Religion in the Public Schools

By REV. JAMES M. GILLIS, C.S.F., Editor, the Cethelic World

favorable to our principles, said

cannot have religious training in the public schools," but expressed

Theta Pi Alpha and other such

associations were giving the re-ligious training that the public schools could not give. There is

a fine chance for debate as to

ideal" and the age of those tra-ditions. But of that, another

The very next day came a re-

views. A luncheon was held in a New York hotel at which was

launched a crusade for religious education in the public schools

Forty-one Protestant denomina-

tions and thirty State interde-

nominational councils were rep-

resented. The principal speaker was Dr. James Rowland Angell,

president emeritus of Vale Uni-

versity, educational adviser for

the National Broadcasting Com-

pany.
His statements of the menace

even more forcefulness than a

said that if something were not

done to "train children in snir-

itual values," we might expect "a

catastrophs not only for our own country and for our own religion, but for civilization and human-

ity lizelf," and he continued:
"In the last two decades we

have been moving into a rather cheap, superficial, mechanistic materialism, advocated by people

who like to be considered intel-lectual, which includes many of

our outstanding scientists of note. I wish we could return towards Plato's thinking that

piritual reality is a very definite

Rather good, but not perfect.
It would be better to advocate re-

turn to Christ than to Plato. That

ancient disciple of Socrates and rival of Aristotle was doubtless a

Baviour. Also, "spiritual reality a definite part of the cosmos" is

crisis. But let that pass. Presi-

dent Angell's main idea is sub-

and we are glad to have his con-firmation of our conviction that

religion must be taught to all

One mistake made by the more

reconsideration of religion as an integral element—if not the dom-

inant element—in American edu-cation is a kind of "complex" that efflicts only Catholics. Peo-

ple who labor under that misun-derstanding might do well to

read the names of hundreds upon hundreds of enlightened non-Catholics who feel and speak as

we do about the danger—say rather the crime—of denying re-ligion by youth. Such lists ap-pear from time to time in all Catholic papers. To the long ros-

ter we may now add the follow-ing members of the new crusade:

Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of Princeton University; Dr. Arthur H. Compton of the Univer-

part of the cosmos.

American youth.

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The day is the approaching Feast of the Native minister er director. The Bantista will be seed in peace, health, and war, if interesting life, read Reincarnation and a new Peace Plan, the most revealing and timely Book of the Century. Which sounds pretty inclusive.

Now to the actual list of notiese:

Heading the list is the Baha's Center, with a woman as the minister er director. The Bantista

of II has blessed day has meant to them, man all all allestion to ain and to strive after personal actions. The mind of Jesus Christ. It is a time to weighing in a true balance of the court live. Does Christ reign within the Does He guide up in our business dealings?

continued the Church shows in exhorting her children soles extical Year with a thorough self-example a child spirit of prayer animated by a to should a from the Redeemer on the ap-Street Day!

what starte, what glorious results would come come provided the state of Advent! The teachings of the account is the basis of so much investigation of the iterate make today in many nations by dictatorial to triumps by injustice, pride, and rejection of gat, aumas and divine.

in power would look to Christ's message of peace to meet of mood will, would show that good will by Our let's beachings the foundation of their rule, for what all that lessens the dignity of man and bring hat will help mean rise to the place God has destined defler could make a wonderful beginning of a new year leasted to peace and justice with charity.

scholes in our county will and in the Message just sent the the General Meeting of the Bishops a program that them pake this Advent an efficacious power for pake strong while maintaining it at home. While the affects of Pope Plus XII and of our government The war, and expressing sympathy for all Hiller," Hinduism comes next and the war, the Message speaks of our duty denominational that promises players to God for peace and for the reconstruction Guest Speakers, Splendid Music.

color of source and for the reconstruction to the construction to the construction that will be the best foundation that will exclude all hatred, and it was a mindred of pur first duty of preserving the stability and security of our country, while offer-preserve of sympathy for the victims of the war, continued by all. Make your Advent a time of provided by all was

With The Prison Chaplains!

What twist of bigotry can lead men to fight for the struction at the office of Prison Chaplain in New York aw A Wast baired of religion can drive them to deprive sections of the one source of strength that means so behabilistion and restoration to an honored place

be regard for the welfare of the State that t to this destructive action. It surely can be no Cibs prisoners good. Where officials of the State m. wardens of state prisons, unite with welfare d social workers everywhere to acclaim the good d by the Prison Chaplains, and where this good alf in the reclamation of thousands of men for use with all the benefits both negative and positive

Church In New York

'ALONG THE WAY' By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.

I had always thought of Los Angeles as heing the center of religious disunity. Certainly to the square foot, they have more wierd religions than any spot in the world. When people go out to sit in the sun, relax, and die, they have lime to inhely of the married have time to think of the world to come, and they're fair game for the religious fresk, fair quest for the real apostle.

But I find that New York tan't had second for religious disa had second for religious discord. Of a Saturday night, I plok up the New York Evaning Sun, and on the religious page I find the notices for the various churches. One Catholic church is listed there, glorious St. Patrick's Cathedral, with a dignified announcement of the times of Masses and Envioes. The other Catholic churches in New York will be so jammed at all the Sunday Masses, that only the out of day Masses, that only the out ofget to it. Patrick's of which they had read so often.

The rest suns from Protestant

minister se director. The Baptists are sandwiched in between Bahait and Buddhim, an unhappy location in the siphabet. I find among the Baptists this sermon promised "What a man got for his grous,—the Doom of Discouragement." Doesn't sound too theological, but very, very alliterable.

erative. Zeny, the Buddhist Society of America, Inc., announces a series of Bokel-An, Buddhist Abbot. I Wonder how a Buddhist Abbot dresses at the meeting and on the street in America.

Next comes an organization nown modestly as The Center of Truth," with a comprehensive strmon subject: "Think!" And by some sort of ironic twist, the denier is at the Elegical Theater. Shades of the famous Folles. In quick order the Christian Church, which gets angry if you call it Campbellite; Christian and

Missionary Alliance, and Christian Science, which lists fourteen shurches and a "radiocast." Then a modest little organization run by two Revs. one Gladys, one Helena, called simply. "The Church of the Truth." and next five Collegiata Churches, which leave me a little vague.

A community Church and a
Congregational follow, and then
in the Manhattan Opera House

in the Mannattan Opera House
"Divine Science" teaches "Frayer
as an Art," and next Ethical Culture explains "The Meaning of
Hitler," Hinduism comes next Jawish Lutheran and Methodlat murch in sequence. Then a church new to met New History Peniscostals meet in "The Glad Tidings Tabernacie" before you come to a Presbytetian churches.
Euriher down, the United Lodge of Thesesphists lecture on "Immoritality Must Be Won," and under Un we find there are Uni-

tarians. Unity and Universalists. Yegashrama offers. Cosmic Consciousness, and Pundit Achar-ya discusses Dead Footsteps in the Street under the heading of Yess Philosophy. The Church of the Inner Light has for its sermon the "Secret of the Pineal Gland," which should interest Johns Hopkins: and Lillian De Waters in the Hotel Astor runs her own special School of In-sight, white over in Brooklyn the Pilgrim Fathers are remembered in the Plymouth Church of the

If I were a questing unbeliever, I am afraid I should throw up my hands in bewilderment Is

Library Signpost World of Tomorrow

Although our daily lives are going on pretty much as usual: turn off the slarm, another cup of colleg, run for the bus, same old job, maybe a movie tonight (or is it Bingo?), Lowell Thomas Easy Aces, the newest novel, and so to bed-this good old world of ours is in the threes of a mighty change. of the limes."

Don't ask me "Change into what?" because I don't know. I can only guess. But there isn't the slightest doubt that we are living through a social revolution of the first magnitude. There is a new world in birth, It is the World of Tomorrow-not as Gro-ver Whalen's Fair pictured it, but as God Almighty sees it emerg-ing from a maelstrom of con-flicts, passions, hopes and sacri-

Do you want the "indications," the birth pangs? Well, you have the War, CIO and AFL, Father Coughlin and Dorothy Day, Browder-Bridges-Kuhn, the Joc-istes and the Grail and the Catholic Workers, Mein Kampf and the Communist Manifesto, Berum

There is much windom in old sayings: indeed, perhaps more than in a good many heavily alaborated pretentious philoso-

Almost always as I hear or read the news of the day I find myself wondering how long it will take some people and some temchers of the people to catch

up with the common sense em-bodied in sayings that have come

down from the days when man first began to think.

first began to think.

For example: "Better late than never," and "It's never too late to mend." These two ancient adages rose to the surface of my mind when I read in the New York papers on two successive days of a movement to correct the catestrophic blunder of attempting to educate American youth without religion.

On Sunday, November 12, at a

On Bunday, November 12, at a meeting of 2,600 members of Thata Pi Alpha, an organization of public school teachers who give religious instruction to Cath-

olic children "after school," Dr.
John S. Middleton made a plea
that time he allotted for religious
education within and not after
the regular school day. He made

the point that hundreds of thou-sands of children are spiritually

starving, and that it is high time

The proposition is not so novel

or startling as it may seem to those whose information on the subject is not up to date. Several

there any more powerful advo-

cate of No Religion than the multiplicity of religions which clamor for the attention of the

listener? And all the while Christ prayed that there might he One Fold and One Shepherd.
However, if I were a militant

unbeliaver. I should grow de-

apairful. After centuries of at-

tack on man's religious impulse.

it is stronger and more curious and elert than ever. As Ches-

terton said, if evolution is right, it proves through the survival of

I'd like to know personally the

little 4-year-old who ganuflected just in front of a friend of mine. She looked right up at the taber-nacle, shook her little golden hold emphatically and said quite

sudibly: "I love you, God." God must be happy He made her . . . Father McDonald and his

priest friend sat at the table in

the diner slong side of the strange man. "I hope you don't mind our sitting here," said Father Mac politely. "Not at all," said the man. "And you priests

ought to feel right at home with me. My name is Bible."

religion how fit it is to live.

Just Jottings

that the tragic condition be recognized and remedied.

RELEASE TIME

phies.

Novarum, Quadragesimo Anno, Summi Pontificatus, the OGPU and essential duty of individual sanctification, and apostolic ac-tivity for the spread of the Kingsund the Gestapo, sitodown and slow-down, Scandinavian and Nova Scotian co-operatives, the dom at Gad." Missa Recitate and the League

row. They may gain it . . . but they will lose it the Day after To-morrow, for they are of the bugs, or "gais" at the cocktail bars, can we discern the "signs world, and that is the way of the

Will this World of Tomorrow confess the Kingship of Christ: or will it be worse confounded in svil than even the World of Today? Where so many men in public life see only reasons for despair and bitterness, the Pope despair and bitterness, the Pope sees cause for hope, even in these dark hours in which, as he writes in his first Encyclical, "We are tempted to lay down Our pen."

"It gives Us an inward strength, a heavenly joy, for which We daily render to God Our deep and humble thanks, to see in every region of the Cathello werld evident signs of a spirit which holdly faces the gigantic tasks of our age, which with generous decision is intent on uniting in fulful harmony the first we are in it?

Temerrow we ring out the old year, and ring in the new. For Sunday is the Church's New Year. ADVENT begins another Year of our Lord. We go back to the beginnings of things — to Creation, to Man's elevation to grace, to original sin and the Divine Promise, to the slow unfolding of the Providential Plan through the spic drams of Revelation from Genesis to the

have inaugurated the pian or lease time" for religious education; and in the United States at the state are one hundred and th with our Mother: Come. Come to these needy souls of ours and fil them to the very roots of our

> Unite such a prayer with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, complets it with Holy Communion, and your power over the future will be greater by far than that of the war machines of hostile

markable and most welcome re-anforcement of Dr. Middleton s tian living this column to ponder over this

> "Not long ago a new law came into effect that all hairdressers salaries would be \$16.50 per week how many hairdressers are getting paid this much? Probably one out of every ten. Do you

the same predicament.
"I think the employer should

hours as we put in with no set time to quite? "However what we hairdressers

demand is a right to earn a decent and honest living . employers' system is to fill out a card stating that we have re-ceived \$16.50 a week, and we have to sign our name to it. Are these employers being honest? Do they expect their operators to be hon-

Pope Leo XIII wrote in "Rer-

stantially the same as our own. um Nevarum": "... wage carnand we are glad to have his coners, who are undoubtedly among

tronise them,
Quite likely there are other
fields of labor where the same sort of injustice prevails. Only the workers are not as vocal about it as the hairdresser B. F. was in the paper. I wish they might be. It is the only way we have of finding out how far-reaching is this coil which is strangling so many of the work-ers, who are our brothers. Rev. Benedict Ehmann

sity of Chicago; Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University; Frank Knex, publish-er of The Chicago Dally News; John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; Rus-Feast Days

Tuesday, Dec. 5.—ST. SABBAS. Wednesday, Dec. 6.—ST. NICH-

The Nazi and the Communist are working feverishly to gain control of this World of Tomorthe Divine Office. In these, and not in high skirts, or litter-

> We Catholics have a greater power than they, although many of us are not using it with half the real and fire with which the are filled. "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light."
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> Ours is the power of hope and prayer. Theirs is the power of hate and resentment. With such infinitely superior means, why have power enough to shake the heavens and make the earth tremble; yet how much better is the world, how much closer to God, how much more filled with faith, hope and charity, because

boards of education in New York State, outside the metropolis, have inaugurated the plan of "regor for the Messias. We, tee, will pray with all our hearts along Dr. Harold Campbell, President of the New York City Board of Education, not of our Faith but that "in order to keep our na-tional ideals and traditions we being. Come to our poor, beg-gazed world with the Life which is its only peace. Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done, on earth as it himself as well pleased that the

May Advent renew our hope I would like the followers of

letter which appeared in last Sunday's Democrat and Chron-

think this is being fair? "I speak of this because I am also a hairdresser and do not get paid this much. I have several friends (hairdressers) who are in

of non-religious education were quite as strong as those of Dr. Middleton. Indeed, he spoke with have consideration for her em-Catholic priest would permit him-self on that ticklish subject. He put themselves in our place, and they would know why we have a right to complain. I have heard people say that a hairdresser's job is easy, but I definitely distand on your feet all day for six days a week and with such long

"Of course if we want to keep our jobs we have to be contented with the little they pay us and sign the paper or lose the job. good philosopher. But neither his ethics nor his theology are on the same plane of that of our At present the conditions are so bad that we have to take what little we can get. We have a right to complain. I think it is a vague phrase. A more specific statement is called for in the about time something was done to improve these conditions."

the weak and necessitous, should be especially cared for and pro-tected by the commonwealth." The Rochester Telephone Diuninformed part of the public is rectory lists 330 hairdressing estimation imagine that this pies for a tablishments. I suppose many of tablishments. I suppose many of them are serviced only by their owners. But if the others who hire help are dodging the minimum wage law set for them, they ought to be brought to task. Our Catholic women ought not to pa-

Sunday, Dec. 2.—ST, FRAN-CIS XAVIER. Monday, Dec. 4.—ST. BAR-BARA.

Friday, Dec. L-THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CON-Saturday, Dec. t .- ST. LEO-CADIA.

Diocesan Recordings

When reports come of hundreds of persons lost at sea in the current naval war, Americans say "Isn't it awful?" When reports are read of persons here killed or maimed by auto accidents, the response is "Oh, hum."

The Catholic Boy for Novem ber calls attention in an editorial to an interesting item in the Notre Dame Bulletin describing what happened just before the Southern Methodist football game. The patroness of the game was Our Lady of Perpetual Help Each player tucked one of hel medals into his suit and recited her litany. Just before blessing the squad with the relic of the True Cross, a player said to the chaplain of the squad "Father, I suppose you said Mass for the team today"

"No," answered the priest. "I said it for the Poor Souls. "Oh," said the player mischiev "for Southern Methodist,

Big men with character can overlook things which are dis-pleasing to them in a Catholic lify organisation for the order or society is bigger than the things which happen to displease them This thought was left by His Excellency. Bishop Kearney with 500 Knights of Columbus at the Communion Mass, Sunday, in Columbus Civic Centre It applies to membership in all Catholic lay groups.

If democracy is to work "I shall not," as well as "Thou shalt not," must be kept in mind. That admonition is growing as Catholic Action develops in our midst. dignant person reports the existence of indecency in entertainment heard about in the community First thought is "there Nathan, well-known drama critic.

recently wrote on this subject "You can legislate many things in the world, but two things you cannot legislate are morals and, more especially still, laughter. Padlocking such places of so-called entertainment may succeed for a time, he writes "but with the turn of the clock the old manure will again be found dis-pensing its rich perfumes." Some colution is in order, the Central Verein Service of the Central Bureau declares but to appeal to the better natures of the theater operators or night club owners is useless. To appeal to the indivuals frequenting burlesque houses to refrain from attending performances of this nature would be equally fruitless, the Central Varcin writer believes. It is pointed out that the only workable plan is action on the nart of local public authority, stimulated an aroused public opinion When so-called broad-minded men and women laugh these things off the possibility of arousing such public opinion is nullified. This is the only practical consorship which can work and it does not smack of puritanism. It is based on the moral law and common decency, not prudery. It can only be effective after persistent effort with no lagging. No one group in society can accomplish the end by itself The majority must be concertedly working together, the decent ma-

Snickers

Said Mr. Robinson: "My goodness! Those shares I bought are only worth a nickel spiece today! OLAS OF BARI.
Thursday, Dec. 7.—ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP.

"len't it a blessing you have so
many of them?" said his wife,
helpfully. lan't it a blessing you have so

jority. Here says the C. V. Service is a remarkable opportunity

ple of democracy to assert itself.

for the vaunted canon or

James: "Say, ma, when was your wooden wedding?" Ma: "It was when I married your father, son."

ration Of The Bible?

The Council of Trent answers this question in these words The Church holds these books composed by mere human industry and were afterwards approved by her authority nor merely because they contain revelation without error, but because, having been written by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, they have God for their author and as such have been delivered to the Church herself"

The fact that Moses wrote the Pentateuch and that St. Luke wrote the third Gospel are facts of history That God was the author inspiring both Moses and St. Luke is a fact that God must reveal if we are to know it. God has revealed it to man and the Church, as God's Representative and Interpreter on earth has made it clear to her children. This divine authorship, we call the Inspiration of the Bible

According to St. Thomas Acul nas, each book of the Bible has two authors acting as one, God as the first cause and man as his instrument, but not in such a way as to suppose that one part of the book comes from God only, and another part from man only, All comes from each, but each in a different manner Thus we understand that the Bible is all through man as its channel. It is not correct to say that the Bible is partly human and partly divine it is all human because written by man and all divine 'secause inspired by God.

Hence, we may rightly speak of a joint authorship of the Bitle, understanding always that God is the principal author.

Five Years Ago

CATHOLIC COURIER

A total of 2.757 members were gained in the annual member ship effort of the Columbus Youth Association. Archbishop Mooney congratulated Harry B. Crowley, general chairman, and his workers.

Death of Sister M. Clotilda Driscoll brought sorrow to a large circle of friends and former

The Rev Joseph V Curtin, pastor of St. John's Church, was in charge of the sale of Christ-mas seals in Clyde, N. Y.

In his column, the Rev Owen R. McGuira explained why Carmelites must be first under-stood and gave reasons for the Discalced Carmelites growth,

Nazareth College Glee Club sang at the 25th anniversary celebration of Capt. Henry Lomb Camp, No. 100, at the Chamber of Commerce.

Spiritual **Thoughts**

Let us abandon everything to the merciful providence of God.--Bl. Albert the Great.

The grace of martyrdom is not a privilege of the early genera-tions of Christians; God grants it in every age.

Mortal sin is the greatest evil that can come upon man. If we lose grace we can regain it by going to Confession.

Who reverences his conscience

is a king. When flatterers meet, the devil

goes to dinner. All men profess humility, but the Saints alone love to be humi-bled.

with all the benefits both negative and positive if classiation means to the common wealth, one wonly these men feel they should interfere, not deny the good results produced,—they can do not laxim to be able to make up for the loss connecto prisoners and to the State through the test in the continues. They would add to the state in the continues of the state in the printer and t

Their action threatens harm to the prisoner and is. It promises good to no one; portune advice; and ne was very much on the lobby finish. The proud record remains in evidence in the lobby of Columbus Civic Centre for all to read.

Rochester is bleased in having for its citizens men and women who are so deeply interested in the style of character than men who would apply here the advantage of the columbus and marked Russia and Mexico as ciation. Our city is doubly blessed in having willing work-who with a local city in and anarry and effort to sell the C. Y. A.

well that 3,245 Memberships were secured, 995 more than the quota. Campaign Manager William T. Nolan was a moving power throughout all the days of the Drive, contacting workers, preparing forms, suggesting prospects, giving opportune advice; and he was very much on the job at the

contribution to the thousands valued cooperation given by our friends of the Jewish and valued cooperation given by our friends of the Jewish and Protestant groups, who labor for the cause with all the unit in no other. Latters energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete.

The drive is over: but its effects will be felt for 12 long that its energy of one who is add on it and eager for its complete. ciation has to offer the Research of Pather Vogt continue to have block the parallel demonstration of interest and co-operation in the C. Y. A. that marked the care to conserve the processors by 1939;

Over The Top!

The COURIER extends its hearty congratulations to Father Lambert and the corps of workers who made such a success of the Columbus Youth Association Drive for Memberships

The General Chairman, Harold Coleman, did his work so

countries require and steerico as claude. Our city is doubly blessed in having whiling workcountries are who give time and anergy and effort to sell the C. Y. A.
could be that the seven years to those who have not known it, and to resell it to those allimit prison given by Monaigner ready listed as its apprisons. Especially pleasing is the
contribution to the thousands valued co-operation given by our friends of the Jewish and
contribution in the cause with all the

sell Colgate, S. Bayard Colgate, Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, Dr. Seth Milliken and Mrs. Cleveland Dodge. Soon there will be a preponderance of authoritative public opinion on what we like to call

our side, and then something will be done. "Better late than never." "Never too late to mend." But pay God it may come soon, shough not to be too late. (Copyright, 1938, N.C.W.C.)