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CONVERT'S IMPRESSION OF PRIESTS

There believe no body of men more libelled and slandered than the priests of the Catholic Church. I for one deeply feel that I owe an apology to that splendid body of men, for there was a time when I believed myself in the accusations made against them, and against the hierarchy of the Catholic Church. About six months ago, before I joined the church, a friend of mine kindly told me that if I became a Catholic the priest would always be begging of me and I should never have a cent to bless myself with. This view is I believe generally held by Protestants, coupled with this the priest is looked upon as a severe task master. Did I find this true when I saw the priest Father Lalonde on two occasions? No, and nothing to bear out this statement. The first time when I visited St. Lazare with an Irish friend, we visited the mission and received a royal welcome from the priest. He made no over to his house and would not think of letting us board at the hotel. We stayed there Saturday and part of Sunday, and when we left it was as much as we could do to get him to accept a little money from us for his kindness; in fact we had to insist on leaving it with him. The Sunday before last I went to High Mass with friends again at St. Lazare, bringing our dinners with us, as the return drive was thirty three miles. When we saw the priest, however, to say without having a dinner with us, he would not let us go him, with a splendid cup of tea, and the altar boys to wait on us. So I find the priest not an avaricious person as I supposed, but a man with a kind and a large heart. In fact I have no respect for persons who do not support their priests, ministers and church well whether they be Catholics or Protestants. Some people declare their religion does not cost them more than \$2 or \$3 a year. Thank God I value my religion more than that. People forget that the church has to be kept up and its work should not be at a stand still, but ever going forward. You hear some persons say sometimes when asked for a small donation for church purposes, "how much shall I have to give," instead of asking themselves "How much am I able to give?" I received a letter some time ago from another convert and what does he say concerning the priest who received him and his brother in the Church. He says: "The priest who received my brother and me, the Very Reverend Canon Baigent, is another typical Churchman, white haired, wonderful face, splendidly built, a convert and a splendid preacher. He is secretary to the Bishop of Nottingham, Eng., and always very busy, but always has dozens of young men to see him and gives freely of his time and interest. I once said to him, "I am afraid you are too busy to be bothered with me." He laughed heartily as he replied, "I always make time to see my boys." Another convert, whom I asked some time ago concerning his experience with priests said: "I have met a large number of priests and have not come across a bad one yet. There was Father West, a splendid fellow who would give an Orange man or any enemy of the Church a dinner any time, if the man was in need; in fact he would take the very cost off his back for him. There was the Rev. Father Kerr of Wimbledon, London, Eng., who died about two years ago, who it is said did more good among the poor than any other man in Wimbledon. I believe they are going to erect a memorial to him. Wimbledon itself is a Protestant town nearly as large as Winnipeg, has two Catholic churches, a college and a school, while there are about thirty Protestant churches."

ORDINATION

The Evening Telegram, St. John's, November 25: The ordination of the Rev. John Enright to the sacred office of the priesthood took place at the Catholic Cathedral this morning in the presence of a large congregation. The ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Bishop March, who was assisted by the Right Rev. Mgr. Roche, Adm., and Rev. Dr. Whalen, P. F., North River; Rev. Dr. Green was master of ceremonies, and the other priests in the sanctuary were Rev. Dr. W. P. Kitchen, Rev. Fathers McCarthy, Witless Bay; P. Kelly, P. Sheehan and T. Nangle. Minor orders had been conferred during last week, and yesterday this young man who has given his life to the service of his Divine Master was made deacon. To day he was vested with that power which was given to the apostles by Our Lord Himself, when He said: "Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain they are retained."

Rev. Father Enright was born at Abbeyfeale, County Limerick, the same county which produced the late illustrious Bishop Mullock and the late lamented Monsignor Scott. He was educated at St. Kyran's College, Kilkenny, and is in his twenty sixth year. He has been here for some time past, but his presence in the city was scarcely known, as his time was wholly taken up in preparation for that event which stands out amongst all others in the life of a priest, that event which gives him power to perpetuate the Sacrifice of Calvary. To Father Enright, who comes from the Island of the Saints, Newfoundland extends a hearty welcome, and it is the earnest prayer of the Catholics of the Archdiocese that his ministry may be a lengthy one.

WHAT MONSIGNOR BENSON OWED TO THE CHURCH

In an interesting letter, a correspondent of the London Tablet refers as follows to the part the Church played in the development of Monsignor Benson's genius: From the day he finished his convert's honeymoon, he was with us in our churches, on our tables and on our shelves. He was a striking exception to the unproven proposition that Catholicism swamps genius and mental tasks. Father Benson never realized himself until he merged himself in the Universal Church. It is difficult to say on the surface which owed the other most. The Church gave him his all in all. She satisfied the searcher and primed the theologian. She fulfilled his sense of divination, and caressed his love of the supernatural. She gave him labor and dignity. She found him the material and setting, the critic, and readers for his books. She gave him his inspiration from beginning to end. Never was a chrysalis hatched with more jubilant and brilliant celerity than when the Benjamin of Lambeth Palace became the free lance of the Pope. When he presented himself to Peter he was practically unknown. For staff he carried a penny cashism, and for scrip the plans of several novels. He has left more than memories behind him,

and a time will come when no gentleman's library will be complete without what no Catholic can lack to day. Of all his books he liked best "The Light Invisible."

DIED

AUSTIN.—At the family residence, 57 Oxford St., Hamilton, Ont., on Monday, Nov. 16th, 1914, Anna Bernadette Austin, aged twelve years; dearly beloved child of Agnes and the late John J. Austin, formerly of London, Ont. May she rest in peace!

DEATH OF SISTER ANNIE DIAMOND

Sister Annie Diamond, for forty years a member of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and for the past ten years stationed at St. Rose's Orphan Asylum in Milwaukee, Wis., died on November 17. Her funeral was held on the morning of the 19th, with services in the chapel of the asylum. John Diamond, a brother of the deceased, arrived in Milwaukee the morning following her death, having left Chattanooga, Tenn., immediately on hearing of her sudden illness. The deceased religious was a native of Philadelphia. Before going to Milwaukee she was stationed at Emmitsburg, Md. Earlier in her religious life she served in St. Vincent's Home and St. Joseph's Asylum, Philadelphia. Among her surviving relatives are two brothers, John Diamond, of 8416 Haverford avenue, and Patrick Diamond, of Gwynedd, Pa., and a nephew, the Rev. Joseph H. Diamond, of Warren, Pa.—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

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A SONNET

Oft have I seen, at some cathedral door, A labourer, pausing in the dust and heat, Lay down his burden, and with reverent feet, Enter, and cross himself, and on the floor Kneel to repeat his "Pater Noster" or The loud vociferations of the street Become an undistinguishable roar, So, as I enter here, from day to day, And leave my burden at this minister gate, Kneeling in prayer, and not ashamed to pray, The tumult of the times, disconcerted To inarticulate murmurs dies away, While the eternal ages watch and wait.—H. W. LONGFELLOW

OUR NUNS

Stories of brave nuns grow in number. The Paris journal La Croix, tells of a Sister of Charity, who asked permission to remain with the wounded in a fort. "But what if the commandant should surrender?" queried the Superior. "Why, then," said the Sister, "we shall all go up together, and the good God will receive us, since it would have been for Him and for France." The London Evening News prints a story given to it by a British officer in France, who saw some fine scenes of devotion and heroism among the nursing Sisters. A Sister of Mercy with a deep flesh wound in her arm, would not let go of a dying comrade whom her right arm supported. She made the doctor bind up the wound while she kept at her post. The Manchester Guardian recounts the experiences of an English lady at a convent of Notre Dame, Namur, which was fitted up with a hundred beds for the wounded. The Sisters gave their charges the most devoted care. It is only fair to note here a good word for the Germans: "They were really very considerate to us," says this eyewitness of the arrival of the Germans and their occupation of the place. Fortune, sickle even at the best often brings depression in its wake. The man is yet to be born in whose life sorrow has not alternated with joy, failure with success, disappointment with prosperity. We must be patient with ourselves, and patient with others; patient in serene evils, and patient with a headache or toothache; patient with a pen that will not write freely, as well as when a great loss of property has happened to us.—Mgr. de Segur.

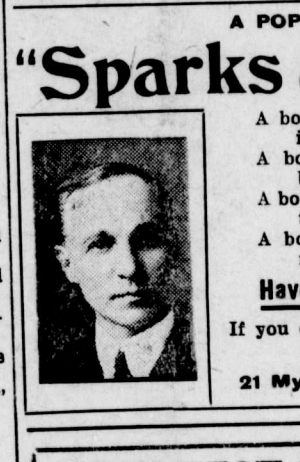
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