

CARDINAL V. VANNUTELLI ON RELIGIOUS IGNORANCE

The Croix of Paris has opened a Symposium on the subject of religious ignorance at the present day, and the editor has been happy in obtaining from His Eminence Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli the following interesting and suggestive letter on the subject:

I congratulate you and highly approve your selection of the theme: Religious Ignorance. I have no doubt but that you will have a wide field of study, interesting and useful, to add to the series of rigid investigations already published in the Croix. You ask for my co-operation in this work of real apostolate, but others will be able to contribute more abundant information. For my part, I can but echo the words of Pius X, which have inspired the main idea of this investigation. Yes: "It is ignorance of divine things which constitutes the chief cause of the present depression and weakness of Souls and of the very grave evils which are the consequence of it." This religious ignorance is to be found everywhere—even in places where one would not suspect its existence. It stands out sometimes in the conversation of the best scholars, under the form of phrases which betray error of such magnitude that it would cause laughter were it not that it causes tears.

M. de Senon has cited some notorious examples of this ignorance, but the evil revealed by him has only continued to grow since his time. In Rome itself one of the most prominent of public men, and one specially distinguished for his declarations of war on the Church and the Papacy, has actually, in a book which made some noise, confused the Immaculate Conception of Mary with the miraculous birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and in this laborer truth, the essential basis of all Christianity, he sees only a document composed by Pius X, in 1854. When a man assumes the role of leader in the war against the Church, he surely ought to feel the elementary duty of knowing at least its principal doctrines.

The diffusion of a too superficial education, coinciding with the war which is being waged on the catechism, the multiplication of the sciences which write with a veneer of religious knowledge in hostile publications, the failure or parents, and especially of mothers, in the duty to instruct their children in the truths of our faith: these are, in my opinion, the chief causes of the spread of the evil which we deplore. It is by studying these causes that the remedy must be found, and first of all it is necessary that the fathers and mothers among the industrial classes endeavour to make their children understand and love the truths of our holy religion. This duty is most urgent especially since the Pontiff has emphasized the traditional theological truth on the communion of children. And parents in order to be able to attend better to this duty of their office should be assiduous and attentive to the instructions given in their parish-churches.

This point seems to me to be essential. But at the same time it would be impossible to encourage too highly every and any kind of institution the scope of which is to make better known the doctrine and the history of our Holy Church. In this sense the newspaper is a powerful instrument for good. I am always glad to recognize how thoroughly you realize this and the efforts made by the Croix which continually diffuses around it love for what is true and what is good. I trust that your work will grow vaster and more efficacious, and the present investigation on religious ignorance will serve admirably for this purpose. With this conviction I offer you my congratulations and my best wishes for a full and fruitful success.—Rome.

VINCENZO CARD. VANNUTELLI.

A NEW HOSPITAL IN ALBERTA

The new general hospital at Vegreville, Alberta, built and to be managed by the Sisters of Charity of Notre Dame D'Evron, will be opened on October 8. The good Sisters occupied part of the priest's house to carry on their charitable work until the new building was completed. The new institution will be a splendid building. The total cost will reach \$35,000. The operating room alone cost \$1,500. The hospital measures thirty six by ninety feet, and comprises three stories, besides the basement, all in solid concrete and brick. It will be heated by steam and electric lights will be installed. An elevator connects the three stories. Bathrooms are furnished for each floor and there are three balconies on the south side and one the facade. A separate department has been established for maternity cases. Forty beds will be installed at the opening; and twenty others will be added as soon as needed.

At a suitable distance from the general hospital there will be an isolated hospital for contagious diseases. The success of the temporary hospital has passed the expectation of the promoters, who are encouraged thereby to make the hospital one of the best in the North West. The good parish priest, Father Bernier, to whom credit is due for this splendid work, wishes to thank all those who have assisted him by their contributions and sympathy.

Keeping the Sexton Straight

The Vicar of St. John's, Wingates, Lancashire, expects a good deal of his sexton. He asked the man to sign an agreement, defining all the official duties which included weeding the vicarage garden, and requiring that he should not, "without first obtaining the express consent of the vicar, enter any hotel, tavern, public-house, or any other place or building wherein intoxicating liquors of any description shall or may be sold nor shall he, without such permission as

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The Late Rev. John Roe, P. P., Harbor Main Nfld

Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest, Lay down thy head upon thy Saviour's Breast, We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best, Good-night! Good-night!

Calm is thy slumber as an infant's sleep, But thou shalt wake no more to toil or weep, Thine is the perfect rest serene and deep, Good-night!

Until the Easter glory lights the skies, Until the dead in Jesus shall arise, And He shall come, but not in lowly guise, Good-night!

Until made beautiful by Love Divine, Thou in the brightness of thy Lord shall shine, And He shall bring that glorious crown of thine, Good-night!

Only "Good-night," beloved, but not "farewell" A little while, and all His saints shall dwell, In hallowed union indivisible, Good-night! Good-night!

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Character is forged on the anvil of hard knocks—ease and prosperity warp men.—Scharmel Iris.

Mother Janet Stuart Head of Sacred Heart A cablegram brings notice of the election of Mother Janet Stuart as mother general of the order of the Sacred Heart. She has been for many years assistant to the late Mother General Digby.

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Conversions in Dresden During the past twelve months several well known personages have entered the Catholic Church in the Saxon capital. This is all the more remarkable, as Dresden is one of the strongest Lutheran cities in Europe. Among the American converts are Mrs. St. John Gaffney, wife of the American Consul General in Dresden; Mrs.

James Watson Benton, daughter of the late General Gray V. Henry, U. S. A., the first American Governor of Porto Rico; Miss Lenthion, of New York; Mrs. Haylin Ashton, whose late husband was a grandson of Cyrus W. Field.

Miss Lenthion's mother is also a convert. Mrs. St. John Gaffney was under instruction in Dresden, but was received into the Church by Monsignor F. H. Wall, D. D., in New York last fall.

Within the past month the Baroness O'Byrne, wife of the military governor of the royal Saxon princes, has also joined the Church. Her husband is a descendant of an ancient Irish family which for two centuries has occupied high rank at the royal Saxon court.

The Vocation When the day was dead, By her baby's bed, A Mother kneels to pray, "By the Blood You shed For men's souls," she said, "Jesus! will You not say If this child of mine May be priest of Thine, If such a grace might be?"

And a vision bright, Of an altar white, The Thorned-Crowned Head Looked on her little child, And as thus she prayed When the day was dead, The sleeper softly smiled, And a baby hand she held, Does he understand The watcher's sweet design— What a mother planned In her fervor grand?— Doth trace the Saving Sign.

And a vision bright, Of an altar white, The silent chamber lifts, And this young Levite Who, the Mystic Rite, With holy awe fulfills? "Ah! It cannot be 'That my babe I see!' The Sin-crowned sweetly smiled, 'By My Own Decree, From Eternity, I called your little child.'"

And the Mother wept, As her darling slept, "That my babe I see!" And the secret kept, From all else except God and the sleeping boy.

—REV. D. A. CASEY ("COLUMBA")

DIED DELANEY—At Montmartre, Sask., on August 15, 1911. Mrs. Delaney, beloved wife of Mr. Mark Delaney, aged forty-seven years. May her soul rest in peace!

MARRIAGE SHERIDAN-HARTFORD. — In Penetanguishene, Ont., Sept. 5th, 1911, Allecia daughter of Mr. Thos. Hartford, to P. J. Sheridan, of Calgary, Alta.

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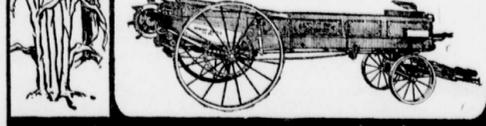


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