

a great crucifix and, before he extinguished the lights, Bernard knelt a moment in front of it.

"power," in the political sense, but a deepening of the spiritual life of her own people and the winning of more and more of those outside the fold to the one faith, for the greater glory of God and the happiness and salvation of mankind.—Catholic Transcript.

THE STORY OF CHRIST

BY GIOVANNI PAPINI

PAPINI'S PRAYER TO CHRIST

TRANSLATED BY VERONICA DWIGHT From the Italian of Papini's "Life of Christ," With the Author's Consent and Approval. American Press, New York.

The bestial love of every man for himself, of every class for itself, of every people for itself alone, is even more blind and gigantic after the years wherein hate covered the earth with fire, with smoke, with trenches and with bones.

Everywhere a chaos in commotion, a murmur without hope, a swarm that makes the foul air stink, a restlessness discontented with everything and above all, with its own discontent.

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A NON-CATHOLIC THRILL

The Catholic News found an article recently in which it tells that a leading non-Catholic journalist, Frederick C. Spurr, contributes both to the British Weekly and the Christian World his impressions of a visit to Cologne.

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In this foul filth all faiths perish and wither away. The world practices but one religion, that which recognizes the most high trinity of Wotan, Mammon, and Priapus.

There are no longer monarchies nor republics. Every order is but glitter and imitation. Plutocracy and Demagoguery, sisters in spirit and in aim, fight for domination over the seditious orders which are ill-served by salaried Mediocrity.

Thou knowest these things, Christ Jesus, and Thou seest that again is come the fulness of time wherein this feverish and bestial world

deserves either to be punished by a deluge of fire, or saved by Thine intercession. Alone Thy Church, the Church founded by Thee on the Rock of Peter, the only one that deserves the name of Church, the unique and universal Church which speaks from Rome with the infallible word of Thy Vicar, emerges once more, strengthened by assaults, made greater by schisms, rejuvenated by the ages, from the furious and muddy sea of the world.

Thou didst say once: "If one is alone, I am with him. Roll back the stone and thou wilt find me there. Cut into the wood and here am I." But to find Thee in the stone and in the wood there must be the will to seek Thee and the power to see Thee.

More than once Thou didst appear to the living after the Resurrection. To them that believed that they hated Thee, to them that would have loved Thee even hadst Thou not been the Son of God, Thou hast shown Thy face, and hast spoken with Thy voice.

THE END.

TRIFLING WITH FAITH

Too many Catholics hold their faith too lightly, and do not appreciate at anything like its true value this most precious of all gifts.

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constituted authority in the Church, have a faith that is rapidly dying and that needs a miracle to save and restore it.

A LESSON FOR CATHOLICS

A trolley car is a good place in which to study men.

The incident cited tells its own story. It reminded us of another incident which had been told to us a few days before.

There was a traveling salesman who had been selling goods for his firm in the South for many years.

After the merchant had gone over the short, but respectable, list of Catholics, the salesman said:

"Mr. So and So, you have known me a long time. I want you to tell me what you think of me.

The merchant laughed. "Jack," he said, "you know I think the world of you. I have been dealing with you for twenty years and I never would think of buying your line of goods from any other fellow."

AMERICANS AT DUBLIN HORSE SHOW

Dublin, Ireland.—Many American visitors have flocked into Dublin for the great Dublin Horse Show.

The name of the event gives no idea of its range, for it covers every phase of Irish life, industrial, social and artistic.

the chief national patron of art. Father Conroy of Killoe, County Longford, is at the show with a model village of Irish peasants who unconcernedly go through their ordinary day's work and then amuse themselves singing and dancing—all in the presence of the sight-seers.

The famous Irish outside cars have been a vanishing curiosity in latter years, but the show has tried to give them new life.

SAVES CATHOLIC PAPER

Paris, France.—About one month ago the Courier du Pas-de-Calais, a Catholic paper published in Arras, found itself in serious financial straits as a result of the increased cost of labor and paper.

Although the population to which he addressed his appeal was not rich, every heart was touched. Abbe Laroche writes as follows of the result of his energetic action:

"In a few days I have received 600 responses from the poor and humble, from priests whose cassocks are green with age, from laborers who earn their bread by the sweat of their brow, from clerks earning only 300 francs a month, from men in workmen's blouses who have brought me notes for 100, 500 and even 1,000 francs—notes which have already made a total of 500,000 francs.

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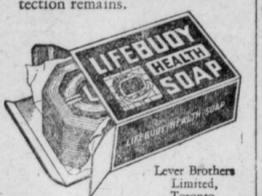
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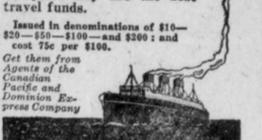
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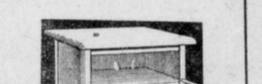
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