

THEOPHOBIA

Sir Bertram Windle in his latest book, "Science and Morals" touches upon a phenomenon...

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The conclusion of Sir Bertram's chapter provides food for reflection. It is a strong indictment...

LET IT BE A PEACE OF RECONCILIATION

"It is a tragic thought, and a certainty, that all the hopes of the peoples who were involved in the great European War have not only been unfulfilled by victory, or in the case of our enemies, destroyed by defeat...

Thus writes Philip Gibbs, the famous English war correspondent, in the New Republic of May 5, pleading for a peace of reconciliation rather than the military peace which, based on jungle justice, still keeps the world in turmoil and bears within itself the seeds of future wars.

"The world-wide unrest that exists everywhere today will be fanned into the flames of revolution that is already struggling for an outlet in Italy, France, Germany and other countries, if all Governments do not speedily unite for international peace and good fellowship based on

the hitherto rejected Fourteen Principles of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Gibbs states that this sort of peace only "would be a safeguard against a revolution which otherwise will sweep across all densely populated areas of the world where men and women, freshly escaped from the agony of War, or awakened to new knowledge by its calamity, find that nothing has been changed by that sacrifice of youth, that the profit is rampant above the ruin, that they are serfs of big trusts and the power of capital, and that the old philosophy of secret treaties, national rivalries, financial interests, and jealous diplomacies, is again enthroned over their bodies and their souls."

The present effort of Congress to declare peace and cease meddling in European intrigues will hasten a peace of reconciliation "over there." The nations of Europe are beginning to acknowledge that they need each other and what injures one member hurts all. They are all suffering together and are on the brink of ruin. If America shows that this country realizes the true nature of the impossible Treaty and the reprehensible character of the League of Nations and will have nothing to do with such imperialistic schemes, the first step will have been taken to bring the Triumvirate who tried to divide the world among themselves and rule or ruin, to the realization of the fact that only a peace of reconciliation can satisfy the aspirations and yearnings deep in the hearts of all peoples. Only a new Treaty conceived in a new spirit can realize that goal so devoutly to be wished.—The Monitor.

LOUISE OF MARILLAC

Venerable Louise de Marillac was raised to the dignity of Blessed by Pope Benedict XV. in Rome recently. Louise of Marillac La Gras, foundress of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, was born at Paris, August 12, 1601. She was the daughter of Louis de Marillac, Lord of Ferrieres, and Margaret Le Camus. The mother died soon after the birth of Louise, and her father, a man of upright life, took upon himself the education of the daughter. In her earlier years she was cared for by her aunt, a nun at Poissy. Later on she studied under a preceptress and devoted much time to the cultivation of the arts. Inheriting the serious disposition of her father, the daughter developed a decided taste for philosophy and kindred subjects. At the age of sixteen years she decided to become a nun, but on the advice of her spiritual director she married Antoine Le Gras, a young secretary under Maria de Medici. Madame Le Gras devoted herself for many years to the education of her son born of this marriage, at the same time giving herself over to many works of charity. About this time St. Francis de Sales became her spiritual adviser, and in 1623 she decided not to re-marry should her husband die before her.

In 1625 M. Le Gras died after a long illness. About this time Louise made the acquaintance of St. Vincent de Paul, and she placed herself under his protection. Following the advice of this great Saint, Louise began to devote much work among the poor of Paris, and especially in the extension of the Confraternity of Charity which he had founded for the relief of the sick poor. This labor soon decided her life's work, and she founded the Sisters of Charity, an institution which soon spread throughout the whole world and has been famous ever since for its unceasing works and sacrifices in the cause of charity. Louise de Marillac died in Paris, March 15, 1680.—Catholic Bulletin.

"THE CHURCH'S PLAIN DUTY"

MISSION OF CHURCH IS TO SAVE SOUL OF AMERICA New York, April 23.—His Grace Archbishop Hayes was invited to send a statement to be read at a symposium held recently by the National Republican club, in New York City on the theme, "Are American Religious Influences Equal to the Demands of Present Conditions?" The Archbishop sent his message as follows, under the heading, "The Church's Plain Duty."

"There has never been any mighty world disturbance in history without religion playing a momentous role, either as a strong ally or as a dangerous foe, according to the way men regarded the movement. The present crisis in human affairs is no exception, for religion is essentially a part of man's very self. The extraordinary service of high character the churches rendered the nation during the War should be a guarantee of their splendid equipment now in postbellum days for reconstruction work. Reconstruction may be spiritual, social or political, or all three together. The Church best serves when she speaks a spiritual message that is vital, understandable and compelling, providing she interprets the everlasting law and the prophetic terms that are true and fill the needs of the hour. The deacon and the sermon on the mount must be the basis of enduring progress in all ages. Science, letters, art, commerce and industry—what do they profit the race if they fail to lead a man to a clearer and better spiritual vision and outlook on the meaning of human existence?"

"What the people need today is leadership towards ideals and principles that are unchanged and unchangeable because written by the finger of God in the very soul of man. There is no violence or disorder in the physical or social order so terrible and awful in its consequences to society as the revolt of the restless souls of men and women without hope. Bolshevism in Russia is essentially atheistic, and therefore a revolt of pure materialism against the spiritual. The primary mission of the Church is to save the soul of America. Social service and philanthropic work are very secondary compared to reaching the souls of men and leading them to a spiritual contentment that the State, education, wealth have not within their power to bestow. If America seeks first the kingdom of God and His justice, then all other things will be added unto her. Labor and capital, the great and the lowly, the rich and the poor, the learned and the unlettered will fraternize, know one the other, and peace and justice will reign. Save the soul of America—and the body, politic and social, will take care of itself."

And France? May Almighty God harken now as of old to the prayer sent forth repeatedly centuries ago by the little Maid of Domremy for her beloved France. As she witnessed the triumphant crowning of her king in Rheims, may she behold exultantly the triumph of the Church in the land of Clovis, of St. Louis and of the holy Maid herself.—Catholic Bulletin.

ROMANCE OF THE FAITH IN HISTORY OF ENGLISH PUBLISHERS

The announcement of the merging of two well known English Catholic publishing firms—Burns & Oates and Messrs. Washburne, calls attention to Catholic publishing history which reads like a romance of the faith. The history of the elder of the two houses is interesting for the student of English Catholic history.

James Burns was a Presbyterian, the son of a minister. While at Glasgow University he felt the influence of the Oxford University Tractarian Movement, in which John Henry (later Cardinal) Newman was a leader. In 1847, two years after Newman's reception into the Catholic Church, Burns followed in his footsteps. He had been a "High Church" publisher, and the business changed religion with the man. For it is said of him that he could not for money publish and propagate contradictory doctrines. A son of James Burns became a priest, and five daughters all entered religion. After his death in 1871 his widow did the same. Oates, the later partner of Burns, was also a convert, and had two daughters who became nuns. One of them, Mother M. Salome, has added to the list of her father's firm's publications.

Dark days came for the struggling publishing house, and Cardinal Newman helped it out with "Loss and Gain," having been written partly to compensate the publisher whose conversion had meant only loss in his business. The business later flourished and expanded to wide dimensions.—The Monitor.

THE MAID OF DOMREMY

About five hundred years ago France was in the dire straits of civil strife. She had gone to war with her old enemy, England, opposed to her, and things were not going well. But in a small town of Champagne, a place called Domremy, a little girl was growing up. She had first seen the light of day there in 1412. Like other children of the village, she was but an ordinary, simple child.

Scarily thirteen years of age, this little girl, Jean by name, began to speak of manifestations she had received. She spoke of mysterious voices that made themselves known, of saints that appeared to her. Slight credence was given to the tales of the simple maid. Then she was told that France needed her. Her heavenly monitors insisted that she present herself to the king's commander. Finally in 1428, in the month of May, she decided to do this matter any longer. Several of the old censures have been abrogated; others have been modified, and some new ones have been added. At the same time the extensive faculties formerly granted to Bishops, and sub-delegated by them to priests for the absolution of reserved cases, were considerably restricted. As a consequence, in order to understand the extent of their powers, pastors and confessors therefore need a more detailed knowledge of the provisions of the common law. It is principally to help them in this acquisition that the author has written this work.

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TRIBUTE TO THE IRISH MOTHER

As this is the month of May—the month of our Blessed Mother—and the Sacred Heart League Intention is "Catholic Mothers" for this month, Father Lookington's tribute to the Irish mother is both timely and worthy of quoting: "An Irish mother she is foremost among the hidden saints of earth. A follower of Christ, whose cloister is within the four walls of the home, wherein she reigns as a queen

preserved unscathed the highest virtues, the noblest sanctity of life. Never did she yield to the slightest temptation to vanity, pride or other evil. Saint God, the valiant Maid maintained the lofty standard demanded of those who represent God in the works of the world.

For centuries rationalism and hatred of religion have sought in vain to puncture the armor of holiness which Joan of Arc wore, even in the midst of conditions that would have tried great souls. God displayed His love for this victorious Maid by working miracles in compliance to her intercession. The Church which she so highly honored by her virtues has in turn honored her in every way possible. Tomorrow will see the culmination of the glories which the Catholic Church bestows upon her devoted children who have reached the heights of sanctity. On that day the Catholic world will be hidden speak of the little girl of Domremy as Saint Joan of Arc. Every altar throughout the Catholic world will bear her name as Mass is offered to God in her honor. Every pulpit will resound with her praises, every Catholic will invoke her intercession, for she is now a Saint of God.

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NEW BOOKS

"Reflections for Religious." Edited by Rev. F. X. Lasance, author of "My Prayerbook," etc., Imitation leather, 32 pp., \$2.00, postpaid \$2.20. American Seal, Imp. gold edges, net, \$3.00, postpaid \$3.20.

This time the new book by Father Lasance is one distinctively for the use of Religious in general belonging to any Community. Reflections for religious differs materially from other like books as it unites under one cover in portable form and size in an orderly arrangement, the best material from the works of the most distinguished writers of the past and present on spiritual subjects for inspirational reflection at any time, in any free moment.

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This work is an explanation of the fifth book of the Code, which contains the whole legislation now in force on ecclesiastical offences and penalties. The order followed is that of the Code itself and the text of the law is adhered to as closely as possible. Some canons are passed over rapidly, as being of rarer application; a more thorough discussion is reserved for others which are more practical in English-speaking countries. The Constitution "Apostolicæ Sedis" cannot be given a guide, because it is any longer. Several of the old censures have been abrogated; others have been modified, and some new ones have been added. At the same time the extensive faculties formerly granted to Bishops, and sub-delegated by them to priests for the absolution of reserved cases, were considerably restricted. As a consequence, in order to understand the extent of their powers, pastors and confessors therefore need a more detailed knowledge of the provisions of the common law. It is principally to help them in this acquisition that the author has written this work.

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Mentioning the nuns of Ireland, he well says: "Not in Ireland alone do they labor, they carry the torch of faith to every land. The whole world is their home and all mankind their brother."—Catholic Columbian.

CATHOLIC LAYMEN ORGANIZE

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Chicago, May 6.—Definite plans to organize the entire membership of the Catholic Church in the United States into a workable unit through the agency of the many lay organizations were formulated here today at the organization of the National Catholic Laymen's Council of the sixty delegates, coming from more than twenty different States, and representing nearly twenty-five different Laymen's organizations, attended the meeting and subscribed for themselves and for their organizations and their diocese to the plan of this great movement of laymen.

These men also subscribed to a resolution recommending that an endowment fund of twenty-five millions of dollars be provided, the income from which will be devoted toward carrying out the work of the National Catholic Welfare Council. A board of twelve directors for this council was named. This board will meet soon, elect officers and make further plans for carrying out in detail the work outlined in the general program, which is set forth in section 2 of the constitution, which reads as follows:

"The object of this organization shall be to coordinate all existing Catholic Laymen's organizations so that their united action may be more effective; to help them, as far as lies in its power, to cover their particular fields; to promote the cause of Catholic and Lay activity, both organized and individual, in every parish and Diocese of the country; to use existing organizations for new needs; to call other organizations into being for such purposes; to provide for trained laymen as social workers; to conduct international relations with Catholic organizations of other countries."

True it is that the blessed Sacrament is not a mystery of distance or of horror, but one of most dear familiarity. Yet the only true test of our loving familiarity is the depth of our joyous fear.—Father Faber.

Those who have walked in a beautiful garden do not leave it willingly without taking in their hand four or five flowers, that they may smell them and hold them in their way. So, when our mind has thought over some mystery by meditation, we ought to choose one or two or three points which we have found most to our taste and most fitting for our progress, that we may think over them during the rest of the day, and smell them spiritually.—St. Francis de Sales.

IN MEMORIAM

JORDAN.—In loving memory of Francis Jordan, who died at Lombardy, on May 12, 1919. On whose soul sweet Jesus have mercy. —HIS FAMILY.

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