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UGLY FACTS

THE UNITED STATES NOT CHRISTIAN NATION - COL. LEGE PROFESSORS PROPA. GATING SOCIALISM

Plain talk is always in order when it is needed to arouse us to realiza-tion of dangerous conditions. The Rev. Thomas J. McCluskey, S. J., president of Fordham University, acting on this principle, laid before the Fordham Alumni Association some startling truths at a dinner given by its members. He started out with the statement that the United States is not a Christian nation. In support of this assertion he quoted census statistics. "We are supposed to be a Christian nation," he said, "but our last census shows that out of 100,000,000 there are 65,000,000 who profess no religion. From this we can only come to the sad conclusion that this is not a Christian country. How can we rightly describe a country as Chris-tian when nearly two thirds of the population profess no religion at all?"

Here is a very ugly fact staring us in the face. There is no blinking it. A population numerically about twice large as that of the United States at the close of the Civil War has no religion of any kind. Shocking as this state of things is in itself, it becomes still more menacing from the fact that much of the trained intellect of the country is engaged in the work of undermining all belief in the teachings of Christianity: Father McCluskey in referring to this incontrol mentioned a circular he re-cently received, in which it was stated that sixty university and college professors were the heads of Socialist clubs composed of students. Commenting on this, the president of Fordbar University said. "To these cidently mentioned a circular he re-Fordham University said: "To those who have been schooled in doctrines founded on the Rock of Ages and not on the shifting sands of opinion, such a condition seems impossible. It is almost incredible that the great universities of this country are centres of the teaching of false ideals, which may destroy the State, destroy the family and enslave the individual, but which can never accomplish the Utopia which they promise."

Whilst these sixty university and college professors are helping in the spread of Socialism, Andrew Car-negie's millions are employed to prevent the doctrinal teaching of Christianity within the walls of American universities and colleges. The manner in which our great educational institutions have bowed down slavishly before the anti-Christian ukase of the multi-millionaire iron-monger is thus described: "By far the greater number of the universities of the country have bowed from before that purse proud Juggernaut, who has been making a round of the universities of the country in order that they might have retiring pensions for their professors."

How President Emeritus Eliot has co-operated with Carnegie in de-christianizing our seats of learning is referred to in this way: "Think of that great institution of learning which has engraved everywhere on its buildings. 'Christo et Ecclesiae which has engraved story which has engraved to the president managed to thave the divinity of Christ denied by its teachers of divinity, and has ended his career by founding a new religion without Christ and without a church."

Our Catholic institutions of learning stand as breakwaters against the onrush of this anti-Christian flood. To strengthen them in every way possible is our sacred duty. And yet how indifferent to that duty are rich Catholics. Their indifference stands out in marked contrast with the generosity that enables non-Catholic educational institutions to carry on their work. The president carry on their work. The president of Fordham University, in calling them with the necessaries of life and also, when illness requires it by contributing the funds for their to the Catholic Church—we use the word disloyalty deliberately—said word disloyalty deliberately—said money is not lent, but given outright.

A. TARONE S. J. this effect was at a dinner a year ago.
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drawing up of a will two months laterefor a man who was worth \$100,000,000. He died recently and left not one cent for educational purposes. He was a Catholic too." Unfortunately, this Catholic with a very much overgrown fortune is not the only Catholic of vast wealth who in recent times died without leaving a recent times died without leaving a dollar to enable the Catholic Church to combat the anti Christian propaganda that is sweeping the land. To call such persons loyal Catholics would be a gross misuse of language.

BROTHERS' BOYS WIN

CAPTURE PRIZES IN BIG BROOK-LYN SPELLING BEE

The following from the Buffalo Union and Times will prove of particular interest to our readers besively the old charge made by the enemies of the Church that our Catholic schools and religious teachers

are inferior to others.

The Brothers of the Christian schools have three schools in Brooklyn and in the contest in question representatives from these three schools held the first, second, and fourth places. As these were in competition with all the schools, both Public and parochial, of the borough the results are exceedingly complimentary to the teaching of the Brothers and the industry and ability

of their boys.

"A great big old-fashioned spelling bee drew several thousand persons to the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, Friday evening, Jan. 23rd. The contest was held under the direction of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle and was open to all the children of the parochial and Public schools of Long Island. The contestants the survivors of several contests held previously to prepare for the final one which was to decide the "champion speller " of the schools.

The purpose of the contest was to awaken interest in spelling throughout the schools of the city. The eading paper of Brooklyn recognized that this contest would give a mighty impetus to improvement in spelling by the generations that are now being aught in the schools. Therefore thorough preparation was given to formulating plans to make this work a success. A prepared list of 1,500 words was distributed throughout the schools. The children were tested on these words. Those who remained were obliged to spell words taken from an unpublished list. It is very evident that the test was thorough and complete. Our 125 schools were represented at the final contest.

The judges of the spelling bee awarded the gold medal offered by the Eagle to Ambrose Blaney of St. Augustine's school, and second place to Eugene O'Reilly of St. James' School. Both schools are conducted by the Brothers of the Christian schools. "The Brothers' boys won The Brothers' boys won again," was the general comment heard when the decision of the judges was made known. It was another illustration of the strict adherence to old fashioned principles and the three The parochial schools again

showed their efficiency to compete with other schools. "Their teaching of spelling is more thorough than some of their critics have been willing to acknowledge," notes the Brooklyn Eagle. The speaker for the judges was laudatory of the fine showing of the Brothers' schools in this contest. It was a very eloquent expression of work well done.

The judges of the contest were Right Rev. Msgr. E. W. McCarthy, rector of St. Augustine's Church; Miss Grace C. Strachan, district superintendent, and William L. Felter, Ph. D., principal girls' High school. The chairman of the evening was Prof. Franklin W. Hooper, LL.D., and the pronouffer Henry Gaines Hawn.

THE FOREIGNERS OF GUELPH

To the Editor of The Herald

Dear Sir,—To prevent or correct any misunderstanding about help given to foreigners in this city, I feel bound to state that, as far as Catholic foreigners in general are concerned, they neither acknowledge nor apply to other spiritual guides than the duly appointed clergymen of their own church. As regards the Italians in particular, who, in this city, are Catholics almost to a man,

I beg to inform the public that, though not an Italian myself, but a British subject by birth, I am the one appointed by the proper authorities to look after their spiritual needs, and as far as I am able, their tempor

al welfare as well.

The fact that the Italians in Guelph are not the recipients of pub-lic relief is greatly to their credit. They are always ready to help their fellow countrymen in need, by pro-viding them with the necessaries of life and also, when illness requires it by contributing the funds for their

A. TABONE, S. J. Guelph, Feb. 15, 1914.

A GOOD STORY WITH A MORAL

story is told of a man who once A story is told of a man who block asked an eastern king if he could tell him how to avoid temptation. The king told the man to take a vessel brimful of oil and to carry it through the streets of the carry it through the streets of the site without spilling one drop. "If carry it through the steed of the city without spilling one drop. "If one drop is spilled," said the king, "your head shall be cut off," and he ordered the two executioners to walk behind the man and carry out his orders. There happened to be a fair going on in the town and the streets were crowded with people. However, the man was very careful, and he returned to the king without and he returned to the king without having spilled one drop of the oil.

"Did you see anybody while you were walking through the street?"

"No, sir," said the man. "I was thinking only of the oil. I noticed nothing else." "Then," said the king, "you notice how to avoid temptation. Fix your mind as firmly on God as you fixed it on the vessel on God as you fixed it on the vessel of oil. You will not then be in sin." -St. Anthony's Messenger.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE WEST.— Under the School laws of Saskatche-wan Catholics are obliged to pay their taxes to the support of Separate schools and for Catholic Educational Paul's Separate school, Saskatoon, are alive to the fact that there are many non residents who are Catho-lics, and are owners of property in that City. The Trustees are en deavouring to get in touch with those who are not aware of the School laws in that Province, and who may be paying their taxes to the support of Public schools. Should any of the readers of the CATHOLIC RECORD, who are Catholics, own property in Saskatoon, they should communicate with T. Smithwick, Secretary of the School Board, giving a description of their property, and he will see that it is assessed for Catholic School

Lyons.-At Kentville, N. S., on Feb. 7, 1914, Mr. Frank P. Lyons, eldest son of Mr. Jos. R. Lyons, Esq., Postmaster. May his soul rest in peace

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

London Council, No. 1410, Knights of Columbus, last evening tend-red a complimentary luncheon to His Lordship Bishop Fallon, the reverend director and professors of St. Peter's Beminary, and the clergy of the city. The acious hall of the Knights of Columbus was completely filled, not a seat being vacant. It was tastefully decorated with red, written and blue streams. The Italian orchestra furnished and blue streams.

acant. It was tastemly decounted when the hoise music during the evening. The fixth content of the third was the hoise music during the evening. The first toast on the program was His Holiness the Pope, after which came that of the King, both of which were fittingly honored. Why I am an Imperialist "came next, and worded sepled to by Hisodiship Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, Bishop of London, Bishop Fallon treated the subject in an exhaustive nanner, characterized by content of the action of the holiness and the holiness and holinesses a heart to his auditors. The Bishop said he was an imperialist because the permanence of the British Empire means much for the peace and welfare of he world, and for the enjoyment of civil and teligious bletty.

world, and for the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty. The toast of "The Seminary" was teplied to by Rev. Father O'Connor, director of that educational institution, which is making such rapid strides. The reverend gentleman was well received, His address was repliete with matter which denoted the fin-shed speaker and scholar. The toast of "The Clergy" was replied to by Rev. Father O'Reilly, C. S. B., of St. Patrick's parish, this city, who is quite an acquisition to the ranks of the public speakers of the Forest City. He is an easy, fluent and forceful speaker.

The toast of the "Catholic Press" was replied to by Senator Coffey, who gave a short sketch of the careers of the Catholic pressmen in the larger cent es of population in the United States and Canada. His reminiscences of the old days and the old pressman were highly appreciated. To Stephen Po ock, lecturer of the council, belongs in a large part the splendid success of the banquet. At the usual hour the large assembly dispersed, all holding pleasant memories of the happy evening they had spent.

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