

SUPERIORITY OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Those lukewarm Catholics that are sending their children to the public schools in preference to Catholic institutions will do well to ponder the comments of Mr. Leigh Mitchell Hodges, writing in the Philadelphia North American. He says in part:

"The convent-bred girl has long been accepted as a model of sweet, useful womanhood, possessed of refinements and accomplishments which add a distinct charm to her natural attractions; and it is a consideration of the first importance that the development of her domestic traits is singularly complete. The convent-bred girl, while well grounded in the classics and mentally cultivated in every way that may be of service to self or fellow-beings, is primarily a home-maker; and, in this age of increasing common sense, we are coming to a right realization of woman's place and power in this her highest estate.

"Of the boy or youth who is armed for the battle of life in a Catholic institution, as much may be said in regard to matters of equally great assistance to him in playing his allotted part. While necessary emphasis is laid upon the mental training, the physical welfare and development are by no means neglected, and this proper regard for the upbuilding influence of clean sports and athletics has given the students and graduates of Catholic colleges place in the front ranks of athletic endeavor.

So pronounced are the advantages set forth by some of these centers of instruction that many non-Catholics, aware of the completeness of the training and the good influence of the surroundings, make choice of them, particularly since it is generally understood that no effort is made to interfere with personal religious beliefs.

"The further fact that Catholic schools, are, as a rule, more reasonable as to cost of board and tuition than secular institutions of similar standing, has also led to the notion that the reason for this must rest in limited opportunities and advantages. But the real explanation lies in the fact that Catholic schools are largely in the hands of teaching orders—either Sisterhoods or Brotherhoods, or monastic orders. These men and women are vowed to devote their lives to education. They have no social relations with the world, can own no property and receive no salaries. This makes the cost of operating the schools much less than secular institutions of similar grade, and the student receives the benefit in lower charges."

PLEDGES UNDYING DEVOTION TO ROME

OFFICE OF SOVEREIGN PONTIFF IS ACME OF PRIESTHOOD AND SOUL OF CHRISTIANITY SAYS ELOQUENT PAULIST SUPERIOR

Whilst addressing several hundred Knights of Columbus and their guests at their Hotel La Salle recently Rev. Peter J. O'Callaghan, C. S. P., pastor of St. Mary's Church, paid an eloquent tribute to the Holy Father and delivered an able exposition of the duties of a Catholic as a Christian and a citizen.

Father O'Callaghan said in part: All authority is of God. In these days of splendid democracy, when many are called to counsel in the choice of rulers, we are apt to forget the fundamental principles of all government. The manner of a ruler's choice does not determine a ruler's title to our obediences. I will not obey an equal in so far as he is an equal. I obey a fellow citizen when he is vested with authority because I believe he has a right to command. His right to command grows out of necessities and laws of social order which have defined his office. The laws of social order, like all the laws of nature, can find no solid sanction except in the mind and will of the Creator.

The Church of God is the divinest expression of authority on earth. The Church of the living God is a living church. Every living thing reveals its life by growth from within. What it draws from without must be assimilated into its tissue if it is to be a part of its organism. "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you," said the Lord. The absurdity of all that is made manifest by every reverence Christ ever made to His Church or His Kingdom. The admiration a foreigner may show for our constitution would not make him a citizen of our country. Our country must give him citizenship, if he is to get the title of citizen. Christ and those who have authority to speak in His name, can alone constitute any man a disciple of the Master, or a member of His Church. By those whose lineage and authority we cannot doubt, we have been constituted citizens of Christ's kingdom. We have not chosen Christ but Christ has chosen us to be His disciples as laymen, priests or bishops.

The office of our Sovereign Pontiff is the acme of the priesthood and the episcopacy. It is the epitome of Christianity. The Rock of Peter is the Rock of Christ. "Whosoever binds on earth, shall be bound on heaven." Loyalty to the successor of Peter is the touchstone of orthodoxy and the test of genuine Christianity. Those who love Jesus Christ must love His Vicar on earth. Without that Vicar on earth there is no Christianity that can withstand the onslaughts of destructive criticism. Through Him Christ lives in every age, and proves Himself to every people, and to every man with open mind and heart. "Blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God."

"Shame upon the Catholic that does not love the Holy Father! Shame upon the Catholic that is ever anxious to emphasize and exaggerate the faults of

ecclesiasties in Rome or out of Rome! The soldiers who would not be loyal to his army and his leader would be counted as a "cad" by every soldier with red blood in his veins. Let the enemies of the Church be snarling critics if they will. They search the sewers and feed upon their filth, and cannot be expected to know the beauty of the City of God and worth of its Pontiff gloriously reigning therein. Our loyalty to that Pontiff is loyalty to Christ. To him is due our supreme allegiance. No country can demand such devotion as we owe to him. No Catholic can be false to him without being false to God. He that is false to his God cannot be true to any man or any country.

I honor the honest Jew who has become an exile from every country except that land of liberty rather than forfeit his allegiance to Judaism. I honor the Puritan who forsook the land of his birth and built a home in the wilderness rather than to be disloyal to that religious motive which is infinitely above the highest patriotism. I yield to no man in love of country. I love this land, as the land of my birth and as the embodiment of my highest conception of liberty. But, if the seemingly impossible should ever happen, there could be with me no hesitancy between the Pope of Rome and the President of the United States. "If any man come to Me and hate not his father and mother, and wife and children, and brethren and sisters, yea and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple."

To our Sovereign Pontiff, who is the acme of Christ's priesthood and the epitome of Christ's gospel, we give the deepest love of our hearts, and our unflinching allegiance. To the saintly Pontiff who now sits in the Chair of Peter we pledge our best devotion and fondest admiration.

TO COMBAT SOCIALISM

ORGANIZED SOCIAL ACTIVITY IN BOSTON. ADDRESSES TO WORKINGMEN ON SOCIAL QUESTIONS ARRANGED BY ARCHBISHOP O'CONNELL

A few weeks ago public addresses on social questions by prominent sociologists were inaugurated by Archbishop Farley in New York. The series was counted a success and the idea is now being taken up in other eastern cities. An organized effort to let the people of Boston know the attitude of the Catholic Church toward the social problems of which Socialism pretends to have the solution, was begun auspiciously under the auspices of Archbishop O'Connell on Sunday, April 10, by the holding of four well-attended meetings which were addressed by priests and laymen of the Church.

The principal speaker was Right Rev. Mons. Splaine, who spoke of the Church and the Workingman, and reviewed briefly the Church's efforts throughout the centuries to aid the workingman. He dwelt at length upon the encyclicals of Leo XIII, pointing out the Christian standard of labor. In conclusion he read in the signs of the times the betterment of the condition of the laboring man.

We give below some salient paragraphs from his address: "Throughout the twenty centuries of her existence the history of the Catholic Church has been the history of standing between the oppressor and the oppressed. She saved society not only once but many times during her career. Centuries ago before the oldest of now existing dynasties had sprung into existence, the Church founded by Jesus Christ had battled against false teachings that would uproot the idea of Christian civilization. She withstood equally the attack of barbarian invasion and pagan domination, and she Christianized to-day if we but hearken to her teachings. And so true was she to her mission that when she saw the gulf again begin to widen between Capital and Labor in the last century she raised her voice in solemn warning through one who by his splendid achievements for the Church and for the laboring classes deserves the undying gratitude of nations and of workingmen alike, in pointing out so clearly the teaching of the Church in regard to social science, that illustrious Pope of the workingmen, Leo XIII. His encyclical on the Condition of Labor and his other valuable documents on the constitution of the State and Christian Democracy ably present the teaching of the Church of Christ and contain within themselves the true remedy for the solution of all the vexed problems that agitate the labor world to-day. No less distinguished statistician on the subject of labor in our own country than the late Carroll D. Wright has paid high tribute to the value and the teachings of Leo XIII, and has called the Pontiff's letter his own 'Vade Mecum,' for his own guidance and his own study in the solution of labor problems. And so true to her mission, the Catholic Church to-day takes her place in the vanguard of those who would remedy the evils of society, and the words of the illustrious Leo apply as strongly to-day as they did in the last century.

Wherever the teachings of Leo XIII. were put into practice the condition of labor has been bettered and the problem of labor has advanced with great strides towards a happy solution. Workingmen's clubs have been formed which have influenced the making of good laws for better hours of labor, for increased wages of the laboring men, for better sanitary conditions and for a better condition under which women and children may toil. The majority of these betterments were obtained not by violence, but by the cool deliberations and sound common sense that the laboring men in their unions brought to their own deliberations. "Beware of the man who promises to fill your cup of joy to overflowing in this life. It is the old snare that worked the ruin of our first parents in the Garden of Eden. It is the old error dressed in new garb. 'Eat of the fruit of this tree and you will become like unto God.' Perilous agents of the same error in all ages, even to-day in our own day, would cheat mankind before their very eyes, holding out the same promise at the same price.

"They would endeavor to lure men from God by the false hope of lasting joy or happiness in following its maxims.

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"But the signs of the times are hopeful. Better labor conditions are existing, better financial conditions are growing and Catholic workingmen and all right thinking men throughout the whole world are looking to the Catholic Church to save society and labor to-day as she saved it time and again throughout her long and illustrious life."—True Voice.

FAR FROM HOME

WE ARE EXILED IN THE WORLD'S BABYLON

By Cardinal Gibbons

When we read the Epistles of St. Paul and contemplate all his trials, dangers and persecutions as they pass in panoramic view before us, when we see him braving the most violent storms without faltering within, and then when we see ourselves so timid and so vacillating and sheltering ourselves from the feeblest wind of adversity, ashamed of our degenerate nature, we resolve to shake off our lethargy and become like the great model before us.

On the other hand, when you read of men who were once distinguished for their sanctity, once elevated on the pinnacle of perfection, falling at last into the depth of sin; when you read of a Samson, a David, a Solomon—those towering oaks of the forest who had resisted many a violent storm and were afterward overgrown by a single blast of temptation—you are warned by their example to be always vigilant and prudent and never to confide in your past virtues, for you are not stronger than Samson nor holier than David nor wiser than Solomon.

Above all other books, choose the Sacred Scripture. There is a special grace attached to the reading of the inspired volume; it will impart to your soul a solid, sturdy, rational and healthy piety. It is the inexhaustible fountain from which the fathers and doctors of the Church, Christian orators and writers, have drawn their inspiration.

Read the Sacred Text with attention and reverence. Read it not in the capricious spirit of a critic, but with the humility of a disciple of Christ. Read it not so much with the desire of information as of edification. Read it with the same spiritual joy and hunger with which the exiled children of Israel listened in Babylon to the law when it was read to them by the prophet Baruch.

"While the citizens of Jerusalem were in captivity in Babylon, Baruch was sent to them from Jerusalem to read to them the law of God. "And when they heard the law they wept and fasted and prayed before the Lord." "Upon the ruins of Babylon they sat and wept when they remembered Zion."

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Catholics and Crime

The lecturer intimated that Catholicism would ruin a nation! Behold the moral contrast between Protestant England and Catholic Ireland. The figures are the most recent at hand:

Table with 2 columns: Crime Category and Statistics. Includes: England and Ireland, Wales, London, etc. Murders 153, Woundings 1,326, Burglaries and such 10,389, Embezzlements, frauds, etc. 2,750.

It is to be clearly understood, however, that the population of England and Wales is about eight times larger than Ireland; yet, even so, the supremacy of Ireland is a magnificent answer to her critics. Furthermore, hardly any virtue reveals a more intimate union with God than chastity. Now the purity of the sister isle is incomparably greater than in England; and the most moral section yonder is the most Catholic. "By their fruits ye shall know them."—Catholic Universe and Weekly, London.

Do Catholics Become Protestants?

"The Protestant sects seem unable to get hold of the idea," says the Catholic Sentinel, "that had Catholics do not make good Protestants. Men who have been instructed in the Catholic religion sometimes fall away from the Faith, but it is rarely that they become Protestants. Why should they? They know that as Catholics they already possessed whatever of Christian teaching the sects have retained. Moreover, they see Protestantism everywhere in disruption

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and decay. Of course those old-fashioned Protestants who still believe that Catholics are not permitted to read the Bible have some justification for their efforts to bring the light to 'Romanists.' These people are to be excused on the ground of ignorance. But any Protestant with a sense of humor must see the absurdity of Protestantism any longer posing as the champion of Holy Scripture."

The Solution Have you met with injustice? If so count yourself favored, for so was Christ treated when He came to call men to repentance. If you are derided, falsely accused and injured, then be sure that somewhere in your being you have the golden grain that drives people mad with envy.—New World, Chicago.

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