

GREAT SCIENTISTS AND RELIGION

Dr. James J. Walsh, in the Catholic World for July, tells us some very interesting and comforting things about the great men to whom we owe our familiar use of electricity in so many ways.

After his discoveries in electricity he came to be acknowledged as one of the greatest living scientists, and was honored as such by most of the distinguished scientific societies of Europe.

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The religious exercises to which Amperé was most devoted were the rosary and the reading of the Imitation of Christ.

With regard to the Imitation, Ozanam tells that Amperé, when dying, was asked whether they would read a chapter of the Imitation to him.

This characteristic incident of Amperé's devotion to what he considered his religious duty is related also by Ozanam.

Amperé had what Americans might consider a peculiar habit, but one that is very common among Frenchmen, or at least was a generation or two ago.

With all his pietistic devotion, Amperé was full of the deepest human sympathy. He had the greatest enthusiasm for the inhabitants of South America in their various struggles in order to establish independent republican governments.

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Coulomb, whose name is given to the unit of quantity of electricity nearly a hundred years after his discovery of how to measure magnetic attractions and repulsions, maintained a humble belief and trust in Providence.

It is no wonder, then, that Father Karl Alois Kneller, S.J., in a recent number of the Stimmen aus Maria Laach, the periodical of the German Jesuits, says: "When the half-educated man is carried so easily through the streets in electric cars, which are lighted so brilliantly by electric lamps, when from his room he is able to talk to friends who are hundreds of miles away and recognize their voices—when he considers these wonders, how readily will a contemptuous smile cross his lips for the old woman who still says her prayers on her rosary, or even for the sermons or for church services.

Is it not, however, only his own precious ignorance and superficiality which makes him think so and is not his contempt really an index of his own lack of correct knowledge?

skilled hands which first, on the experiment table, demonstrated the existence of the latent forces of electricity have often been folded in prayer, and men like Volta and Amperé have also been proud to say their rosaries.

"However it may be, then, in other branches of science, this much is certain, that in the department of electricity, which has attracted the greatest attention on the part of the popular mind, the supreme authorities cannot be used as a cloak by those who would be but too glad to cover up their own hostility to Christianity by the examples of distinguished scientists."

THE POWER OF MONEY

By Edwin F. A. Benson.

Can money buy a mother's love? Or win an infant's smile; Or make our prayers heard above, As others wait the while?

Can riches gain a loving wife; Or build a happy home? Can gold bring back youth's free, young life, Wherever man may roam?

Is genius something to be bought? Has art its market price? Or can the sons of wealth be taught Homer's fire to entice?

Can wealth with all the aid of art, Make one poor cripple whole? Can money mend a broken heart; Or stay the parting soul?

THE BROADMINDED WOMAN.

Is it broad-minded to try to pare down the positive doctrine of the Church to such dimensions as will not too greatly antagonize Protestant or agnostic prejudices?

Is it broad-minded while holding to the Catholic name to make it a point to be as much as possible against the mind of the Church?

There are some Catholic women, commonly those educated under purely secular influences, who consider an habitually "agin the government" attitude, where church government is concerned, as a most striking proof of breadth of mind; whereas it proves nothing but a lack of power to appreciate law and order—the first conditions necessary for the exercise of true liberty.

The only corrective for these badly formed minds, if they could but be enlightened on their need, is a deep study of Catholic doctrine, and the history of the Church.

It is no sign of breadth of mind in a Catholic woman, though she hold in absolute essentials to Catholic teaching, to criticize the religious life or certain devotions as narrow-minded. Rather should she be able to see that the religious vows emancipate the one who takes them from the tyranny of things and conduce to the largest disinterestedness.

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