



Spalding on Education

Minnesota Educational Association

John Lancaster Spalding, of Peoria, Ill., was the speaker at the convention of the Minnesota Educational Association in St. Paul, Minn., on Tuesday last. His address was characterized as a masterpiece of the art of the spoken word. He dealt with the meaning of education and the meaning of the calling of the Bishop Spalding's utterance, and drew the finest lines between education in its general aspect and the mere possession of knowledge.

Death of Mr. Geo. Richardson, Toronto

It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle the death of an old and highly connected man in the person of Mr. Geo. Richardson, one of the oldest and most esteemed men in the city of Toronto. He was a member of the Order of the Knights of St. John, and a member of the Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

Congregational Singing

We notice from a letter in the "Osservatore Romano" that a discussion has commenced in the Italian papers on the subject of congregational singing. Were the Holy Father to follow up the "Mortu Proprio" with a strong recommendation of popular hymn-singing the measure would, we feel sure, have most excellent effects. Where there are great masses of people striving to earn a living, in many cases little time can be given to religious devotions. But short prayers and, above all, hymns learnt at the mother's knee cling to the memory throughout life, and serve to fortify the mind on occasions of grief or temptation. Amongst Catholics and Protestants in German lands and amongst Protestants in Great Britain hymn-singing plays an important part in the life of the people, and it is as edifying as it is pleasant to listen when the weather is fine to groups of working folk singing the praises of Christ in the open air. Much more might be done by Catholics for the cultivation of popular hymn-singing.

Advertisement for 'Warranted Genuine' cough and cold medicine, mentioning 'Cures' and 'Deep-seated Colds'.

To Denounce the Persecution in France

New York, Jan. 20.—The issuance of a million pamphlets seeking the endorsement of American Catholics to a protest against the treatment of the religious orders in France was begun yesterday under the direction of the League of the Sacred Heart and Apostleship of Prayer, of which Father John Wynne, S.J., is the director. The pamphlet declares that the persecution of the French religious congregations of the Church and that the aim of the French Government is to make it impossible to observe the counsels of Christ in the cloister and in every branch of organization of the league draw up a protest, have every Catholic in that community sign it and then forward the protest to headquarters here, meanwhile openly existing in France. Resolutions are suggested declaring "That as citizens of a republic in which the Church has always enjoyed her full rights, we protest against the action of the present French Government in attempting to legalize religious persecution, and we trust that, in response to their efforts the French people will speedily unite together to wrest the government and legislature from those who have so misused the powers entrusted to them." Like protests are being prepared for circulation throughout Europe.

Blessed the Pen

New York, Jan. 24.—The Sun has the following special to-day: A few days ago the Pope took a stylographic pen from a Protestant journalist's hand and pronounced a benediction. He returned the pen, saying: "No one has a nobler mission than a journalist in the world of to-day. I bless your symbol of office. My predecessors consecrated the swords and shields of Christian warriors; I choose rather to beg blessings upon the Christian journalist's pen."

Joe A Prestidigitator

London, Jan. 23.—The Economist, commenting upon the Guildhall speech, says Mr. Chamberlain has been prolific devising plans, each for the day, but sacrificing his unhappy offspring when the political exigencies of the moment demanded it. The colonies, according to the first suggestion, were to cease manufacturing in order to provide a market for the manufactures of the mother country. That idea the colonies promptly repudiated, and here Chamberlain's skill as a political prestidigitator promptly caused it to disappear.

The Making of a Nation

From Life. They were three minutes proclaiming the new republic, and ten minutes more getting the recognition of the great powers of the world. But the business of providing a flag and a constitution was likely to take a day or two, and time was precious. As they counselled together, in this emergency, the waves of the sea cast up a Sunday newspaper. "God is good!" exclaimed the pious people, and unanimously adopted the comic supplement as the design of their flag.

General Longstreet

Death and Funeral of the Great Confederate Soldier



A Problem in Reduction

Hear the everyday remarks of the woman whose life is doimed on our sides by a tape measure. "Do you think that I am any stouter? I don't eat potatoes and I perfectly love chocolate and cocoa, but I never look at tea or coffee with my meals and I only have had meat. You really don't need a doctor's prescription. If you hate a thing, perfectly loathe it, that is the thing you must eat. If you like it, let it alone."

Touched by Catholic Kindness

"He once told me that up to that time he was an Episcopalian and had no intention of aligning himself with any other Church, but when, even in the Church, he was smothered, he wondered if there was no house of God where people no matter what their political prejudices might be, possessed and practiced brotherly charity and love. So, experimentally, as it were, in New Orleans he went to a Catholic church and was received kindly by all the members, although many of them no doubt disapproved his course politically and some, as old soldiers, grieved over it. At any rate, his kindness touched his heart, and after much study, reflection and instruction, along with the grace of God, he became a Catholic, lived one practically and died in the peace of God, blessed by the priest, eulogized by the Bishop and will be prayed for by our people."

The Pope and Catholic Publicists

His Holiness Pius X. continues to show his interest in the work of Catholic journalists. Through the Cardinal Secretary of State he has sent his apostolic congratulations and benediction to the Paris Association of Catholic Publicists. He praises warmly their zeal in laboring, according to the teaching of the Holy See, to bring back the nations to a sense of Christianity. He rejoices to see them pursuing ardently their "noble apostolate," zealously employing every effort to counteract the evils of a bad press and impressing Christian maxims on the minds of the masses, from the observance of which maxims alone can humanity hope to attain to purity of morals and secure a return of the multitudes to the practices of the Catholic Faith. These words of kindness, not less paternal than encouraging, will inspire the journalists who labor for the cause of religion in France to redouble their zeal on behalf of the freedom of the Church. They prove that the Supreme Head of Christianity watches over the activities of his faithful defenders, and that he is not oblivious of the importance and the value of their defence of his teaching in France at this hour.

Death of Mrs. Caraher, of Guelph

Guelph, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Michael Caraher, a very old resident of this section, was buried to-day from the Church of Our Lady. She was 84 years of age, and came to this country in 1828. Her husband died ten years ago, at the age of 86. The family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in this vicinity. The deceased was a faithful member of the Catholic Church.

Ontario Legislative Assembly

Monday, the 25th day of January, next, will be the last day for receiving petitions for private bills. Monday, the first day of February, next, will be the last day for introducing private bills. Friday, the twelfth day of February, next, will be the last day for receiving reports of committees on private bills.

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"The Little Mother"

"Oh, no," said the nurse, walking down the long corridor with a visitor just leaving the children's ward, "it was only her knee; her arm isn't injured. What made you think it was?" "Why, the odd way she holds it, I suppose," answered the visitor. "Bent all the time, and curled round a gathered-up bunch of coverlet. What makes her do that? I should think she would get cramped." "The nurse smiled quietly. "Yes; it doesn't look altogether comfortable; but she isn't comfortable unless we let her do it. At first we tried to prevent her, and she always changed the position when we told her to, but she would cry quietly to herself. There was no real harm, she said, that she surrendered and let her have her way but for a long while we couldn't find out what made her want to do it; it was such a queer whim. She couldn't seem to give any reason, and we thought it was just a stupid little obstinate notion with no meaning; but at last she got over being shy with us, and then she told. She's eleven, you know—only just eleven."

General Longstreet

General James Longstreet, who died the other day at Gainesville, Ga., was at the time of his death the ranking Confederate officer. A West Point graduate, he distinguished himself in the Mexican War, and at the opening of the struggle between the States he was in military defense of the South, promptly appointed to high rank and advanced gradually but swiftly to the very highest below General Robert E. Lee. After the war General Longstreet became a member of the Catholic Church, and under the words of Bishop Keiley, who preached at his funeral, "to his dying day remained faithful to her teaching and loyal to her creed." "He was a born soldier, so to speak, and no harder or more stubborn fighter in war ever lived," writes James R. Randall, the well-known Southern correspondent, in the "Catholic Columbian." "He was an opinionative man and sometimes hard to be controlled by his superior in command. He had a large self-esteem which was apt to elevate his own achievements and judgment in opposition to the plans and designs of his companions in arms, but he gave, in a history of his acts, very plausible reasons for his sentiments and conduct. In all of the great battles he participated in he was conspicuous for valor and tenacity. He has been severely criticized for not earlier attacking the Federal army on the third day at Gettysburg, but he made a vigorous and ingenious defense and as General Lee magnanimously took the blame for the reverse on his own broad shoulders, Longstreet was not successfully attacked, the more so, even if he had attacked early, the issue would have been doubtful and perhaps disastrous to the Confederates. But what made him unpopular with a large number of his people at the South was his joining the Republican party during the reconstruction period, and his official opposition to the people of New Orleans when striving to rid themselves of Negro and carpet-bag iniquity. He made a clear defense of this matter, but for a considerable period it was a sore thing at home. During that period of aversion he was, as the phrase goes, 'cut' by his faithful friends, but it proved a spiritual blessing."

Baptist View of Us

Rev. Dr. A. S. Hobart, professor of homiletics at Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., read a paper Jan. 18th, before the Baptist Ministers' Conference, at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, on "My Catholic Neighbor and I." The paper was a discussion of the attitude of the Catholic Church toward the public schools. Dr. Hobart did not emphasize any view of his own, but endeavored to make clear what the real attitude of Catholics is. He said that Protestant speakers too often assail the Catholic view out of sheer ignorance. The object of the paper was to acquaint the clergymen present with the facts in the case, and the doctor in the main avoided any expression of his own opinions. He did say, however, that there was more reason in the Catholic position as to taxation for school purposes than Protestants generally admit.

MARKET REPORTS

May Wheat Again Closes Lower at Liverpool and Chicago—Live Stock—The Latest Quotations.

Table of market reports including 'The Little Mother' and 'Touched by Catholic Kindness' sections.

NEW YORK DAIRY MARKET

New York, Jan. 23.—Butter—Dairy; unchanged; receipts, 7517, 15,347. Cheese—Receipts, 4230; state, Pennsylvania and nearby forces selected white, 20 to 25c; do, average 19c; do, second to first, 30c to 35c; do, second, 25c to 30c; do, first, 30c to 35c; do, second, 25c to 30c; do, first, 30c to 35c; do, second, 25c to 30c.

CATTLE MARKETS

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THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion Lands in Manitoba or the North-west Territories, excepting 2 and 28, which has not been homesteaded, or reserved for wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local office for the District in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the Local Agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

A settler who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required by the provisions of the Dominion Land Act and the amendments thereto to perform the conditions connected therewith, under one of the following plans:

- (1) At least six months' residence on and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years. (2) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry under the provisions of this Act, resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of this Act as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by residence upon the first homestead, if the second homestead is in the vicinity of the first homestead. (3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of this Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land. (4) The term "vicinity" used above is meant to indicate the same township or an adjoining or cornering township.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years, before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler should give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

IMMIGRATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at any Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the North-west Territories information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion Lands in the Railway Belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba; or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the North-west Territories.

JAMES A. SMART, Deputy Minister of the Interior.

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