

Catholic Lay Activities.

The Help Of The Laity Is Needed.

Concluded.

A timely article appeared in "The National Weekly" for May 10th, 1919, on the troubles of "The Little White (Protestant) Church" and its struggle for existence in the present changed economic conditions of many of its adherents. The article intends to show that membership in these churches goes hand in hand with material prosperity. For we read (l. c. page 27): "Church membership in the country . . . is a badge of respectability, a distinction that goes with Sunday clothes and the ability to own a horse and drive it. It is not an honor designed for tenant farmers or hired men; at least the tenant farmers and hired men do not so consider it. In nineteen Ohio counties about 40 per cent. of the farmers are tenants, but only about twenty per cent. of the church membership is made up of them. The remainder consists of the settled, substantial members of the community who have earned the right to the good things of life, church membership included." Again, it was "discovered, that the more prosperous portion of the population is much more likely to be in church. Arrange the families of a community in the order in which an income-tax collector arranges them, draw a line somewhere just above the middle of the list, and you'll have most of the church attendants above the line and a majority of the non-attendants below."

Now what is here stated to be true of the rural district and of non-Catholic churches, may to some extent be true also of our own people. We have, no doubt, all heard the excuse given by poor people, that they could not go to Mass on Sunday, "because they had no good clothes." What a fine incentive to help to elevate the economic standard of these people! Willing workers could, for instance, especially if these poor Catholics be immigrants and not yet fully adjusted to American conditions, try to obtain better employment for the father, or the older sons and daughters. Perhaps the mother is willing to do extra work if it be of a suitable kind. The children could be looked after and attempts made to find adequate housing facilities for the family. If better and more permanent results can be secured in such cases by co-operating with non-Catholic agencies, it would not always be unwise to do so. For as Virginia Crawford says in "Ideals of Charity": "More training for social work and a less parochial view of our obligations are what we need if we are to labour on terms of equality with our non-Catholic fellow-workers in these new fields of social endeavour." Much less would it be right to say that "these people don't concern us; they're not of our parish." No wonder cases of this kind are referred to the Provident Association or to a "non-secretarian" body, when Catholic laymen thus shirk their plain duty.

When we draw up programs of social work for our Catholic women, we are sometimes reminded that "there are two distinct kinds of Feminism, the one based upon Christianity, the other upon revolt against revealed religion." So too are there two schools of social service, the one opposed to the other. The one has inscribed "philanthropy" on its banner and abhors the word "charity." It ignores supernatural motives and knows nothing about the charity taught by Christ. In the last installment we quoted the words of Professor Devine who says that "the idea of charity becomes in time obnoxious and an anomaly." This school wants to be strictly "scientific" and undenominational. But as Miss Fletcher rightly says: "The mental attitude defined upon paper as "undenominational" has no existence in the human mind; the nearest approach to it is indifference. Below all sustained enthusiasms lie strong convictions."

Now our attitude in this matter is based upon the fact that the "social question" is not only economic, but also moral and religious. We can define our position in no better way than by quoting from "The Pope and the People, Select Letters and Addresses on Social Questions by Pope Leo XIII." (Catholic Truth Society, London, 1915.):

"It is the opinion of some . . . that 'the social question,' as they call it, is merely 'economic.' The precise opposite is the truth, that it is first of all moral and religious, and for that reason its solution is to be expected mainly from the moral law and the pronouncements of religion. For suppose the productiveness of capital doubled, the hours of labour shortened, food cheap; yet if the wage-earner listens to teaching—as he commonly does, and acts upon it—which tends to destroy reverence for the Deity and to corrupt morals, his labour, too, necessarily deteriorates and his earnings fail. . . . That is the reason why we have never encouraged Catholics to form associations for the assistance of the poor, or introduce other schemes of the kind, without at the same time warning them that such things must not be attempted without the sanction of religion, without its inclusion and aid. . . . By the law of mutual charity, which, as it were, completes the law of justice, we are bidden not only to give to all their due and interfere with the rights of none, but also to do kindnesses one to another not in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth, remembering what Christ most lovingly said to His disciples: A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love one for another."

It stands to reason, moreover, that many questions pertaining to social legislation and to the carrying out in detail of plans of practical social amelioration border on religion. We can not remain "neutral" when religious questions are dragged into politics and into the discussions in our legislatures. We must always contend, for instance, for the right of the parent to educate the child, we will always look upon marriage as a Sacrament, and resolutely oppose divorce, with its horrid implication of "free love," we will always reject "economic materialism," which is, unfortunately, the basis of much social legislation and of many social reforms today.

Such then is the Lay Apostolate to which our Catholic men are earnestly called today. As the opportunities for service are so many let us hope that they will listen to the call. We may repeat the statement made at the beginning of this series: New times, new duties. The way of the Catholic layman to well-being, to promoting charity and harmony in his community, to spreading the Kingdom of God among the nations, aye, perhaps, the way to his own peace and welfare, lies along the path pointed out by our three great Pontiffs of these changing times—the Catholic Lay Apostolate.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ford Motor Co. has announced that the old reliable Ford will change its appearance in January.

The new Model will be equipped with a One Man Top, Slanting Ventilated Wind Shield, Tire Carrier, and Demountable Rims. The seats will be widened two inches and lowered four inches. The upholstery will consist of the best straight grain imitation leather, and last but not least the old price will prevail:

5 Passenger Touring Car \$812.00 F.O.B. Humboldt.

5 Passenger Touring Car, Equipped with Electric Lighting and Starting System, \$925.00 F.O.B. Humboldt.

A Demonstrator will be on exhibition in my show room in March.

The M.K.45 Extra Special McLaughlin Car

is now on exhibition

Cars Overhauled at Moderate Prices and Satisfaction Guaranteed

J. G. YOERGER

Ford and McLaughlin Dealer

Garage Phone 77. HUMBOLDT, SASK. Residence Phone 14.

Banque d'Hochelega

Head Office Montreal. Established in 1874

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000.00 — Capital Paid up and Reserve \$7,800,000.00
Total Assets \$57,000,000.00

General Banking Business transacted on most favorable terms. Special attention given to accounts of Congregations, Parishes, Municipalities, School Districts and Institutions patronized by Farmers. Joint Accounts opened in the name of husband and wife, or any two persons, so that either one can do the banking business. It saves a lot of trouble in case of the death of either one of the parties.

We encourage the purchase and keeping of stock.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT:— Interest paid at highest rate and computed semi-annually on all deposits of ONE Dollar up.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:— Special attention given to sale notes. Money transferred to any part of the world at current rates.

HUMBOLDT BRANCH J. E. BRODEUR, Manager.
MUNSTER BRANCH ED. M. BRUNING, Manager.
ST. BRIEUX BRANCH JOS. L. LAPOINTE, Manager.

Der Landonkel.

Onkel Hiram von Dayton besucht seinen verheirateten Neffen in New York. Nach Tisch gibt es Kaffee, und Onkel Hiram langt mit den Fingern in die Zuckerdose. Der Neffe reicht ihm die Zuckerdose und sagt: „Hier, Onkel, nimm den Zucker mit der Zange heraus.“

„Aber wozu denn,“ meinte der naive Onkel, „er ist doch gar nicht heiß.“

Geistesgegenwart.

Bei Geheimrats ist Diner. Der Diener hat das Malheur, den Truthahn fallen zu lassen. „Bitte, Wadame!“ sagt er zur Gastgeberin, indem er den Truthahn aufhebt und sich damit entfernt, „werde gleich den anderen hereinbringen!“

J. J. DALKE

Licensed Auctioneer for Farm and Stock Sales. Address: HUMBOLDT Phone 120 Red Livery Barn

To The Public

TAKE NOTICE that we, the undersigned Woell-Mainzer Company, Limited, of Muenster, Sask., intend to apply to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies for Saskatchewan, Canada, to change our name to WOELL-MERCANTILE COMPANY, LIMITED. WOELL-MAINZER COMPANY, LIMITED by Leo J. Woell, Secretary.

Experienced Housekeeper

wanted at once, for priest in country. Send application to Rev. X, c-o St. Peters Bote, Muenster, Sask.

Hereford Bull For Sale

One Pure Bred HEREFORD BULL, named IMPROVER, aged 2½ yrs., weight above 1600 lbs. Full Pedigree registered. Price \$300 cash, worth \$500. Must be sold at once. Full guarantee.

ED. O. BERVEN, Owner, N.W. 4 6.39-19W2, Annaheim P.O. Phone Engelfeld, 1-2 on Line 17.



HOLIDAY DISPLAYS have a charm that's particular to themselves. That charm can be measuredly enhanced by using

Special Electrical Wiring Done At This Shop Electrical displays are fascinating, and are worth all they cost. Have us call and give you our estimate.

Holiday Electrical Work Done Here Reasonably. Humboldt Electric Shop PHONE 149

The Dominion Ticket and Financial Corporation, Ltd.

Established 1910 BANKERS Incorporated 1918 676 Main St., WINNIPEG, Man. 4% Paid on Savings Deposits. FOREIGN EXCHANGE Bought and Sold. TRAVELLER'S CHEQUES supplied—good all over the world. FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT, AUTOMOBILE and other Insurance. Notaries Public and Conveyancers. OCEAN AND RAIL TICKETS by all principal lines.

We Send Remittances To Germany, Austria, And Other Countries. M. HOFFMAN A. F. SCHIMNOWSKI

WANTED

an intelligent Catholic boy or young man who wishes to learn the Printer's Trade. Must be able to read and write English correctly. Only such need apply who can stay at the work.

Apply to St. Peters Bote, Muenster, Sask.

Our Premiums

In order to give all our Subscribers an opportunity to acquire at an extraordinarily low price

Good Books and Pictures

we are offering to those who pay all their arrears and pay their subscriptions in advance for one whole year, a choice of the following fine Premiums at a very low extra cost. We send these Premiums free by mail to the subscribers fulfilling the above conditions upon receipt of the small extra sums indicated below.

Premium No. 1. Two very beautiful Oleographs representing St. Peter with the keys and Christ teaching in the Temple, size 15 1/2 x 20 1/2 inches, securely packed and prepaid. Regular Value 50 Cts. Our Premium Offer: Only 25c

Premium No. 2. Any two of the following beautifully executed Oleographs, size 15 1/2 x 20 1/2 inches, carefully packed and free by mail:

- The Last Supper, by Leonardo da Vinci.
- The Immaculate Conception, by Murillo.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help (copy of the miraculous picture.)
- St. Joseph with the Infant Jesus.
- The Guardian Angel.
- Pope Benedict XV.

Regular Value 50 Cts. Our Premium Offer: Only 25c

Premium No. 3. Two beautifully executed Oleographs representing The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary, size 15 1/2 x 20 1/2 inches, securely packed and sent by mail prepaid. Regular Value 50 Cts. Our Premium Offer: Only 25c

Premium No. 4. Vest Pocket Prayer Book, a selection of Prayers compiled from approved sources by a priest of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. 245 pages, thin but strong paper, Clear print, Bound in black flexible granitoid with black and gold embossing gilt edges. Just the book to carry in your vest pocket. Sent postage prepaid. Regular Value 60 Cts. Our Premium Offer: Only 25c

Premium No. 5. Explanations of the Epistles and Gospels by Rev. Leonard Goffine, translated by Very Rev. Gerard Pilz, O.S.B. 992 pages. Profusely illustrated. Bound in cloth. Sent by mail prepaid. Regular Value \$2.00. Our Premium Offer: Only \$1.50

Premium No. 6. The Way of the Cross. A complete set of fourteen beautiful Oleographs, size 15 1/2 x 20 1/2 in. Suitable for Chapels and country churches. Ready for framing. Securely packed and prepaid by mail. Regular Value \$3.50. Our Premium Offer: Only \$1.75

Premium No. 7. Cassell's New German-English and English-German Dictionary. One of the very best dictionaries. Just what you need now-a-days. 1355 pages. Fine paper. Clear print. Bound in full cloth. The wholesale price of these dictionaries has nearly doubled within the last year. Get yours now, as you may not be able to get one later. We send it by prepaid mail. Our Premium Offer: Only \$1.75

Premium No. 8. The Standard Imperial Dictionary of the English Language. With full etymological notes, scientific and technical definitions, a simplified guide to pronunciation, and appendices of abbreviations, foreign terms and phrases, weights, measures and coinage, physical units etc. Edited by Cecil Weatherly, B. A. (11th edition). An indispensable book for an educated man. Well bound in half leather; 1039 pages. Size 6x8 inches. Sent by mail prepaid. Regular Value \$5.25. Our Premium Offer: Only \$2.50

When ordering one of the above Premiums, please remember that you must prepay our paper for one full year and send with the order also the extra small amount indicated above. Do not fail to mention the number of the Premium you wish and the date of our paper in which you saw this advertisement.

Persons desiring more than one of our Premiums may obtain them, if they prepay their subscription for as many years as they wish Premiums and send with their order also the extra amount indicated above. We prepay postage on all our Premiums.

Address all orders to St. Peters Bote, Muenster, Sask.