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This Word 'Convert'

By Rev. Daniel A. Lord, S.J.
This young and recent Catholic writes in a tone I can well understand...



No Time for Brickbats

By REV. JAMES M. COLLIS, C.S.P., Editor, The Catholic World

To Provide For The Common Defense

This was one of the purposes to be fulfilled by the adoption of the Constitution, to provide for the common defense. The defense of the nation is not an activity restricted to time of war...

Thinking It Through

The pupil that merely absorbs all that the teacher says without pondering over it and forming reasonable judgments concerning it will never amount to much. Public education is a necessity in a free country...

Prayer For Peace

What a disturbance of that tranquility which God wills. God's law held in honor in the hearts of all men, there is no war. A first requisite for peace on earth is a hearty God and God's ways. Prayers for peace are based on the desire, and just works obtain where God's will is their Author, their inspiration...

THE FACT THAT we have come to a moment of crisis—perhaps a desperate crisis—in the history of civilization, is no reason why we should lose our emotional equilibrium.

Excuse the phrase "emotional equilibrium." If you don't like it, you may substitute the slang word "rattled." A thoroughbred doesn't get rattled. The harder the going, the stronger the pressure, the stiffer the fight, the better the thoroughbred acquits himself.

One of the signs of unbalanced emotion is the practice of turning upon all those who disagree with us, and calling vicious names. That is always a sign of "nerves." Have you never noticed that when a man is angry with himself or with a situation that has arisen in his business, he takes it out on his wife and children?

There may be little or no harm when such explosions take place within the walls of a private home. The members of the family exchange significant glances, and duck out of the way of papa until he has had a good meal and a good sleep and is himself again.

But when men in public life lose control of themselves in public places, when, for example, congressman and senator fling epithets at one another and their verbal fracas is reported in the newspapers, they are, to all intents and purposes, traitors to the State because they give comfort and support to the enemy.

Furthermore, they make an unholy show of themselves before their fellow citizens. When Congressman A. or Senator B. indulges in epithets, we suspect that he has no arguments. It's the old device of the chyster lawyer: "When your case is poor, abuse the opposition."

The customary epithet just now is "Isolationist" or, on the other side, "Interventionist." In the circumstances, each of these words carries a connotation much worse than its etymological meaning. "Isolationist" means a cowardly, selfish person indifferent to the woes of Europe and unconcerned about humanity at large.

How may I gently suggest that the present is no time for throwing such verbal brickbats? They say that when the Goths came for the first time to the gates of Rome, the senators continued to debate in the senate chamber. Nero added while Rome was burning, and the senators were "chewing the rag" when Rome was on the point of being stormed and pillaged.

Prayer for the dead is more acceptable to God than prayer for the living; for the departed are in greater need, being no longer able to help themselves. — St. Thomas Aquinas.

WHY? 'Margaret Fuller'

From Deleation of the Facts, Conception, Mo.
What was the reason that prompted the selection of Margaret Fuller's biography for the month of April? It would seem no more than proper, writers for Catholic papers and magazines should be exploring an so strange a character as Margaret Fuller herself, and not merely have praised the volume without qualification.

For there is much about the well known New England Liberal and feminist that needs explanation. The reviewers for certain Catholic publications, in commenting upon the biography, might have provided such information as would have thrown light on her attitude toward the revolutionary ideas of her day.

Shortly after her arrival in Europe in 1847, Margaret Fuller called upon the apostate Lamennais, whom she termed "the apostle of Democracy." Bitterly prejudiced against Catholicism, she nevertheless expressed high regard for Pope Pius IX at the outbreak of his pontificate, however, she later became highly critical of him, following in this instance as in so many others the lead of the revolutionaries.

After serving nine months of this sentence in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Rutherford along with Eugene Debs and a host of others was released on May 16, 1919. It is a well-known fact that Rutherford instructs his followers not to salute our flag, falsely maintaining that "Flag saluting is in direct violation of God's law" (Uncovered, p. 44).

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The Rev. Frederick G. Straub, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, and the Rev. Walter Fisher, assistant pastor, were present from the Rochester diocese at the National Conference of Clergy Youth Leaders at Notre Dame University.

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Diocesan Recordings

Candy makers know that there must be more children in the world if their business is to grow which it isn't. Jittery reaction to unconfirmed war reports is evincing an unprecedented amount of mental and physical energy for many Americans.

An apology has been made by the American Magazine for any offense it may have given Catholics in running the story "The Case Before" in its July issue. The apology came following a strong Catholic protest. The publishers of the better magazines do not hesitate to respond to Catholic opinion.

Harry C. Henry of the class of 1909 in old Cathedral High School dropped into town the other day. Always unassuming, his former fellow-students got no real idea how Henry was getting along. One of these Bill Leonard of the Hill class, tells of meeting Harry a couple of years ago and of asking him what he was doing. Harry said calmly, "working for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company."

The Polish Pilgrims made a very favorable impression in Rochester. This week, here for the national convention. They backed up America's defense program, they assured the President of their readiness to respond to his call, they gave demonstrations of their athletic proficiency and they turned out in large numbers for the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

With the regularity of a morning newspaper, every day in the year, must the fight against decency go on. The battle against objectionable literature has just begun but it must be kept in mind that indecency in the movies cannot be suppressed forever without constant fighting.

Regarding Mazzini, the non-Catholic Encyclopedia states quite candidly he practices a new religion. This religion is not based upon a doctrine of the indefinite progress of mankind. "He developed an essentially intuitive view of divinely guided historical evolution, progressing through stages each marked by the revelation of a fragment of truth."

man whom Margaret Fuller idolized. She may have been the "brilliant conventionalist" our commentator on her Biography maintains. But the assertion "her late marriage at the age of 38 to an Italian Marquis finally brought out the best in her personality" seems entirely unwarranted.

Keep Smiling
Keep smiling. It is a grand thing to cultivate a smile. Keep the corners of your mouth up, especially if you are in for an attack of the dumps. There are three D's to be avoided in the Devil, the Doctor and the Dumps. The Devil, we all know, is bad enough, the Doctor is very little better, and the Dumps are the Devil himself. So I repeat, keep smiling, it is the very best remedy for gloom. The devil does nothing better than a gloomy soul; it is his plaything.

READER'S OPINION

CATHOLIC COURIER: Ever since the religious persecutions in Mexico in 1914 I have followed the progress of a little group of Discalced Carmelites who were harassed by Pancho Villa's guerrillas. The heroic protection of the Discalced Carmelites by these nuns during the frequent raids, their capture and threat of death, their imprisonment in a filthy dungeon, their escape on horseback, is a thrilling tale too long to recount here.

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Feast Days

Sunday, July 14.—ST. BONAVENTURE.
Monday, July 15.—ST. HENRY, EMPEROR.
Tuesday, July 16.—ST. SIMON STOCK.
Wednesday, July 17.—ST. ALEXIUS OF LEBLIS.
Thursday, July 18.—ST. CAPELLIUS OF LEBLIS.
Friday, July 19.—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.
Saturday, July 20.—ST. MARGARET, VIRGIN AND MARTYR.

A City Church

Out in the traffic of a busy day, I pass a church and go inside to pray. To ask the Lord to help me to acquire. Some earthly thing, my moment heart's desire. In there is peace: the outside world hills by; There in the silence, only God and I. And ask for earthly baubles though I would, I only pray, "God help me to be good." —Anne Leighton.

Five Years Ago

From July 11, 1935, Edition. Death-taking property-damaging clouds swept the central and southern areas of New York State, wreaking havoc in the millions in ten of the twelve counties comprising the Diocese of Rochester. Churches were damaged and priests played havoc and part in rescue work. Archbishop Mooney at a meeting of the priests summarized latest reports from the flood areas and urged his priests to enlist the generosity of their people in administering relief and aiding damage.

A historical outdoor Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Charles F. Shay at Victor on July 1. The significance of the celebration was in the fact that on this site in the early fall of 1858, the Rev. Joseph Chaumont, S.J., preached and baptized, thus marking the first regular Christian service in Ontario County.

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