents multiply during the summer. Swimmers in particular are in danger. The presence of a priest within call may mean the eternal salvation of the victim.

Take a vacation. Rest your body. Revive your mind. But don't forget your soul.

Our thoughts are friends or enemies; they are our glory or shame; our happiness or misery; our solace or destruction. Summed up, they are the Alpha and Omega of life.

Europe has so many different ways it can start a war that the difficulty of making up its mind among them may prolong peace. —Charleston (S. C.) Post.

Our life should be the life of faith, a communion with the unseen; not something that we profess once a week or once a day, but something that we profess all day.

Do not allow gassy babblers to call on you to prove that you are right in your religion until they have first tried the burden of proving themselves to be right.—Catholic Universe-Bulletin.

We do not like to be contradicted, but at the same time, is it not in the hope of being contradicted that we sometimes speak ill of ourselves?

Current Comment

N. Y. MINIMUM WAGE DECISION OFFERS POSER FOR BOTH PARTIES

By The Rev. Raymond McGowan, (Assistant Director, N.C.W.C. Dept. of Social Action.)

The New York minimum wage decision has put both parties in the [illegible]. This is written before either platform is adopted and it will be a wonder to see what they will do. For the Court has said in effect that most of the New Deal [illegible] unconstitutional when states undertake it to do so [illegible] federal government.

How then will the two parties prescribe for this following set of facts, this following set of rightful demands and this following set of methods to realize the demands within the set of facts?

Facts: Ten million or so out of work, vast under-production and huge concentration of wealth. This due largely to a bad distribution of the national income and unbalanced prices. This in turn due to a combination of private monopoly and competition. This in turn due to a long history of disorganized labor and disorganized farmers and of governments anxious almost solely to help the business element. All of this due to a spiritual and moral apostasy from God to greed. All of this working in a highly complex set of international, national, regional, state and city industries.

Demands: Universal living wage. A distribution of the national income and a balancing of prices to obtain full employment, full production, and a high standard of living for all. All sharing in the increasing production of our time. A wide diffusion of ownership. Public ownership of things which let private owners dominate a community.

Methods: Organized co-operation of employers' associations and labor unions to guide their industries to get these demands. Organized farmers to do the same. Organized professions to do the same. All these federated. Government helping this organized direction to make new life protecting it and helping it function. A very special legislation to correct present evils and prevent suffering groups and classes, including labor legislation. Both organization and legislation to fit the [illegible] of the facts, international (including treaties), national, regional, state and city.

Neither platform will be a total loss. This can be said right now. Both also will fall short. The important thing is: Which will come closer? The demands and methods call in the face of these facts for a far-reaching change in American economic and governmental life. The change cannot come solely through what government does. Economic organization, for example, is a matter largely for the people themselves to accomplish directly. But governmental action is essential.

Now our government cannot act. And since the facts to be dealt with are sometimes national facts, sometimes state facts, sometimes regional facts and sometimes city facts, then the constitutional amendment, which at this writing neither party will sponsor, has to provide for national unity of action by nationally organized occupation and national government and for regional unity, and state unity and city unity.

Spiritual Thoughts

God and God alone knows and wills and can give us more than we know how to desire.

Behind the [illegible] sorrow of yours there may be the [illegible] of angels and the peace of God.

Why one is a heart and [illegible] one gets to be [illegible] not always equate.

In combat it is good [illegible] victory in resistance and [illegible] victories may be very great.

FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

The first Pope has a letter in the New Testament.

None of the Apostles [illegible] especially St. John [illegible] the New Testament.

The Catholic Church decides which books were in print.

Christ came to save all. If this was [illegible] by means of the Bible, why didn't He write a Bible?

There was no printing until 1450. Some of the Scriptures were made in handwriting.

The Bible was not [illegible] before Luther thousands of [illegible] were written or printed.

Luther was not the first to translate the Bible into German.

Is the Catholic Church the enemy of the Bible? If so, Why [illegible] the first Leaders wrote it? Why did God ever inspire them to write it? Why did she spread it? Why did she protect it from errors in copying and from the persecutors? Why did she preserve it? Did she change it? Why so many translations before Protestantism was born? Why are parts of it read daily at Masses? Why do priests have to read their breviaries (made up from Holy Writ) daily for an hour? Why do Catholics usually quote Scripture to prove their doctrines? Why has the Pope granted an indulgence to all who read a part of the Bible daily? Queen's Work Catechetical Series.

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Catholic Facts But Little Known

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By M. J. MURRAY

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Gilbert K. Chesterton died last Sunday, June 14th, in his home at Beaconsfield, England. He was 62 years old. [illegible]

Views of Others

Functionalism

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Sphere of Influence

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Autobiography

[illegible]

Bell's Letters

[illegible]

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QUESTION BOX

Is Stanley a Saint's Name?

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Can a divorced man, provided that he becomes a Catholic, be married again in the Catholic Church?

A man, whether he becomes a Catholic or not can, according to the laws of the Catholic Church, marry again if his first marriage was invalid or null and void in the eyes of our Faith. If his first marriage was valid according to our Church laws he cannot marry again while his first wife is living.

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What is the origin of the Forty Hours' Devotion and why the number forty?

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Diocesan Recordings

THIS WEEK

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NEWLY ORDAINED

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EACH VACANT SEAT

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ASKED IN

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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