

**SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC PRESS**

At the annual meetings of many American Catholic Societies it is generally the custom to draw up resolutions urging the faithful to support whole-heartedly the Catholic press. It is entirely fitting, of course, that such resolutions should be drafted. But there is danger, as experience has shown, of the matter ending there. For on the delegate's return home no marked lengthening is noted, as a rule, in the subscription list of Catholic papers. More resolutions than, however strongly worded, are not enough. A thorough examination is needed of the reasons why the Catholic press does not reach or interest the readers it should, for when these causes are known perhaps a way can be found for their removal.

First of all it will be readily granted, no doubt, that a well-edited Catholic weekly should enter regularly every Catholic home in the land, for such a paper is indeed a "perpetual mission," and one of the most effective antidotes we have for the obtrusive secularism of our age. But, unfortunately, many a Catholic family that is not too poor to purchase daily several sensational papers cannot afford, it seems, to subscribe for their diocesan weekly. Other families there are, however, whose entire income must be spent to buy the actual necessities of life. Now both these classes of households might well be made the objects of a Catholic society's zeal.

Let us suppose, for instance, that a parochial organization maintains a fund that will pay for twenty-five, fifty, or a hundred annual subscriptions to a Catholic weekly—the more the better. Then let a committee be appointed to see that a copy of the paper in question finds its way into some Catholic home which it would not otherwise enter. The parish school, the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, the Holy Name Society, or the Knights of Columbus Council could easily be made the centre for promoting such worthy activities, and the amount of good that could thus be done is quite incalculable.

There is another variety of readers that our Catholic papers do not reach effectively. It consists of those who say, "I would read Catholic periodicals if I only found them interesting. But they are filled, as a rule, with articles that do not appeal to me, and the style contributes to this objection." As to this objection, it would seem that Catholics worthy of the name should be interested in all that concerns the spread of the faith and the advancement of the Church. Catholics to whom such things no longer appeal are making little of the most precious possessions they have, the heritage received from the saints. That means that these Catholics are losing their hold on the world unseen. They should quietly make a readjustment of values.

The contributors to Catholic papers and periodicals are, of course Catholics. Therefore, they always consider from a Catholic point of view, provided the subject admits of such treatment, all questions that come up for discussion, and when current events are commented upon the Catholic attitude of mind will often be in evidence. That is only what the readers of the Catholic papers should expect. But to be "interesting" in the way that the contributors to Sunday supplements, cheap magazines and sensational newspapers succeed in "interesting" those who habitually read them, is a "talent" that the man who writes for Catholic papers has to keep hidden. For while choosing or preparing matter for publication a Catholic editor or journalist, unlike many present-day contributors to secular papers, must observe the Ten Commandments. Consequently, he may not tear to shreds another's fair name, he may not speak lightly of the marriage bond, nor write coarsely and flippantly of the sexual sins. Moreover, he must be careful to tell the truth, and often the truth is not particularly "interesting."

Then, too, the Catholic journalist's habit of mind is cautious and conservative, for he belongs to the Church of the Ages, which has seen many a movement, cease, disintegrate and pass into oblivion. So he is slow to hail with loud acclaim each charlatan who comes forward with a new nostrum for the body politic, and he refuses to endorse every philosophic heresy or economic vagary of the day. It is not hard, indeed, for a writer to be "interesting" who constantly shows a lofty scorn for the laws of orthodox theology, sound reasoning and correct taste.

If matrimony, however, is considered merely a jest, though a poor one; and marital infidelity another, though a good one; if a man's worth is believed to depend on the wealth he possesses, and his happiness to lie in the amount of self-indulgence he can safely enjoy; if there is no such thing as sin, grace, free will, or judgment to come, why then it is very easy for a contributor who holds such opinions to be "interesting." But the writings of such men are ~~unwisely~~ barred from Catholic papers and periodicals. Our conscientious editors and journalists labor under the handicap of writing to a great extent on topics that are not agreeable reading to large classes of men to-day and of driving home old-fashioned principles of truth and morality that are not especially "popular" with the present generation.

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But to assert that those who contribute to Catholic journals are, for the most part, dull and unattractive writers, is far from the truth. All honor to the noble multitude of men and women who have brought fine abilities to the cause of Catholic journalism, and with but meagre compensation are toiling hard to make the pages of our Catholic papers and periodicals bright and readable. Many of these self-sacrificing editors and literary workers could secure from secular dailies higher salaries than those they now receive. But they prefer to devote their lives to the improvement of our Catholic press. There are many other capable Catholic writers, however, whose services could be enlisted in the same cause were the managers of our Catholic weeklies able to pay the rates these writers are accustomed to receive for their work.

But these salaries would doubtless be offered if the circulation of our Catholic papers and periodicals could be made greater. So it is probable that the best way of improving our Catholic press is to widen the circle of its readers. If our laity showed in this practical way their zeal for better-edited Catholic papers, managers would doubtless be quick to raise the standard of their periodicals, and our Catholic Press as a whole would then compare more favorably than it does at present with that of certain European countries. For the defects and deficiencies that lessen the worth and attractiveness of our American Catholic Press are chiefly due, in the opinion of many, to the lack of generous support on the part of the laity. There are other causes, no doubt, but to examine them is not our purpose now. A constantly increasing subscription list will do much to remove all shortcomings. However bright and interesting a paper may be, unless it circulates widely little good will be done. It is like a soul-stirring sermon delivered to empty pews. Therefore, whenever the "Catholic Press" comes up for discussion at the conventions of Catholic Societies let suggestions be invited regarding practical ways of awakening in our laity a keener interest in the improvement of Catholic papers and periodicals. But is not increasing their circulation the best means of heightening their quality?—Writer Dwight, S. J., in America.

If we have a petition to present to august and powerful men, with what respect and deference do we not approach them! How much more profound, then, should be the respect and humility with which we offer our supplication to the Lord God of the Universe.—St. Benedict.

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**SACRED HEART ORDER**

The following beautiful tribute was paid to the nuns of the Sacred Heart on the occasion of their departure from St. John, N. B. in 1897.

To the people of the diocese of London in particular it will have a touching interest at the present time when the convent in this city will be closed for the reason chiefly that their work will be transferred to a larger center. The closing of the London house does not mean that their great work will be lessened in the slightest degree. It is merely a transfer of their field of labor from one part of the country to another. Wherever they go God's blessing goes with them, for their work for His kingdom in this world is known only to Himself. Hearts were touched by their departure from St. John. Hearts will be touched also by their departure from London. We congratulate the Catholics of Vancouver. What we have lost they will gain:

(Mount Pleasant, May 7, 1897.)  
It has all departed from me,  
With the last "First Friday" of May;  
The glory of fair Mount Pleasant,  
Like a vision had passed away.

With the sound of the last soft chiming  
Of its Sanctuary Bell,  
And the last low benediction,  
And faintest farewell!

The Holy Mass and "Sacred Heart,"  
"Sweet Sacrament," and Priest,  
In the dear, dismantled Sanctuary,  
For evermore have ceased!

And our house is left to us desolate,  
Facing the lonely years,  
Its vacant windows staring  
Like eyes that have seen of tears.

From the empty rooms and the study halls,  
And echoing corridors,  
The blessed feet that hallowed them  
Have passed; to evermore!

But the seed of their holy teaching  
And the flowers of their Christ-like ways,  
Is a harvest already ripening  
For their Crown in the after days.

To do will of their Spouse Divine,  
Was their beautiful song by day,  
And when He bidding they leave it all,  
When He tells them that their work is done.

We dare not question His wise kind will  
In the parting and the going;  
But bless Him for all they have been to us,  
And then, wherever they go!

Ah! back to the dear old Convent,  
As the sorrowful years go by,  
The hearts of its faithful children,  
Will longingly, lovingly fly!

Across the dim vista that widens,  
The past and the present before us,  
And the glow of the past spring morning,  
The beautiful days "that have been!"

Will return to the long silent class rooms,  
Each to her own beloved place;  
While the light of a past spring morning,  
Will shine on each quiet face.

And the voice of their vanished teachers  
Sweet with the spell of old,  
Will thrill through the hearing heart-strings,  
With memories manifold.

And into the lofty Chapel,  
Will the long procession go,  
While the light of a past spring morning,  
Climb the steps of their snow.

And the dear Sweet Face of the Sacred Heart  
Looks down as it did of yore,  
And the glow of the past spring morning,  
That will blossom nevermore.

While the sweet choir sings,  
And the sweet old prayers arise,  
And float through the listening silence  
Up to the listening skies.

Fond memory will recall them all,  
The singers whose songs have ceased—  
The gentle Nuns, whose hearts were true,  
The dear kind face of the Priest—  
Will renew the promises fondly made,  
At the close of each past retreat.  
And how in reverent silence  
The Benediction Sweet!

Will cry, in that silent, mystic hour,  
When flesh and soul seem given;  
"We shall meet again, by the grace of God,  
Our blessed, dear, dear Mother!"

"To be their joy, their sweet reward  
Where time nor death can sever,  
The children of His Sacred Heart  
Forever and forever!"

JEAN E. U. NEALE  
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**CONTRAST**

On a Broadway car recently three passengers sat alongside of each other with aims in life as diametrically opposed to each other as the poles. One of the three passengers was a man with a countenance that even charity would forbid one classing it as pleasing to look upon. He was reading a copy of The Menace a sheet which is widely distributed to thousands of non-subscribers and has for its main purpose the creation of hatred among men and women of every community by reviling the religion of one class and calling the followers of it "the dupes."

The two other passengers referred to were Sisters of Charity, who also were reading. But the matter was of a widely different character. Their well-worn "office" books were in their hands and they were passing the time asking the grace of God in their vocation of serving Him and their fellow-men. Their faces showed the predominance of the spiritual and they were pleasing to look upon. We do not know whether they saw their seat companion or not. But it would not matter he was the object of their prayers and their works as well as others.

Which of the two pictures appeals to the fair-minded non-Catholic citizen and what is his opinion of the publication named, of which he may be a recipient?—Catholic Universe, Cleveland.

**DEATH OF MOTHER M. BORGIA**

We regret to chronicle the death of Mother M. Borgia, member of the Ursuline Order in Chatham, Ont., which took place on the 28th ultimo. Mother Borgia was formerly Miss Margaret O'Neill of London, sister of the late E. J. O'Neill, for many years a prominent barrister of this city. May her soul rest in peace!

**CURED BY ST. ANNE**

While belief in the occurrence of miracles outside of those related in Holy Writ is not obligatory, the majority of Catholics recognize there are supernatural acts performed by God through His humble instruments the saints, and even holy persons who are still in the flesh. And when He deigns to strengthen our faith by working the humanly impossible, performing a miracle where all who can read, we bless and praise His Holy Name for His kindness towards us and His infinite charity towards an afflicted person.

Always our wonder is awakened when some bodily ill is cured, some personal danger averted, though greater things are wrought daily by the hand of God in saving souls from eternal perdition. But we are only human, but children, and cry out over the cure that is apparent while remaining unmoved over the cleansing of the more dangerous hidden sore.

So to be present at the miraculous curing of an afflicted person is a holy privilege; to enjoy it we would say many a round of the rosary. But only a few are favored, and Miss Anna McNamara of this city experienced the inestimable joy of witnessing two miracles performed at St. Anne de Beaupre.

The first occurred on the morning of July 24th, the favored person being a girl of fourteen who had been a cripple from babyhood. Miss McNamara describes the girl as being woefully afflicted, her legs so twisted and drawn up to her body as to oblige her to walk more like a frog than a human being. The girl with the help of her crutches limped up to the altar side by side with Miss McNamara, who, as she told the writer, thought it was asking a great deal of good St. Anne to effect a cure for one so humanly hopeless. But "the good grandmother," as the pious French habitants lovingly call the Blessed Virgin's mother, acting for her divine Grandson, touched her

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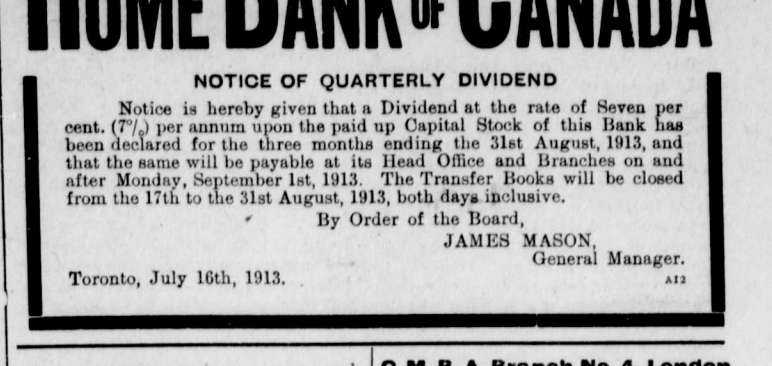
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