

Religious Maxims.

(Sacred Heart Review.)

SUNDAY.

If the work of our sanctification offers to us difficulties that appear to be insurmountable, it is only because we do not know how to form a right idea of them.

I worship thee, sweet will of God! And all thy ways adore; And every day I live I seem To love thee more and more.

MONDAY.

Let us do our part; God will do the rest. And He hath breathed into my soul A special love of thee;

TUESDAY.

The divine action delivers the soul that wholly abandons itself to the will of God, from all those mean and restless contrivances that seem so necessary to human prudence.

WEDNESDAY.

The active part of sanctity consists in the loving fulfillment of the duties imposed on us by the laws of God and of the Church, or by the particular state that we have embraced.

THURSDAY.

The passive part of sanctity consists in the loving acceptance of those things which, more often than not, we would not know how to avoid, anyway; and in suffering with love what too often is suffered with worry and dislike.

FRIDAY.

O bread of angels, heavenly manna, evangelical pearl, sacrament of the present moment, you give God to us. He reveals Himself to little ones in the least little things.

SATURDAY.

Ask me not what is the secret of finding this treasure. Secret there is none. This treasure is everywhere, it offers itself to all, at all times, in all places.

Ozar Nicholas' Ukase.

(By a Regular Contributor.) Not long since we had occasion to treat briefly the subject of the famous decree of "liberty of worship" recently issued by the Czar of Russia.

western civilization. We, therefore, take with pleasure some extracts from a contribution signed "Ex-Attache," which recently appeared in the New York "Tribune."

We all know that Alexander III, the predecessor of the present Czar, had the reputation of being an intolerant tyrant. Yet his secretary was a Lutheran, and his bosom friend a Catholic priest.

"Ex-Attache" tells us that "in an unfortunate moment, Alexander III. appointed his old tutor, Pobiedonostoff, to the post of Procurator-General of the Holy Synod, knowing him to be a man of the most sterling integrity, with the idea that he would, as the alter ego of the crown in ecclesiastical matters, inaugurate an era of greater discipline among the clergy, as well as introduce some urgently needed reforms.

The Procurator-General, however, was a man imbued with a fanaticism in matters of religion that was totally out of keeping with the present age, and this, together with his deep rooted devotion to the Czar, led him not only to make use of his position to foster the doctrine among all classes of officialdom that orthodoxy was indispensable to loyalty, and that religious dissent spelled treason, but also to exert all his authority as perhaps the most influential member of the Council of Ministers and of the Senate of the Empire to persecute by administrative means all the non-orthodox subjects of the Czar into joining the established church.

There are the cantonal, or district assemblies, also elected, and the Provincial Council, or zemstvo, in which 64 per cent. of the votes belong to the peasantry, 12 per cent. to the nobility, 4 per cent. to the artisans, 5 per cent. to the clergy and 10 per cent. to the merchants.

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Referring to the personal disposition and character of Nicholas, and to the probability of the permanency of the reform inaugurated by him, the writer says: "That Nicholas should have selected precisely his father's birthday for the issue of this decree may be taken to mean that he wished to bear a public tribute to the fact that his father, contrary to popular belief both at home and abroad, was the most tolerant of men in matters of religion. He wished, in one word, to dissociate Alexander III. from all the religious persecutions carried on in his name, and usually without his knowledge or consent, and, in one word, to identify his predecessor on the throne in the minds of the people with one of the most notable ukases that has ever been promulgated by any Autocrat of All the Russias since the days of Peter the Great. It may also be taken to imply that the decree has the approval of his mother, the widowed Czarina, who, at any rate, as long as Nicholas remains without a son to inherit his crown, remains a power in the land—a power that has until now been regarded as reactionary by reason of the circumstances that, passionately devoted to the memory of her late husband, she is believed to regard any departure from his policy as impious."

One more passage regarding the Parliamentary system of Russia—if we may so call it—is of great importance, and casts a vivid light upon the situation. He says: "There are the cantonal, or district assemblies, also elected, and the Provincial Council, or zemstvo, in which 64 per cent. of the votes belong to the peasantry, 12 per cent. to the nobility, 4 per cent. to the artisans, 5 per cent. to the clergy and 10 per cent. to the merchants. All these various local parliaments are constituted by means of popular elections, and the zemstvos, which have a very large vote in the administration of justice and in the right to levy rates and taxes, have, indeed, infinitely more power than the departmental councils general in France. In one word, Russia enjoys a far greater amount of self-government than foreigners imagine. Only it is local, and it is not national in the sense that there is no Imperial Parliament at St. Petersburg, in which the people are represented and are able to check and directly control the administration of the Imperial Government. Russia, in one word, has local self-government throughout the empire, subject, not to a national legislature, but to Nicholas II, the most humane, well meaning and enlightened of European sovereigns, one who thoroughly realizes the fact that the constitutional development of his people must be gradual, since they only divested themselves of Orientalism two centuries ago.—True Witness.

Men and women alike have to work incessantly with brain and hand to hold their own nowadays. Never were the demands of business, the wants of the family, the requirements of society, more numerous. The first effect of the praiseworthy effort to keep up with all these things is commonly seen in a weakened or debilitated condition of the nervous system, which results in dyspepsia, defective nutrition of both body and brain, and in extreme cases in complete nervous prostration. It is clearly seen that what is needed is what will sustain the system, give vigor and tone to the nerves, and keep the digestive and assimilative functions healthy and active. From personal knowledge, we recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla for this purpose. It acts on all the vital organs, builds up the whole system, and fits men and women for these high-pressure days.

Dr. Herbert W. Spencer tells the following story of his attempt to cure a Christian Scientist: "Every time we met this Scientist took occasion to scoff at medical science and to dwell upon the wonders which could be performed through faith. 'You are convinced that through faith you can do anything?' I said to him one day. 'Yes,' he replied, 'faith will move mountains.' 'A week later he was in my office with a swollen jaw due to a toothache. 'What, you here?' I exclaimed, with feigned astonishment. 'Oh, doctor,' he said, 'I have suffered agony all through the night, I simply can't stand this pain any longer.' 'Have you tried faith?' I said to him. 'You know you told me the other day that faith could move mountains.' 'But this is a cavity, doctor; this is a cavity.'"

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A London paper gives some "Reflections of Rejected Manuscript," which will find a sympathetic reception among the struggling writers whose poems come back with editorial regrets: "A MS. in the publisher's hand is worth two in the author's. An editor is known by the MSS. he keeps—and the stamps. Desperate authors require desperate remedies. A poet and his poem are soon parted. In submitting a MS. he who hesitates is a wonder. A true friend is one who laughs at our jokes. It is a wise author who knows his own MS. after it has been blue penciled. 'Many happy returns of the day' applies to the unsuccessful writer all the year around.

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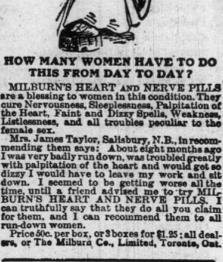
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