

REFUSE APPROVAL TO REACTIONARIES

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine (Cologne Correspondent, N. G. W. C.)

The German Bishops at the annual meeting in Fulda took occasion to deny that ecclesiastical approbation had been given to several ultra-reactionary organizations which have sought to recruit Catholic members. Protagonists of some of these organizations such as the "Jungdeutscher Orden" and "Stahlhelm" have been disseminating reports that their societies had obtained Catholic approval. The Bishops' statement on this issue reads:

"It is not the province of the Bishops to recommend any union or organization which has beautiful statutes but whose development cannot yet be foreseen. The Fulda Bishops' Conference particularly declines to say that membership in organizations such as those named, is free from objection. On the contrary, it has good reason to exhort Catholics to support the unions which have been already approved by ecclesiastical authorities. The good things which the organizations named purport to stand in the field of patriotic education and moral discipline are objects for which the Catholic unions have worked many years. But there are still tasks and duties of more importance and greater value for the youth of the present day."

Catholic papers have published strong editorials praising the Bishops' stand. It is generally believed that the organizations which the Bishops declined to approve are suffering from an exaggerated nationalism and are, as a matter of fact, only disguised branches of the German-Nationalist, Deutsche-Volkische, and other parties of the Hitler-Ludendorff type.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

OUR DUTY TO THE MISSIONS
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

We have been passing through a period of depression, unequalled in the history of this country, which has been felt severely by all classes of the community. People in general have, as a consequence, become more conservative in the way of giving. Money has not been spent as freely as in the past years and it is not extraordinary that Extension Society should feel the effect of the general restriction.

Notwithstanding all this, the work of Extension must go on and the ever increasing demands from the missions must be met. We must continue to make sacrifices to bring God and religion nearer to our brethren who are striving, in the face of great difficulties, to go forward in the development of our country.

At the beginning of each of a number of succeeding years we have hoped that the worst was over, that things would begin to improve. Now with the probability of an early settlement among the nations of the world, with the assurance of good crops all over Canada and the prospect of high prices for our produce, there already seems to be an air of optimism dispelling the clouds of depression.

In the meantime we are obliged to continue emphasizing the necessity of assistance for this work of the missions in which the Extension Society is engaged—for it is God's own work. It is very difficult for Catholics enjoying all the privileges of the Church to understand the desolation of those deprived of these means of grace. So we must plead with them to give us help in the all important work of making God better known and loved. We cannot afford to close up our hearts to the cries of our brethren for spiritual help. "Preach the Gospel to every creature. . . Behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." He that believeth and is baptized will be saved; but he that believeth not will be condemned." These are the commands of Christ to the Church. This is the commission which she received for her mission among men. The enemies of the

Church are never idle. They are sowing the seeds of error and re-warding her work. We can, by giving to Extension, help in her development and expansion. This is a business which concerns us, and what excuse shall we be able to give if our duty be neglected?

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An examination of the figures will further show that very many people who had previously voted for Prohibition had, after several years' trial, decided that the time had come for a change.

Why?
Not because it was desired to revert to the old "Bar" system of drinking.
Not because there was any question about the universal desire for temperance, respect for law, and decent environment for the children.
Not because the public conscience had become deadened.

But Because:
There had grown a feeling, amounting to a conviction, that Prohibition was not living up to the prophecies of those who had advocated its adoption, and that it was creating evils as great as those it pretended to subdue, but much more difficult to deal with.

Thoughtful men and women do not ignore what they experience and observe. It is generally agreed that a step was taken in the right direction when the public drinking bar was abolished. But the good of that step has been challenged by the enormous traffic done by the Bootlegger and the huge output of the home-brewer and illicit distiller.

The Moderation League proposes to hold to the good that has been accomplished, but to meet squarely the challenge of the Bootlegger and the Moonshiner. It created him, and keeps him alive. Prohibition does not frighten the Bootlegger. It created him, and keeps him alive. Does anyone doubt how the Bootlegger will vote on October 23rd? Does anyone think that if the Bootlegger could be assured that present conditions would last for, say, ten years he would not greatly extend his business, and become even more daring in his operations?

In the meantime the Bootlegger has grown wealthy and powerful. No matter what is done he will not now be easily abolished. Drinking continues on a scale the magnitude of which is unsuspected by the ordinary citizen, and consequences, which do not find their way into statistics, but are nevertheless disastrous to the individuals concerned and to the community, follow.

The decent, self-respecting and law-abiding citizen has been penalised, but the orgies of the other class, provided they are conducted with sufficient secrecy, have remained unchecked. The Province is also losing the huge revenue which those who desire to use liquor, properly and moderately, are willing to pay for the privilege.

Can the Province afford to lose this revenue? Can it continue to ignore the conditions being created on every side?

The answer lies with the electorate.

With many of the ideals of Prohibition the Moderation League of Ontario is in entire sympathy. The only motive underlying the activities of the League is that of a sincere desire to promote the interests, social, financial, and moral of the Province. There is no wish to provoke controversy or ill-feeling. Appeal is made to the experience and observation—not to the passions and prejudices—of the people of Ontario. It is contended that there exist sufficient grounds obvious to anyone who does not wilfully close his eyes to them and regarding which there is no difference of opinion, to justify the position taken by the League.

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