

to obtain peace on their own account which would involve separation from Turkey and the setting up of an independent State under Greek protection.

THE WOMAN LABOR PROBLEM

Joseph Hunslein, S. J., in America

The problem of woman labor has become of permanent interest and importance. The world War has but lent it an added significance.

It is true none the less that women often held a place in the trade guilds and there is mention even of a craft of women goldsmiths.

The first oppressive labor statutes against women that have come to the writer's notice were those enacted by a woman.

Woman's more general entrance into the industrial field, outside of the home or away from domestic service, was to follow upon the invention of machinery.

For generations woman was to furnish the "cheap labor" of the world. She was to be placed in competition, not merely with men and with her own sex, but with the newly invented machinery itself.

While the new form of sweated labor did not elevate woman, it degraded man through her.

the entire family would face starvation. It was shown that the price of the necessities of life are higher than ever before in the history of the United States.

"It's, oh, to be a slave along with the black man, Turk," if this is Christian work. Child labor is closely connected with oppressive woman labor.

With the mother forced to sweated labor, the child was soon obliged to help her. The poor mother entering the factory, the child was made to follow.

Lisabette, Marianina, Fiametta, Teresa. They are winding stems of roses, one by one, one by one.

Thus for the sake of the unholy dollar were mothers and children alike oppressed and their souls and bodies left blighted and stunted.

Labor unionism has for its own self-protection earnestly worked at the total elimination of child-slavery and of the unnatural conditions and interminable hours of woman labor.

As regards the enactment of minimum wage laws we must, however, clearly distinguish between the lowest wage that may be paid to the adult woman and that which may be paid to the adult male laborer.

Testimony has been adduced which shows that in many instances the children were compelled to work or

THE WORKMAN AND THE CHURCH

"How draw workmen to the Church?" Such is the question Vida D. Scudder, in her article written for the September number of the American Church Monthly.

"It's the same near me," says a lady from Connecticut in confirmation. "I hear the patter of their feet at six in the morning."

The fact is undeniable. But how explain the obvious contrast between Protestant and Catholic churches? This puzzled the learned meeting.

But there is a solution. And it can be no other than the fact that the Catholic Church, not merely dates back historically through her unbroken line of Pontiffs, to the days of Christ and His Apostles, but that she is the only Church that has preserved intact every word of His teaching and every institution of His Divine love for man.

The Church has done much for the workman, but there is doubtless much more that as Catholics we can and must do for him.

ACTS OF HEROISM AT SOUTH AMBOY

Among the hundreds of men and women who came to the assistance of the unfortunate victims of the munition's plant explosion near South Amboy Oct. 25th, none rendered more heroic service than Father Quinn of St. Mary's Church of that city.

When the first explosion was heard Father Quinn was conducting services. He immediately left the altar and ran to the scene, and wherever possible administered the last rites of the Church.

Many acts of heroism were performed by the relief workers. Early in the evening of Friday the first rescue work was done in the hospital at the works.

tongues of flame flared every few minutes, and the groans of the wounded filled the air. To add to the horror the electric lights gave out four times and left the relief workers and their patients in darkness.

CHURCH ESSENTIAL

TO NEW THEORIES OF WORLD POLITICS

CARDINAL GIBBONS WRITES INTRODUCTION TO HANDBOOK OF NATIONAL WAR COUNCIL

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24, 1918.—In the "Preface" of the Handbook of the National Catholic War Council, just issued, His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons says the following glowing tribute to this organization which was created to serve as best it might the co-ordination of Catholic activities to afford means for a systematic study of national problems, and to offer a national co-operation of the civic, social and moral agencies of the Church in the present emergency.

"This Handbook is written primarily for the purpose of describing in brief outline the causes which brought about the National Catholic War Council into being and the problems which face the Catholic Church of the United States during the present War.

What disturbs the life of the world is liberty, to change the whole world, and it is our duty to lend the full force of this nation, moral and physical, to a league of nations which shall see to it that nobody disturbs the peace of the world without submitting his case first to the opinion of mankind.

In the world today the strongest response to this new internationalism must come from the Church of the ages. The Catholic Church cannot remain an isolated factor in the nation. The Catholic Church possesses spiritual and moral resources which are at the command of the nation in every great crisis.

"This Handbook has been designed to assist in this co-operation. I recommend it most heartily to the Hierarchy, to the clergy, and to our faithful people as a form of their activity."

CATHOLIC WOMEN VOTERS

The Catholic women of New York are to be congratulated on the establishment of a course of lectures on American citizenship, its privileges and its duties.

The course is intended for women, but why cannot a similar course be arranged for men, not only in New York, but throughout the country?

There is no reason whatever to believe that it would be superfluous, and every reason to think that, if party politics were rigidly excluded, it would be a great help towards building up a wall of defense for every community in which it might be established.

keenly responsive to the action of the citizen at the polls, and a poorly governed community is the almost necessary consequence of an ill-instructed or careless electorate.

Woman has had no generous chance to show what she will do with the franchise in New York, but it is quite certain that the course of lectures will be attended, the monopoly of wisdom will not be with the male voter.

REMEMBER THE FATE OF THE FALLEN

SERMON BY ARCHBISHOP GLENNON

The Introit of the Mass today is from the Prophet Daniel, who recounts before the Lord the trials of his people, saying as follows: "All that Thou hast done to us, O Lord, Thou hast done in true judgment; because we have sinned against Thee, and we have not obeyed Thy commandments."

The history of Israel is to a great extent the history of the world. Israel was but a small nation—a special favored nation—the nation of election, and of promise; and yet that Israel, because of its sins, was being constantly rebuked and punished by the Almighty, who had made that nation His own.

It would be wrong to say that all the trials the world suffers are to be attributed to Almighty God—it would be incompatible with His mercy and goodness to think that all the world's sorrows are His causing. On the other hand, since He is omnipotent, these world sorrows and trials must be by His permission and so, at least indirectly, the outcome of His judgments. Even this, however, is subject to the criticism of many, who cannot think that even indirectly the God of love should permit the world to be charged with hatred—that a Father should bring trials and sorrows to so many of His children.

So that this third element has to be taken into account—a merciful God—His judgments bringing or permitting tribulations to humanity, that by His permission and so, at least indirectly, the outcome of His judgments.

Perhaps as never before in the history of the world has humanity suffered and tribulations been poured out upon it, as in these latest years, when the volume of hatred and passion rise mountain high, when the holy places are desecrated and destroyed, and when humanity itself is bleeding to death and dragging down with bleeding hands all the works and ways of civilization, which it had so laboriously struggled to create.

These examples point out clearly the leakage from the Church and the need of immediate action to staunch the spiritual death flow. Under the circumstances, it is not to be wondered at, that the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada says: "Our educational work in the West has almost limitless possibilities as far as the extension of the work and its far reachingness is concerned. The only limit is money to take advantage of the many openings."

And yet an impartial survey of the last forty years of history will, I think, reveal the fact that the leading nations had little place for God

and little respect for His commandments. Germany, for instance, worshipped power, France pleasure, England ease, and Italy paganism; while in our category was a blend of them all. And even to-day, though the War has lifted the thoughts of many, the fear and love of God is still far from the hearts of many.

To those who look on war as a punishment—the outcome of sin and the violation of the commandments of God—there shall be, I hope, the consolation that the end of the War will bring us closer to the love and the commandments of God; that the victory for which we are praying, and which it appears soon shall be here, a victory for law, human and divine, and that we who wait and pray shall find when peace has come, that it is going to be the peace of God. Let us remember the fate of the fallen. Over forty years ago they emerged from the Franco-Prussian War the victors, returning home with the booty and spoils of war. They started their career of pride, their greed of gold, their love of extending power. God was not in their reckoning. Not on Him did they rely, but upon the war-like spirit of the nation and the cannon and sword that they fashioned to carve their way to greater victory. And now their high-blown pride has broken. They have gone down to defeat and despair. Has our victory of today such possibilities for us; or may we not learn from the fallen the lesson that even in victory God above is great, eternally alone is lasting, and nations rise or fall as they cling to His law or forget His admonitions.—Church Progress.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

SCHOOLS WANTED

In last week's issue we put before our readers the urgent need of Catholic schools and teachers among the new comers to Canada.

To anyone who has just given the subject even a cursory study, it is evident that we are about to lose thousands upon thousands of Catholic children who have a right in justice and charity to the blessing of the Catholic Church. In fact, we have already lost a very large number from the families of the strangers within our gates.

Schools and teachers in the number demanded by the situation can be supplied adequately only by the systematized self sacrifice of Catholic congregations in well organized sections of Canada.

A few examples will suffice to convince you of the crying need for Catholic educational facilities in the West.

In a western diocese where Catholic schools are maintained only by the voluntary contributions of the Catholic people—Separate Schools not being by law established—some thousands of Catholic foreign children in one city alone attend the public schools to the detriment of their faith and religious practices. The lack of priests accentuates the evil.

A bishop, in the city referred to, told the representative of the Extension Society that of about 9,000 Catholic children of school age only 400 have the blessings of Catholic schools.

The Ruthenian Bishop gives the appalling information that in Canada only about 1,000 Ruthenian children attend Catholic schools. We can grasp the significance of this statement when we bear in mind that during the past year the Ruthenian priests administered Baptism to nearly 10,000 infants.

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On the other hand; Teulon, Man., a foreign centre is being supplied with a Presbyterian school for girls Canora, another centre, a short time

since, through means of a legacy of \$5,000 has been granted a Presbyterian school. And so the story goes and grows as you wander through the Western Provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Dealing with the Catholic foreigners, and particularly the Ruthenians, you are dealing with a people eager to acquire the means of progress in Canada. They are fond of learning and do all in their power to give their children an education. If the Catholic Church does not supply the want, so much the worse for the Catholic Church; sectarian and non-sectarian schools will be filled, and are filled, with the foreign children seeking education.

It is a huge mistake for the Catholic Church in Canada to close their eyes to the future in regard to Catholic Ruthenians. The young Ruthenian today educated outside the guardianship of the Catholic Church will be to-morrow the leader in Western Canada. If we continue to lose him, as we are losing him to-day, tomorrow will be too late to reclaim him when he is a leader in the commercial and professional and political life of the Dominion.

Now is the time and now is the hour to save the situation. In God's Name let us rise from sleep and with wide open eyes behold our opportunities and grasp them; yes, grasp them at least—at least—with the same eagerness as the Presbyterian Mission Society!

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Dear Friends,—I came to Canada to seek vocations for the Chinese Missions which are greatly in need of priests. In my parish alone there are three cities and a thousand villages to be evangelized and only two priests. Since I arrived in Canada a number of youths have expressed their desire to study for the Chinese mission but there are no funds to educate them. I appeal to your charity to assist in founding burses for the education of these and others who desire to become missionaries in China. Five thousand dollars will found a bursar. The interest on this amount will support a student. When he is ordained and goes off to the mission another will be taken in and so on forever. All imbued with the Catholic spirit of propagating the Faith to the ends of the earth will, I am sure, contribute generously to this fund.

Gratefully yours in Jesus and Mary, J. M. FRASER.

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