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Christ through the Church, for there was then no church through which to approach Him; nor could they have been expected to draft upon uninstituted sacraments any more than upon unformulated creede Their mental process, as far as we can judge, was not only that which was eminently rational, but was the only one which was rationally possible. They were receptive, yet unprejudiced ; anticipative, yet unprejudiced ; anticipative, yet unprepossessed ; precisely as anyone should be who, conscious of being in darkness, yet seeks for light.

But Dr. Abbott is far from confin ing his meditation to this fact alons. He proceeds to develop its impor-tance by an inference. Compared with the religious history of subse-quent ages ; with the endless definitions of dogma and the equally and less quarrels over the dogmas which have been defined, the story of the three wise men stands out in vivid and in striking contrast. Nor can we fail to apply the apparent moral of this contrast to ourselves. If they found Christ, without a dogma, also may not we? And if dogma is thus shown, in actual experience, to be unnecessary, is it not, and has it not ever been, a source of obscuration rather than of light ?

In this way does the Doctor lead point. us to the threshold of the new theology, for it is as the precursors of the new theology that the wise men, in his opinion, stand clearly revealed. The traditional teaching of Christianity is demonstrated by their example, to be little else than an aggregation of stumbling blocks; and as that same example proves in America. the essential obstructiveness of the system, so does it, and in scarcely less degree, suggest its condemna

Yet if we prescind altogether from Dr. Abbott's inferences, and confine ourselves to the most literal and concrets facts, it will be abundantly evident that he labors under two important misconceptions, so important, indeed, as substantially to vitiate the very point which his entire article was designed to illustrate. In the first place, it is dis-their first spring flowers is a delight in the bursting forth of the earth though and an inspiration to the in the bursting forth of the earth into fresh foliage and springing seek Christ without a dogma. It would, indeed, be far nearer the air. In spite of the smallness of the winter. The raw atmosphere and truth to say that it is the only school plots which so many of us have wild wind and rain of March and truth to say that it is the only school of theology today which habitually and designedly employs dogma in its quest of Him. And while it is beyond question that its thinkers have rejected those teachings which an uninterrupted tradition has sanctified, and the living authority of the Church has sanctioned, yet it is equally beyond question that they have surrendered themselves, wholly and absolutely, to a dogmatism which is both founded and dependent their own impressions, and which, though less rational in its nature, is not one bit less arbitrary in its demands. It is in rigid conformity to this degmatism that Christ is sought. It is to its subjective and wholly irresponsible standards of measurement that all discussions relating to His life or mission or precepts are referred. And it is in blind and uncritical obedience to its dictates that every trace of the miraculous and the supernatural are expunged from the sacred text. To criticize this method, is not my purpose, but present knowledge, a direct negation

And again Dr. Abbott misconstrues Now, perhaps not everyone can income upon earth. When the time the very position which dogma dulge in gardening of this sort. But was now full how was to an induction in the sort of a complete and must ever occupy in there is a kind of gardening in which is any rational scheme of religion; he not only can, but should, engage, ing to Mary, "Hail, full of grace," Communion to the communication will become not only in spring time and in coun- said Gabriel, "the Lord is with thee; Christ by His enemies. the very position which dogma dulge in gardening of this sort. But was now full how was it announced ? murdered Christ," and they com-pared the crime of an unworthy Communion to the crucifixion of and this misconception will become not only in spring time and in con- said Gabriel, "the Lord is with thee perfectly apparent if we but ask our." iry or suburbs, but at all times and blessed are thou among women." ALF the charm of silken things lies in keeping them fresh and sweet. Moreover perspirselves the question : Why it was in all places. It is spiritual garden. She then was the sure promise of the that the three wise men sought ing. Everyone's spiritual and physi. coming Saviour, and therefore May is CONSEQUENCES OF THIS SACRILEGE "He that eateth and drinketh ation discolors and shortens their life. Why Christ at all? Dr. Abbott writes, cal makeup is a garden, and in this by a special title her month. unworthily, not wash them after every wearing? eateth and drinketh Continuing his claim for May as judgment unto himself," are baneful with more rhetoric than logic: "Their faith was not a knowledge, it It's delightfully simple. Use the pure, gentle, cleansdomain everyons can be his own Innances architect. An almost in- Mary's month, the Catchinal points and terrible. Read in Church history finite variety of seeds are offered to out that May is the month of joy that passage wherein is related tha ing LUX suds. Make just a bowlful, anywhere, any time. Just dip them up and down—press out was only a hope." and he continues. was only a hope," and he continues, "But inspired of this hops they had the choice of each person. Some of the courage to understake a long, wearisome and perhaps perlicus journey, of four or five months' according to the choice of the archi. joyous portion. Who would appoint which Perrhus was con-the courage to understake a long, the mill grow into beautiful flowers, journey, of four or five months' according to the choice of the archi. water-rinse-iron with a warm iron-and it's done. LUX will hurt no fabric that pure water may touch. Sold at all grocers and departmental stores. February, March or April to be the offered up, the Pontiff had the month of Mary-times of Lant and consecrated challes carried to the Now what was the purduration tect and the gardener's care in tendduration." Now what was the pur-pose of all this? Was it that start-ing with openness of mind they might end in ignorance or vacuity? Was the motive of their unprepos-session that they might never become possessed? The Doctor and their "sincerity of desire," But his very words compel in us the logical inference that their as the selves, and we can make it as rich of the selves. The duration is also as in a selves, and we can make it as rich of the selves. The selves are selves of them after the selves are selves, and we can make it as rich of the selves. The selves are selves are selves, and we can make it as rich of the selves. The selves are selves are selves and we can make it as rich of the selves are selves. The selves are selves and we can make it as rich of the selves are selves. 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The selves are selve Recipe booklet "The Care of Dainty Clothes" mailed on request. LEVER BROTHERS LIMITED, TORONTO 81 was fixed upon an object both selves, and we can make it as rich definite and precise, and hat their as need be, or ist it becomes on the fast of the May, therefore, is the time in which there are such frequent Alleluias because Christ has risen from the grave, Christ has accended which the grave, Christ has accended If we want weeds as our garden, we can have them. If we want Epiphany, and the one which is of genuine significance to our age, is not at all that the wise men sought flowers, we can have them, likawise. Christ, without a dogme. It lies We are not unescapably compelled, rather in the implied firmness of their conviction that they would leave Him with one. We are free to choose either. We on high, and God the Holy Ghost has qualities, in like manner, the Holy come down to take His place; here Eucharist received unworthily be-To comes a poison which spreads its ravages all around. What a strange then we have a reason why Mary is WINNIPEG. dedicated to the Blessed Mary. Dr. Abboti's article illustrates as shall not become sither svil or good She is nearest and dearest to God, and mountal ploture is this? Jeaus and this month should be hers, this the foundation of life, is changed into well as anything could the palpable without choice and care. disparity between that simplicity And so, when we see the farmer BRANDON, REGINA, SASKATOON, which the new theology so arrogantly filling his soll and caring for his professes, and the essential obscur. fields, or the gardener weeding his month of His great Providence to a fatal poison? mankind. But there are reasons In addition to these external and autism of its practice. He begins with plot and tending it, we should take also. Mary is the mother of Jesus, corporal punishments, there are the that dogmatism in which he should notice. We should take the hint. and the Queen of all Saints, and in interior, and spiritual chastisements. VANCOUVER, VICTORIA the month of May some of the greatlogically end, and ends in that open-ness of mind with which he should is calling us to do likewise. It has the month of May some of the great. Spisitual blindness, abardonment of est feasts of the saints have been God complete and total subjection to THE "NATIONAL" logically begin. He preaches mental its weeds which must be dug up. It receptivity as a necessary prelimin. has its soil which must be improved. placed by the Church. Cardinal New the devil. Think of Judas? Though man calls our attention to some of he was a miser, evilly disposed and LEAVES TORONTO 11.00 P.M. DAILY ary to receiving nothing, and he it demands the seads which shall dogmatizes himself into a rejection make it grow. And after we throw uses great occasions : First, however, there is the feast of several ways allowed the demon to these great occasions : via G.T., T. & N.O. and C.N.Rys. the Holy Cross, on May 3, when we venerate that Practous Blood in time of Our Lord's Passion. The unworthy Communion. "And after via Parry Sound and Sudbury of all dogma. As an exhibition of them in, we can not go off and leave mental gymnastics, it is interesting them there alone, and expect to wake Leave Teronte 8.45 p.m. Daily except Sunday enough. As a serious contribution up in the middle of the Summer and to religious thought, it is altogether find them grown into things of intime of Our Lord's Passion. The unworthy Communion. "And after Archangel St. Michael, and three that morsel, Satan entered into him," aposities, have feast days in this month: St. John the beloved dis-ciple; St. Philip and St. James. Seven Popes-two of them especially is Master; and finally tempted him useless and therefore clearly neg-ligible. to eye and to nostril. We must stand by them, Yet despite all this Catholics may readily agree with the Doctor that the mental attitude with which the come by a little perspiration. Canadian National-Grand Trunk famous, St. Gregory VII., and St. to hang himself.

wise men approached Christ is not without its lesson for our time. It is, indeed, the very attitude upon no day dream. It requires hard work, just as does almost everything which the Church has ever insisted, worth while in this world. It re-and which she urges today with all quires first an ideal, then a plan to her power, upon those who are in realize it, then hard work to reach ignorance of or in opposition to her the goal. The seeds of virtues and claims. It is perhaps of more impor-tance now than ever before. The It does not take much effort to approach to Christ is obstructed by many a so-called scientist, by many virtue which we have chosen and force them into flower. a higher critic, by many an untrained theologian. To say this is in no sense to discredit their several pro-fessions, or to minimize any of their But what a thing of beauty and a joy forever is the full bloom ! Just

real contributions, but it is hardly posas the radiant colors and the exquissible to overstate the absurdity of an ite perfume of a flower garden in error which eseme, upon all sides, Summer make a poem of poems, so to dominate and possess modern do the radiant virtues and the exquisthinkers, or to overestimate the conclusion which it has imparted into modern thought. That error life. We thrill in reading the life into modern thought. That error life. We thrill in reading the life lies in the wholly fictitious value story of some great man, of some ascribed to what has herein been great woman, of some great Man, of some great Saint termed "open mindedness," and in who has brought the gaden of his the utter failure to recognize that or her soul into full bloom. How they stand out among commonplace mortals as shining lights in a deep normally and essentially transient. by its very nature it is anticipative forest at night 1 What a tower of of content; and in virtue of that strength in a plain of weakness is a same nature, it is extinguished when great statesman or a great leader of content is received. Subtract from thought; what a basediction is even it all possibility of such content, and the countenance of a saintly men! it remains an inexplicable emptiness, But we can all mirror something of without purpose and without their greatness if we become, each according to his power, the gardeners

Dr. Abbott, therefore, has but of our couls that they have been. xemplified a fallacy all to common. For they did not come on earth with He has invested the purely transient all their virtues ready made, their with a permanent value; and while character all formed from the begindenying any value at all to the per-manent, he has unconsciously gardens and nurse them into bloom. assumed it in a sense which, as his In great or small degree, we can all very article proves, is as irrational do likewise. And what sweetness as it is impossible.—John D. Tibbits will be ours when the garden is in full bloom !—The Pilot.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN'S

MONTH

Catholic Transcrip

We know that fine weather

Newman reasons thus :

most suitably regard the Blessed

"Brightness and beauti-

THE SPIRIT OF GARDENING

Spring is an inspiring season when "Why is May chosen as the month almost everyone can catch something of the spirit of reawakening life. To in which we exercise a special devosee the trees gradually budding, the tion to the Blessed Virgin ?" Cardi-bushes preparing for their summer ual Newman asks in his "Meditations verdure, and the gardens pushing up their first spring flowers is a delight In answer, he

The spirit of gardening is in the grass after the cold and snow of plots which so many of us have April ars gone ; the sun is warm, the around our dwellings, we were ex. horted during war time to plant all goue, due, due, due, due, due and during war time to plant all is sweet with fragrance from Apostle adds: "He that eateth and something which might be useful blossoming trees and plants, the drinketh unworkhily, eateth and days are long and bright: "For drinketh judgment to himself." Is sweet such gladness and joyousness of exraised almost enough to live on. ternal nature," says the client of Our Lady, "is a fit attendant of our devo-Others, perhaps, raised only enough to learn by ead experience that farm. tion to her who is Mystical Rose and ing-even hitchen gardening-is not the House of Gold." Sometimes quite as simple an amusement as the city dweller might be led to think. But everyone who went in for gardening in the right spirit probably found in it the thrill of actual promer." duction. Did it treat us to some new aches and pains of back and is coming. fulness shall," in the Prophet's worde, "appear at the end and shall not lie." Newman reasons thus: limbs ? What of that, if these were followed by more vigorous health, and the inspiration to seek more of fulfilment, at least of promise ; and

it out in the open air ? Did it not harden our muscles? Did it not teach us new lessons in patience and perseverance 2

Gardening, be it in vegetables or in flowers, is an education. It teaches how beautiful things grow

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

These thoughts show us the enormity and consequences of a sacrilegious Communion and should fill us with a wholesome fear of ever so receiving. They should not how memorable in the Tending the garden of the soul is Pius V., also two of the greatest memorable in the annale of the the above mentioned evils, it is Church, St. Monica, the mother of sufficient to be in the state of grace, Church, St. Monica, the mother of choose and take them. But it does St. Augustine. require effort to take the seeds of St. Philip N

St. Philip Neri occupies with his novena and octave, fifteen out of the Eucharist, however, and to derive thirty-one days of the month. therefrom all the precious fruits These are some of the choicest fruits of God's manifold grace, and they form the court of their glorious

Surely we who read these beautiful thoughts will try to enter fittingly into the celebration of Mary' onth, to do our share in honoring the Queen of Heaven, who was placed by her Divine Son :

> 'Above all the angels in glory untold

Standing next to the King, in a vesture of gold.""

## AN UNWORTHY COMMUNION

The first and most essential disosition for Holy Communion is the state of grace, that is, exclusion of guilt of mortal sin. Without this disposition Holy Communion would be nothing more or less than a sacrilege. To receive unworthy is to approach the Holy Table with mortal sin on the soul, either on account of not having confessed it, or, if confessed the soul still remains attached to it.

> ENORMITY OF SACRILEGIOUS COMMUNION

of the body and blood of the Lord." abomination in the sight of God. What fellowship hath light with is the right of employers to the faithdarkness, what concord hath Christ with Belial?" Behold here a sin, the intrinsic malice of which is A dispute that cannot be adjusted enormous.

In the second place, the same Apostle adds: "He that eateth and submitted to arbitration. Neither

From these texts we may learn the receive Jesus into a soul that is in the grasp of Satan because of mortal the House of Gold." Sometimes most unworthy of Him, and to the there may come a bleak, inclement most unworthy of Him, and to the May, but still it is the month of Him in spite of Himself, to dwell with sin and live with the demon. Now, what crime can be more abominable than this? If every sinner despises God when he tramples upon His laws, what will be said of the man who directly dishonors Him in His person? If May then is the month, if not of every profaner of a holy and consecrated object commits a grave sin, is it not this very aspect in which we what will be said of the man who not only profanes the sacred vessels. Virgin, Holy Mary, to whom this month is dedicated ? The Frophet says: "There shall The words of St. Paul, "He is

The words of St. Paul, "He is come forth a rod out of the root of guilty of the body and blood of the from homely ones, complicated things from simple ones, great things Jesse, and a flower shall rise out of his root." Who is the rod, or Lord," show us that in this sin there is a malice nothing short of Deicide. to claim it as the method of the from little ones. And it teaches that three wise men is, in the light of such growth will not properly take beautiful stock or stem out of which Being guilty of thebody and blood of the Washing after every wearing saves Silk Underthings the flower growe, but Mary, Mother Lord means the same as putting Him of Our Lord, Mary, Mother of God ? It was prophesied that God should place without proper conditions, to death. The Fathers of the Church have ever understood it, as, "He shall be punished as if he had of all evidence. proper care, proper perseverance.

These thoughts show us the justice that is practically attainable. To assure peace and at least a modicum of contentment labor must have a living wage ; but that never can be secured by the revolutionary tectics of Socialism or the radicalism so rampant in various sections now-adays. Catholic workingmen should beware of the extremist. As a general thing he is illy informed. a condition that excludes the presence of mortal sin. To honor the Holy therefrom all the precious fruits which it is destined to produce, there is required of us a true spirit of piety, a purifying of all affection to sin, and the adorning of the soul

with virtue.-The Tablet.

THE CHURCH AND LABOR

Common sense and the best of judgment are necessary in order that there be fewer clashes between capital and labor. If we consider the advice of the Church we shall find both these necessary qualities ;

we shall gather suggestion which, is accepted, will go a long way to overcome industrial disturbance and bring us back to that peace which is so desirable at the present noment.

The position of the Church is well set forth in the Encyclical of the late Pope Loo XIII. written in 1891. As our own Bishops say: The document shows the insight of that great Pontiff into the industrial conditions of the time and his wisdom in pointing out the principles needed for the solving of economic problems.'

The Church insists on the right of labor to organize. Our own Hier St. Paul brings vividly before us the enormity of this crime. In the first place he says that whosever in the place he says that whosever ommunicates unworthily "is guilty contributes largely to the existing of the body and blood of the Lord." unrest and suffering. "The first Christ and sin are two, terms so mutually opposed and incompatible that they cannot be united without heromic an object of hereor coming an object of horror and comination in the sight of God. securing their welfare. The second

by direct negotiation between the parties concerned, should always be could not live away from me, and submitted to arbitration. Neither who never laft me in all my wanderemployer nor employe may reason-ably reject this method on the ground state of existence she should cease From these texts we may learn the enormity of this sacrilege. To receive Jesus into a sont that is in the tribunal of industrial arbitration in the tribunal of industrial arbitration provides the nearest approach to words can say."

he attempts to secure it without ever considering the biblical injunction that man must live by the sweat of his face. In the Encyclical referred to Leo XIII. said that one remedy would be "to induce as many as possible of the humbler classes to become owners. In the now famous Pastoral Letter of the American Hierarchy, commenting

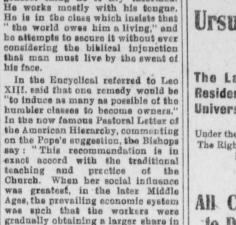
say : exact accord with the traditiona teaching and prectice of the Church. When her social influence was greatest, in the later Middle Ages, the prevailing economic system was such that the workers were gradually obtaining a larger share in the ownership of the lands upon which, and the tools with which they

labored. Though the economi arrangements of that time cannot be restored, the underlying principle is of permanent application, and is the only one that will give stability to

industrial society." 'Twere well for Catholic working men to hearken to the voice of their leaders. They seldom make mis takes. They are men of prudence they never jump at conclusions their decisions, almost invariably are right.— Catholic Sun.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE DEAD .

When St. Augustine fully realized that his mother was indeed dead, be shed bitter tears for her who had shed so many for him. She was ever present in his memory, and daily he remembered har at the altar. When some one spoke of the dead return-ing he would say : "Ah, the dead do not return, for were it possible to do so, she would come back to me who



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