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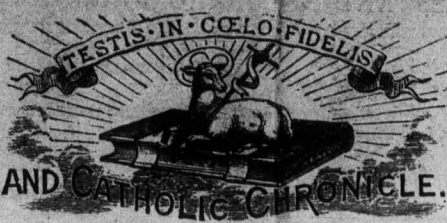
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## The Omnipotence of Journalism.

(By Vox Urbis, in "Rome.")

A recent number (December 7) of the "Civiltà Cattolica" contained an article which may well be numbered among the most interesting and important of those that have appeared in the great Jesuit Review during the fifty-eight years of its existence. It is not a long article—it fills only sixteen pages of the Civiltà; it is not a profound article—any man or woman who can read a newspaper will be able to understand every word of it; it is not an article that reveals any truth hitherto concealed from thinkers—when you have read it, you recognize that the sixteen pages of it hardly contain a fact that you did not already know; there is not (at least on the surface) any special brilliancy of style about it—in fact it leaves on you the (mistaken) impression that you could write as good and article yourself. It is called "The Omnipotence of Journalism," and it begins with the pregnant sentence: "The world is governed by public opinion, and this is journalism." Nine-tenths of those who read newspapers allow their editors to do their thinking for them, and, as the Civiltà writer concisely puts it, "in public life to-day there is no other criterion of truth, honesty, uprightness, justice, except that which is coined and administered by journalism."

In Catholic countries where Catholics have been alive to this truth the Church and the cause of religion more than hold its own. The German Catholics have used the press to such good purpose that they have been able to form the great Center Party, to put an end to the Kulturkampf, to send Bismarck to Cannossa, to organize the people politically, socially, economically. "German Catholics," said Dr. Barth at the Catholic Congress of Hatisbon, "had with them a great gift from heaven as a harbinger of better days of firm and faithful unity, and unwavering constancy in the struggle, of defence of the supreme interests of the people and of humanity. This gift is the Catholic press, robust, skilful, aggressive. Both as to quality and quantity it has developed until it has become a power in public life which cannot be ignored."

In the course of fifty years the number of newspapers resolutely Catholic has increased from five or six to nearly three hundred and thirty, and the subscribers who after 1870 were not more than fifty or sixty thousand divided among about a score of newspapers have since then increased to hundreds of thousands and millions. The result is that the public opinion of German Catholics is respected in Germany.

forget that besides all these needs there is one which by the force of things surpasses all the rest, that is the diffusion of the Catholic press. If the Catholic press is not sufficiently supported, encouraged, raised to the position it ought to occupy, the churches, if they be not burned, will be deserted, the congregations will be multiplied only to be driven out, and the charitable institutions and the schools themselves will be taken away from the religion that founded them. If the Catholics put at the head of all their works that of the press, as is being done in Germany, if they devote two or three millions of francs to it every year, it is safe to say that everything would change at once, and that the faith would spring up again in hundreds of thousands of intelligences.

Alas! Alas!

What has happened in France will most certainly happen in Italy unless something is done. The "Corriere d'Italia" of Rome, the "Momento" of Turin, the "Avvenire d'Italia" of Bologna, are the only important Catholic newspapers in the whole of Italy. For every person that reads the three or four papers that are fed daily on the truculent anti-clericalism of papers like the "Mattino" or who breathe the more subtle poison of organs like the "Giornale d'Italia." The whole Catholic world must have been shocked on learning a few weeks ago that Rome, the capital of the Christian universe, had fallen into the hands of the anti-clericals. Many explanations of this fact have been advanced—but there is one fact which as itself suffices to explain the ugly phenomenon: There is only one Catholic newspaper in Rome, while there are half a dozen organs that avow more or less openly their hostility to the Church and the Holy See. Treating of Italian journalism the writer in the Civiltà concludes: "If Catholic journalism is not developed, in such a way as to wrest from anti-clerical journalism the monopoly of public opinion, history will have to tell our grandchildren that in the twentieth century Italy was reduced so low as to become a mere tail-piece of Jacobin and decadent France."

The article in the Civiltà makes no reference to the influence of journalism upon Catholicism in English speaking countries. The English press is almost unanimously anti-Catholic—of malice prepense; the American press not infrequently shows a similar tendency—mainly through ignorance and because its Catholic news from Europe comes to it mostly from tainted sources. In short, it may be affirmed that throughout the whole civilized world public opinion is useless, when it is not openly hostile to the Catholic religion. It would be absurd to put the blame of this on "the Church," but it would be idle to deny that wealthy and influential Catholics have not considered the matter sufficiently. It is not necessary, perhaps it is not even possible to have great Catholic dailies in the United States or in England, but even short of this a great deal might be done to reform the tone of the press in a Catholic sense. Whenever possible there should be some Catholic shareholders in great newspapers, and in great news-agencies. Catholic readers should make themselves felt whenever their favorite newspaper shows a tendency to go wrong; Catholic advertisers should have nothing to do with journals that are ill-disposed to the Church. A great many other things might be done, but first of all the importance of the subject should be brought home to those who are able to influence the situation.

In past times everything that could influence the human mind was employed in the service of the Church, and of religion—painting, sculpture, architecture, literature, poetry, philosophy; even to-day oars are making untold sacrifices to throw a religious influence around the education of the young.

Louis Veullot used to say: "If I knew that the world was to end to-morrow, I would think first of all getting out my paper, with the certainty that this last effort would not be useless." Is it not deplorable that we think so little of the perpetual, pervading, all-embracing influence of the daily press?

## Annual Meeting of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society.

On Sunday afternoon last St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society's annual meeting took place. The members listened to a forcible address by Father McShane, who took occasion to express his pleasure at meeting with them, and urged them to carry on the good work in a manner befitting such an organization. He maintained that while the priest is doing his best to further the ends of a certain work, through the pulpit, confessional or by active effort as spiritual director, yet he was helpless without the aid, the strong, practical aid of the lay apostolate. He was a power for good. It was for him to make this power felt. The speaker closed by eulogizing Father Killoran's work in the society's interest. After routine business had been transacted, the initiation of new officers took place resulting as follows: Spiritual director, Rev. J. Killoran; president, M. J. O'Donnell; first vice-president, W. E. Neilan; second vice-president, T. R. Stevens; recording secretary, J. J. Tynan; asst. recording secretary, R. J. Dolan; treasurer, J. E. Doyle; financial secretary, M. E. Day; marshal, Jas. J. Milloy; assistant marshal, P. Moore. Committee of management, J. J. Costigan, D. Vallanceau, M. J. O'Regan, E. J. Carroll, Joseph Doyle, John Warren, P. Griffin, J. H. Kelly, John Walsh, Walter Costigan, Jas. Easton, Joseph Dolan, Delegates to Temperance Union of Canada, Jas. Easton, W. P. Doyle, J. H. Kelly, M. O'Donnell, sr., John Walsh.

The grand marshal, Mr. Jas. J. Milloy, was elected to the office for the 26th time.

Then followed speeches by Messrs. O'Donnell, Walsh, Doyle, Easton and Neilan, after which a vote of thanks was tendered to Father McShane for his address to the members, who pledged themselves to help the new pastor in the parish works.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 18th, the annual euchre and social will take place.

## C.M.B.A. Branch 26 Election of Officers.

St. Patrick's Hall, St. Alexander street, was the scene Thursday of a large meeting of Branch 26 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada, when the installation of officers elected for this year took place.

After the regular proceedings of the Branch were concluded, the ceremony of installation took place. Seated on the platform with the installing officer, Grand Deputy T. A. Lynch, were Grand Trustees Bro. Dr. Alex. Germain; Chancellor F. J. Curran (Committee of Laws); Grand Marshal Bro. J. J. Costigan, Grand Deputies Thos. Kane, J. Quinn and F. J. Sears; Chas. E. O'Brien, Br. 54, and Chancellor P. J. Kavanagh, Br. 383. Provincial Grand Deputy Geo. A. Carpenter also assisted.

Addresses were given by the visiting Grand Officers relative to the advancement of the Association in the city and urging upon the newly elected officers to carry on the good work and uphold the record of their Branch, which is considered the parent branch of the C.M.B.A. of Canada in the Province of Quebec.

The following is a list of officers of Branch 26 for the year 1908:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. P. Killoran; Chancellor, Bro. W. H. Hodgson; President, Bro. T. R. Stevens; 1st vice-president, Bro. M. J. Gahan; recording secretary, Bro. R. J. Dolan; financial secretary, Bro. J. J. Costigan; treasurer, Bro. F. J. Sears; marshal, Bro. G. I. Nichols; guard, Bro. James Callahan; Trustees, Chan. Wall, Chan. W. P. Doyle, Bros. John Walsh, T. R. Stevens and J. T. Stevens.

The Grand Officers and visitors of other branches were entertained by the president and officers-elect, the reception taking the form of a "stag euchre," which was conducted by Chancellor W. F. Wall. The winners were: 1st, Bro. J. J. Costigan; 2nd, Bro. F. J. Sears and 3rd, Grand Deputy T. A. Lynch.

## NOTICE.

The Fabrique of the Parish of Holy Angels, Lachine, have decided to enlarge the Catholic Church of this parish, and being duly authorized to this effect, give notice that they will apply to the Quebec Legislature at its next session, to obtain the passing of a law authorizing a special loan with assessments on part of the immovable property of Catholic landowners, to enable them to undertake the cost of the enlargement, and all the expenses proceeding therefrom, create a Syndic office, having all the powers, rights and obligations required and necessary for the purpose of enlargement, assessment and everything required in such cases.

JOS. A. DESCARRIES,  
Cressé & Descarries,  
Attorneys.  
Montreal, Jan. 7, 1908.

## Holy Name Society.

The above-named society will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Name next Sunday at St. Patrick's, with great éclat. At 4.30 in the afternoon the recital of the office will take place, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. In the evening a special preacher will deliver the sermon for the occasion. A large attendance of members is urged.

## Prisoners at Jail Honored by Visit from the Archbishop.

His Grace paid a visit to the Catholic prisoners in the jail on Monday last. At the men's jail he said Mass at 8 o'clock. The chapel had been quite tastefully decorated. His Grace addressed the prisoners, first in English and then in French. He said it was now an established custom, which he trusted, would be continued by his successor, for the Archbishop to visit the prisoners twice a year—first on the occasion of the new year, to give them comfort, and again on Good Friday, to invite them to share in the redemption of Calvary. His Grace eloquently pleaded for temperate lives, and his hearers were deeply affected. Sobs were heard and tears were seen coursing down many cheeks. The good order of the prisoners testified to the splendid discipline of the establishment. During the service a choir of the inmates sang with much effect a number of hymns which called forth congratulatory words from the Archbishop.

Mgr. Duchesne then paid a short visit to the jail infirmary, addressing a few words of comfort to each of the patients there, after which he proceeded to the residence of Governor-Vallee, where he breakfasted.

After breakfast His Grace left to pay a similar visit to the women's jail, and upon leaving Governor-Vallee thanked him warmly for his good and kind words to the prisoners, which, he was sure, would have a most beneficial effect.

## Successful Euchre.

A very successful euchre was held on Tuesday, Jan. 14, under the auspices of the young ladies of St. Ann's Parish. The hall was filled to its capacity, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Following is a list of the prizes, donors and winners:

Sofa cushion, donated by Miss E. Guineau, won by Mrs. C. McGinley. Cut glass berry dish, donated by Aid. T. O'Connell, won by Miss Cherry. Biscuit jar, donated by Miss C. B. Kane, won by Miss Gaffaney. Japanese vase, donated by Mrs. J. Killoran, won by Miss Dineen. Gentlemen's umbrella, donated by Aid. D. Gallery, won by Mrs. Kennehan. Crucifix, donated by Miss Hughes, won by Mrs. Doyle. Set military brushes, donated by Misses Flynn, won by Mr. Robert Brown. Pickle jar, donated by Miss M. A. Ellis, won by Mr. McDonald. Ladies' umbrella, donated by Mr. Thomas Mahoney, won by Mr. F. Curran. Golf sweater, donated by Mr. Leo G. Ryan, won by Mr. Duffy. Bottle of perfume, donated by Miss N. Moore, won by Mr. McCarthy. Cakes, donated by Miss Taylor, won by Mr. McMullin. Consolation prizes won by Miss Shea and Mr. Denis O'Connor.

The committee in charge of the euchre take this opportunity to express their sincere thanks to all those who so kindly contributed to its success.

## Annual Report of Hospital for Incurables.

The annual report of the Hospital for Incurables at Notre Dame de Grace has just been published. It shows that during the past year all the accommodation in the establishment was taken advantage of, the doors being open to all creeds and nationalities. From July 1, 1906, to July 1, 1907, 309 men patients were admitted; 163 died, and 145 were cured.

The principal nationalities were represented as follows:—French-Canadians, 193; Irish, 58; English, 16; Hebrews, 11; Scotchmen, 8; Frenchmen, 7; others, 16.

As regards religion, on a total of 1237 persons admitted during the past seven years, the Roman Catholics numbered 1080, and the other religions 197.

The staff of the hospital includes 33 sisters, 10 lay sisters, 18 nurses and 15 servants.

The financial statement for the year 1906-07 shows the receipts to have been \$50,007 and the expenses \$46,196, leaving a balance of \$3,809. The debt on the establishment, which was \$226,000 in 1903, has been reduced to \$157,796.

## Linotypes in the Vatican.

According to a press despatch, following the installation of electric lighting and heating apparatus, the Vatican has now installed linotypes in the papal printing house. Cardinal Merry del Val assisted in the work of placing the new machines, and is now giving them his personal supervision. The Pope, who has expressed a desire to watch the working of the linotypes, will shortly pay a visit to the printing house.

## Bustling Business

If you haven't attended our sale, don't delay. We have special bargains in men's furnishing every day this month. 20% discount is taken off every sale, but we are giving 25% and 30% on some lines. On sale now—Natural all wool underwear, regularly sold for 90c. Sale price 66c. Clergymen—Roman Collars in all sizes.

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## Rev. T. O'Reilly Recipient of Testimonial.

The Rev. T. O'Reilly, recently appointed curate at St. Patrick's Church, after acting as chaplain to the Hotel Dieu for seven years, was made the recipient last Sunday afternoon of a purse and address by those who had been in the habit of attending the chapel of that institution. About seventy-five gathered at the Hospital, where an address was read by Mr. Frank Curran, expressing the tender feelings entertained by those present, and presenting a purse which was a token of deep regard and gratitude.

Father O'Reilly replied most feelingly. The French-speaking congregation who had been ministered to by Father O'Reilly presented an address which was delivered by Mr. Fabre Survever. The pleasant meeting was brought to a close by the rev. gentleman administering his blessing.

## ST. BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.

Report for week ending Sunday, 12th Jan.: Irish, 158; French, 34; English 26; other nationalities, 40. Total, 258. All had a night's lodging and breakfast.

## IN MEMORIAM.

A solemn Anniversary Service will be chanted in St. Ann's Church on Tuesday, 21st of January, at 8 a.m., for the happy repose of the soul of the late Mrs. John Kane, who died on the 31st of December, 1904. Friends and relatives are kindly invited. May her soul rest in peace.

## WEAK TIRED WOMEN

How many women there are that get no refreshment from sleep. They wake in the morning and feel tired when they went to bed. They have a dizzy sensation in the head, the heart palpitates; they are irritable and nervous, weak and worn out, and the lightest household duties during the day seem to be a drag and a burden.

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## NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the Legislature at its next session, to obtain a charter of incorporation to them and all such persons becoming shareholders in the company, under the name of "Hotelaga Insurance Company".

The object of the proposed company is to transact all kinds of insurance and reinsurance against fire and its consequences, plate-glass, steam boiler, live stock and to insure property rights and interests of all kinds, and to perform all matters and things connected with such objects and suitable to the accomplishment thereof.

Montreal, January 9th, 1908.  
Henri Wilfrid Ouchart,  
J. M. Robitaille,  
H. Landry,  
M. E. Bourcier,  
Pierre-Auguste Hubert.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, for the incorporation of the "Third Order of Saint Francis, Saint Patrick's Fraternity," as a religious and philanthropic corporation, with power to hold real estate, and for such other powers as may be necessary or incidental thereto.

BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN,  
Attorneys for Applicants.  
Montreal, 15 January, 1908.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, District of Montreal. Application will be made at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, for the incorporation of the "Third Order of Saint Francis, Immaculate Conception Sisterhood," as a religious and philanthropic corporation, with power to hold real estate and for such other powers as may be necessary or incidental thereto.

BEAUDIN, LORANGER, ST. GERMAIN & GUERIN,  
Attorneys for Applicants.  
Montreal, 15 January, 1908.

NOTICE is hereby given that the estate of the late William Kerr will apply to the Quebec Legislature, at its next Session, to obtain an Act to ratify a deed of sale by the testamentary executors and fiduciary legatees of the late Honorable Sir George Etienne Cartier, et al, to M. F. Browne & Parley, executed before J. L. Ouellet, notary, the 5th May, 1874.

For the interested parties,  
L. LYMAN,  
Attorney.  
Montreal, 17th December, 1907.

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