

FORTY HOURS

Devotions of the Forty Hours are scheduled in the following churches of the Rochester diocese: Friday, Sept. 15—Cobococ; Genoa; Sunday, Sept. 17—St. Stanislaus, Rochester; Addison; Aurora; Brockport; Groveland; Peas Yan.

Alas, I know not on which side the sentence of my Judge will place me. St. Louis Bertrand.

Balboa, discoverer of the Pacific Ocean, was a Catholic.

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Have Professors Souls Or Is It Only an Idea?

Rev. Armand LaVerdiere

There was once a professor of anatomy in one of our non-sectarian colleges who did not believe in the existence of the human soul. Because of his almost reckless use of human corpses in his experiments, his pupils had dubbed him Prof. Post Mortem.

One day, his attendant wheeled a body into the classroom and without further ado the professor set to work upon it with scalpel and saw and chopper. He did not quit until he had reduced it a hundred pieces. After which, looking up at an awe-stricken class, he solemnly declared:

"There you are, gentlemen. I have been cutting up bodies for the past 20 years and have never

come across a single soul. Draw your own conclusions!"

His remark left them all momentarily dumbfounded. Then one of the students, a Catholic, raised his hand: "Professor, I was just wondering; supposed we sliced a human brain, yours for instance, do you think we would find an idea in it?"

Whether this anecdote is true or not matters little. It is a good story, and it serves a purpose. The reason why it is introduced here at all is that it brings to mind a delusion under which many Catholic parents labor who allow or encourage their offspring to enter a secular institution of learning. The delusion is this: They believe that somehow their boys and girls will be able to defend their religion should it be ridiculed—that somehow they will be able to weather any attack made upon their faith. After all, have their youngsters had religion all through high school? Anyway, it is high time that Mary and Johnnie should begin to make those all-important social contacts!

There is a deal of wishful thinking in all this. The mere fact of parents' apprehension shows that their attitude is unjustified. As a matter of fact, not one Catholic student in a hundred could have made the report with the cleverness of the young man in the story. They could not, first because they are not equipped to wrestle mentally with their university professors; second, because of the presence of human respect and of the fear of getting on the wrong side of their instructors. St. Joseph Magazine.

Laugh no man to scorn in the bitterness of his soul; for there is one that humbly and exalthe, God, Who seeth all.

God will disclose to you His hidden ways in proportion as you follow His teachings faithfully.

Laws sans Teeth Are No Good

By REV. RICHARD GINDER

You know what we mean. We're talking about laws which can't be enforced because there's no penalty attached. People aren't afraid to break them because they know that nothing can happen to them. As a result, the laws have become dead letters.

If a law or a command of any sort is to work at all, it must be backed up. One of the first principles in controlling people, whether it be a family of children, a classroom, or an army, is to make them realize that you mean what you say.

Have you ever called at the home of a mother with a family of spoiled children? One of them starts rolling your hat up and down the floor. "Now, Melvin," mamma says, "you mustn't be rude. Put the gentlemen's hat back on the piano bench."—"Oh," you say, uneasily, "that's the way children are..." "Melvin, dear, you don't want mother to spank you?"—"Melvin! put that hat up!"—"Melvin, stop it!"—and so on, until your hat is ready for the ash-can.

What's wrong? Well, Melvin knows from experience that mother just won't raise a hand.

Fierce Looking.

Or, look back on your school days. Can't you remember some teachers who were "easy"? You were afraid of some of them, because you knew they meant what they said but others, well, the class just walked away with them. They shouted and blustered, they thumped and threatened, but nothing ever happened. Their word had no force behind it.

That's why we Catholics believe in hell. If there is no hell, then the Ten Commandments have no backing. Our reason, first and always, of course, is the fact that our Church teaches there is a hell; she bases that on her traditions and on the many references in the New Testament, including Christ's text: "Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. 25:41).

A reason which appeals to common sense, however, is the fact that God is all-wise. If we can understand the need for penalties to enforce a human law, then He must see such a need a thousand times more clearly. The laws He gave us must have teeth in them.

Daily News Items on Pope's Talk in 'Congress Record'

WASHINGTON (NC). Two newspaper comments on the address of His Holiness Pope Pius XII delivered over the Vatican radio on the fifth anniversary of the outbreak of the war in Europe have been reprinted in the Congressional Record.

An editorial from the Washington Star entitled "The Pope on Peace" was carried in the Record at the request of Rep. John W. McCormack, of Massachusetts, and a news release entitled "Pope Urges Enforced World Peace," from the Washington Post, was included in the remarks of Rep. Louis C. Rabaut, of Michigan.

St. Cyprian

—Bishop and Martyr, was an African of noble birth, but in his youth, of evil life. In middle life he was converted to Christianity and shortly after his baptism was ordained a priest and soon thereafter made Bishop of Carthage. Driven from the city during the persecution of Decius, he was inter-captured and sentenced to death. He was beheaded in 258.

War Ruins Only One-Tenth Of Central Italy Buildings

NEW YORK.—Ninety per cent of a total of 420 buildings in Central Italy considered artistically and architecturally important "have suffered no damage more serious than the breaking of window glass," the second official British account on the condition of monuments in that area states, according to a report to the Office of War Information.

The survey does not include structures in Rome.

It states that of the remaining 10 per cent "only two or three have been hopelessly destroyed," while in many cases the damage can be repaired.

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Personal registration days for city of Elmira voters are October 13, 14, 20 and 21.

However, the election law also permits—what is known as central registration. This provides that any city of Elmira voter may go to the Board of Election Office in the county buildings on Lake St. any time before September 30th, and register.

If there is any chance that you may be out of town on the regular registration days, we suggest you register NOW at the Board of Election office.

Suggestions for Chemung County voters residing outside of Elmira will be outlined in a later advertisement. Watch for it!

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