

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY

In 1901 Pope Leo XIII. in the beginning of his Encyclical on Christian Democracy issued this solemn warning: "The grave dissensions on economic questions which for some time past have disturbed the peace of several countries of the world are growing in frequency and intensity to such a degree that the minds of thoughtful men are filled with worry and alarm."

"These discussions take their rise in the bad political and ethical teachings which are now widespread among the people. The changes also which the mechanical inventions of the age have introduced, the rapidity of communication between places, and the devices of every kind for diminishing labor and increasing gain, all add bitterness to the strife; and lastly matters have been brought to such a pass by the struggle between capital and labor, fomented as it is by professional agitators, that the countries where these disturbances most frequently occur find themselves confronted with ruin and disaster."

Ignoring the principles of justice and charity has brought about the estrangement between labor and capital. A return to Christian principles is the only means that will ever bring them together. Social justice demands that the laborer shall have a decent return for his labor, a living wage, proper housing, and a share in the luxuries as well as the necessities of life; and that capital shall have a fair return on its investment. Christian charity demands that the workman be treated as a man, not as a slave, a hand, a number or a machine.

The one lesson that should be patent to all is that no rapprochement can ever come between capital and labor without the aid of religion. As Pope Leo XIII. has well said: "It is a common error that the social question is merely an economic one, whereas in point of fact it is above all a moral and religious one, and for that reason must be settled by the principles of morality and the dictates of religion. For even though wages are doubled and the hours of labor are shortened and food is cheapened, yet if the workingman harkens to the doctrines that are taught on this subject, as he is prone to, and is prompted by the examples set before him to throw off respect for God and to enter upon a life of immorality, his labors and gains will avail him naught."—The Pilot.

OBITUARY

DEATH OF CHIEF SUPERIOR OF LORETO ABBEY

The Community of Loretto is plunged in deepest grief at the loss of their Chief Superior, Reverend Mother Stanislaus Liddy, Superior General of the Institute of The Blessed Virgin Mary in America, who passed away on Saturday morning, September 6th. Reverend Mother Stanislaus crossed the Atlantic about six weeks ago, in company with M. M. Evangelista of Loretto, Brunswick Ave., Toronto, and three Sisters of the Institute from Australia. The passage was a smooth and pleasant one, and it was hoped that the change of climate and rest from the duties of office would restore her failing health, and enable her to attend to the interests of the Institute there. But after a short stay at Loretto Abbey, Rathfarnham, Dublin, she was attacked by a brief, sharp illness which ended in death.

The Community has received, so far, no particulars of their deceased superior's last days, other than those contained in cable messages. In accordance with her own wish, her remains will receive burial in Ireland, the country in which she was born, and towards which she ever held most loyal and devoted sentiments.

Reverend Mother Stanislaus leaves but two members of her immediate family to mourn her loss.—Mrs. Maloney of Buffalo, her sister, and Miss Maud Maloney, her niece of the same city. But in spite of her life of seclusion from the world, she leaves a host of devoted and life-long friends who ever looked to her for guidance and sympathy. Her sound judgment and her sympathetic self-effacing nature, made a friend of everyone who knew her. A Requiem High Mass was celebrated in the Abbey Chapel on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. May her soul rest in peace.

DIED

LAWLOR.—At Lacquet River, N. B., on Friday, August 22, 1919, Mr. John Lawlor, Sr., aged eighty-two years. May his soul rest in peace.

MARRIED

HARRISON-COWICK.—On Sept. 1, at St. Patrick's Church, Fallowfield, by Rev. Father McCool, Kathleen Mary, (Katie) only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Cowick, of Bell's Corners, Ont., to Claude Leslie Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Arthur Harrison, of Ottawa.

Afflictions pass away with prayer made well, as snow melts before the sun, says the Venerable Cure of Ars. Political whirlwinds of bigotry are no unmixed evil. They serve some useful purpose. They purify the moral atmosphere and clear the spiritual skies; they give observant men a better insight into the uncreated world.—Cardinal Gibbons.

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