

CATHOLICS AND MASONRY

WHY THE CHURCH FORBIDS CATHOLICS TO JOIN THE FREEMASONS

An anonymous contributor to the Catholic Truth publications says the Freeman's Journal, disclaims any intention, in writing on the above captioned subject of attacking the Craft of Freemasonry...

Shortly expressed, the writer's objections to Freemasonry are as follows: (1) Christianity is unknown to Masonry, or, rather, is ignored by it.

Masonry also ignores the Gospel's teaching that our prayers are to be offered in the name of the Redeemer.

As regards the oath, the neophyte swears with eyes blind folded to keep secret he knows not what, says the writer...

It is a known fact, says the writer, that masonic signs are made use of in courts of justice in order to obtain, or to try to obtain, secret advantage.

No daily newspaper in England dare publish the faintest criticism of the Craft, or still less expose a masonic scandal, while in matters of place and patronage, in all countries, the first duty of the masonic patron is clearly to secure the services of a masonic brother...

In regard to the charity exercised by masonic bodies, masons only consider the virtue in its sense of "philanthropy" which is a virtue of the natural order...

All who know me are aware that I am as uncompromising as Heaven itself when it comes to a question of the practice and upholding of my religion which is dearer to me than life itself, yet I concede to every man...

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members only, and thus is more like a trades union society in which material benefit is really pre-empted by contributions.

On the contrary, Freemasonry decorates a generous brother with a "jewel" and "charity" that is not masonic in its application, is not charity to the mason.

OLD FASHIONS

MOVEMENT TO INTRODUCE THEM IN PREFERENCE TO THE IMMODEST DRESS OF TO-DAY

Inference to the presence of the Most Rev. J. Bonzano, papal delegate at the annual alumni reunion of St. Mary of the Woods' College and Academy, Terre Haute, Ind., this week, the clock hands of fashion will turn back fully five years, changing the immodesty of the present day garb of women to the styles of clothes which left something for the imagination.

After a social function, the gathering this year will, out of respect to the priest, who has in no uncertain tones voiced his opinions of the slit skirt, the silhouette gown, and kneelet, and other sensuous additions to the present dress, be attended only by women wearing petticoats—not one, but sufficient to accomplish the purpose for which petticoats were originally intended.

But listen. Not only are the slit skirt, the diaphanous effects, the kneelet, and other of this year's crop of fashions tabooed, but the old-time peekaboo waists is not to be permitted, while the women who attend the alumni meeting are also requested by the superior not to wear décollete, or even narrow cut skirts!

This is the closing of the letter from the superior to the Chicago alumnae: "Also we omitted to say it is our request that, through regard for the distinguished guests and your alma mater, no décollete, elaborate, or narrow-skirted gowns be worn at the reception or any other function of the reunion."

When asked if he had made any request that the clothing of the women at the reunion be modest, Mgr. Bonzano said that he made it a point not to comment on the clothes of the women in speaking to them, as he believed this to be the duty of their pastors.

So, out near Terra Haute this week the women will look sweet and pretty in the garments of years ago, when even the two-step was frowned upon and when the tango would have been plenty of excuse for never speaking to a person again.

LETTER FROM MR. C. J. FOY

Perth, August 30th, 1918 To the Editor of The Citizen, Ottawa, Ont.—On my return to Perth after an absence of several weeks I have been shown a copy of your paper issued August 9th 1918, and have perused the letter contained therein of G. W. O'Boyle, Cantley, Que.

I have not had an opportunity of seeing a copy of your paper in which an account of the picnic held at Chelsea, August 2nd, 1918, appears, and which purports to give a synopsis of my address on that occasion.

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the inalienable right to worship his Creator according to the dictates of his own conscience and the free and untrammelled exercise of his religious beliefs.

HOLocaust AVERTED

Illustrating one of the many virtues of metal ceilings, the statement of Dr. F. L. Henry of Oshawa is interesting. "Had it not been for the Pedlar Perfect Metal Ceiling installed in the basement of my three storey block the whole building would have gone up."

The proprietor went down to investigate and struck a match, the electric light being out of commission and the resulting fire was very fierce but owing to the good work of the Fire Department it was confined to the basement but it certainly would have spread to the up-stairs before their arrival had it not been for the metal ceiling in the room."

Many shops in this town could illustrate this example, improve the appearance of their store room and materially lessen the fire risk.

MALLOCK AND THE CHURCH

Writing in the Nineteenth Century, of London, several years ago, W. H. Mallock, the famous non-Catholic philosopher, said by way of preface to a series of erudite articles: "I shall endeavor to show that if the Christian religion holds its own at all in the face of secular knowledge, it is the Christian religion as embodied in the Church of Rome, and not in any form of Protestantism, that will survive in the intellectual contest."

These are the words of Rev. Russell H. Conwell, the well-known lyceum lecturer, spoken to his Protestant flock from his pulpit in Philadelphia.

"I remember having been in Rome in 1868, alone without a friend, and the Roman fever upon me. I staggered back to my hotel, went up to my little room, and gave myself up to the fever."

"I remember nothing of the succeeding days until I opened my eyes one morning; the sun was shining in and over me was leaning a sweet faced Sister of the Roman Catholic Church. Her hand was upon my head, and as I looked up into that sacred face, seemingly so devoted to God, and looking into those womanly eyes so human, so spiritual, and felt the touch of that hand upon my forehead, I believed it was an angel sent of God to me."

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hand upon my forehead, I believed it was an angel sent of God to me. "All through the years since that Roman fever, I have dreamed frequently that I was sick again, that my eyes opened once more, and I looked into that sacred face, and felt again the touch of that motherly hand. To me it was Christian. Although we differed in denomination, and although I could not approve of her Church, yet that act was Christianity pure and simple. God let His blessing come upon me, and I stand in this pulpit to testify of His goodness then, in sending that Sister to care for an entire stranger, one she had never seen before, and one she has never seen since."

K. K. CALUMET ISLAND.—The man whom you inquire about was never a priest, nor, of course, a monk. He was accepted by the monks to make a theological course but was dismissed when they found he had a fondness for eating poppy leaves that grew in the garden. He is to some extent chaperoned by a Baptist preacher in Ottawa. He has a little shop on Bank street in that city where he sells anti-Catholic literature, but no one takes any notice of him.

PRIEST MAYOR OF LAPEER

In the "Interesting People" department of the July American Magazine appears an article about Father Patrick R. Dunigan, a greatly loved priest who was elected mayor of Lapeer, Mich., by an overwhelming Protestant vote. He did not want to be mayor, but he just could not help it. Following is an extract from the article:

"Father Patrick R. Dunigan is the only Catholic priest mayor in America, perhaps in the world. He is the executive of a city that is overwhelmingly Protestant, whose Catholic population is but 3 per cent. of the town's 4,000 inhabitants. He was elected over the most efficient official city ever had in its history. Of the 721 votes cast at the election only 81 were Catholic. His election was due solely to the personality and character of the man; to his labors as a citizen for the common good of the community."

"His people have given him the title 'Believer in Men,' and it is an apt one. He is often heard to say, 'Treat the other fellow as if he had a soul; he has, you know.'

"You are as apt to see him in a foundry as in his home, in the railroad yards as on the street; in the factories or on the country roads as in his church; meeting men talking to them and understanding them; encouraging, advising and helping them in their ambitions or troubles. The winter last year was a very severe one in his locality. Yet Father Dunigan was on the lonely, frozen roads, visiting the sick, assisting the needy, for twenty-six of the thirty-one long nights of January. He takes no thought of his personal comfort, his concern is only for his people, and every soul that resides within the boundaries of his parish is one of his people. Protestant or Catholic, Christian or atheist, all are human, and this man loves humanity in the true sense of the word."

"Father Dunigan is the founder of the present Commercial Club of the city; is chairman of its executive committee, and perhaps its most active worker. No man in the history of Lapeer has been more interested in its advancement, commercially, socially and religiously, or has expended more time, labor, energy and money to accomplish this endeavor, than he. His unflinching interest in his town and his people has endeared him to all. He is the first citizen of his city."

IS MISUNDERSTOOD CARDINAL GIBBONS EXPLAINS HIS POSITION ON SUFFRAGE Utterances of Cardinal Gibbons on his arrival in Chicago for a day's visit before attending a meeting of the Federated Catholic societies in Milwaukee inspired Illinois suffragists to hope that his opposition to women voting was abating, in spite of the aged prelate's reiteration that he disagreed with the idea.

After greeting Archbishop Quigley, whose guest he was, the Cardinal chatted briefly with reporters. Equal suffrage was mentioned. "Well, suffrage will come of course. I guess it is inevitable. The views I speak are solely mine, not those of the Church, which has not passed on the question and probably will not," the Cardinal said.

"My opposition has been misunderstood. I disbelieve in a woman's voting, not because I hold her mentally or morally inferior—far from it. But I am an old-fashioned man, and my ideas on the subject are those of older fashions, when woman was content in working out her ideas in her home, among her children."

"I always have thought women would work greater good in citizenship in being great and good mothers than in being great and crooked politicians. Women are different nowadays. They apply their energies and inflame their capacity with entire seriousness to such things, and motherhood somehow doesn't seem to be as popular as the God-given right once was."

MITCHELL SLIDE-EASY NECKWEAR QUALITY STYLE VARIETY

CARD OF THANKS.—Rev. Father Hogan, pastor of St. Joseph's church, Clinton, desires to return sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously of their time and means to make the picnic, which was held on August 27, such a great success.

DIED HANLEY—At Read, Ont., Aug. 26th, 1918, Mrs. John C. Hanley, aged seventy-five years. May her soul rest in peace.

CROWLEY—On May 23rd, Mary Quinlan, Stratford, relict of the late Patrick Crowley, aged eighty-seven years. May her soul rest in peace.

O'KEEFE—In Seafarth on August 21st, 1918, Margaret Gleason, wife of the late Michael O'Keefe, in her seventy-eighth year. Native of Tipperary, Ireland. May her soul rest in peace.

BIRTHS PAYETTE—At Haileybury, Aug. 30, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Payette, a daughter.

Make up your mind now that not a day shall pass from this day to your last without some act of adoration to the Person of the Holy Ghost, without some act of reparation made to Him for your sins and for the sins of other men.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

CEREMONY OF RECEPTION AND PROFESSION AT ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT, HAMILTON

At 9.30 a. m. on August 30th, the Feast of St. Rose of Lima, the beautiful ceremony of Religious Profession took place in the chapel of St. Joseph's Convent, Park Street, Hamilton. The day dawned bright and fair, and throughout its course fulfilled the morning's promise as it wished to add its lustre to the spiritual joy of the convent, about to become the betrothed of Christ.

Long before the appointed hour, parents, relatives and friends crowded the chapel desirous to receive the new sisters into their arms, accompanied by little maids of honor, Mother Superior, Assistant and the convent choir.

The names of the newly received are Miss Beatrice Murphy of Paris, in religion Sister Mary Germaine; Miss Helen Rodgers of Hamilton, Sister Mary St. Sebastian; Miss Long of Cayuga, Sister Mary Rosalie; and Miss Annie Duggan of Owen Sound, Sister Mary Constantia. Sister Mary St. Ann, formerly Miss Eva Goetz of Kenilworth pronounced her final vows and was received as a member of the Community.

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