A FRENCH FREE-THINKER'S DEFENSE OF THE INDEX

The recent condemnation of irreligious text-books by the French Bishops has given the irreligious press of France a pretext for repeating their attacks upon the Church and especially against the Index.

The commonsense view of the matter was given about fifty years ago by the rationalist Francisque Sarcey, a well-known literary critic and a member of the French Academy. He wrote: "In my opinion it is one of the most silly commonplaces of free-thought to cry out against the Congregation of the Index and its condemnation of certain books. Why, here are men with definite beliefs, and with a mission to protect those beliefs against attacks from outside, men, who conscientiously consider this mission a sacred duty; they read a newly published book and then they say to those who share their faith; 'Be careful! The idea scattered through this book are subversive of the fundamental principles on which our faith rests. In reading it you might unconsciously adopt dangerous notions. We warn you of the danger.' Is there anything in words like these, but what is perfectly in harmony with reason and common sense? Please remark well that the Congregation of the Index does not address its decrees to unbelievers, on whom it has no influence. These are therefore, entirely free to buy and if they please, to learn by heart the works censured by the Church. What reason then have they to complain?

"The decrees of the Church are only for Catholics; they come to her as faithful children and ask: 'Mother, may I read this book?' She answers: 'No, my children, it would be dangerous for your eternal salvation. . . .' The censure of a book by the Index, then, consists in putting a label upon the work with the inscription 'Do not read this under pain of eternal damnation.' Those, therefore, who do not believe in eternal damnation, have nothing to fear from this censure.

"The Congregation of the Index does exactly what we literary critics are constantly doing when we warn the public not to read books written with bad taste or in a bad style. Those who have no faith in us disregard the warning; but in giving it we fulfil our mission. In the same way the Index fulfils a duty in warning the faithful of the dangers to which they expose themselves by reading certain books. Who can blame the Congregation for this? How is it then, that some freethinkers cry out against a procedure which they themselves use in a more drastic and more tyrannical way?"

GENERAL THAYER TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DISTINGUISHED CONVERT SAYS MANY REMAIN OUTSIDE THE TRUE CHURCH BECAUSE THEY ARE IGNORANT OF HER TEACHINGS

General Russell Thayer delivered the second of the Knights of Columbus course of lectures in the headquarters of the order, Girard avenue and Watts street, last Sunday evening. Though announced under the title, "The Growth of the Catholic Church in the United States," the lecture dealt but briefly with statistics in regard to the present state of the Church in reference to the population, General Thayer devoting his time mainly to considerations suggested by the figures and his own experience of thirty years outside the Church.

After giving the varying figures of Catholic population obtained from several sources—Archbishop Glennon's count (admittedly incomplete) of 14,235,451; Archbishop Ireland's estimate, 17,000,000, and the official Catholic Directory's total of 14,347,027—the lecturer said that if the census this year shows a total population of 95,000,000, the Catholics, say, 15,000,000, in round numbers, are more than 15 per cent. of the population. While the population of the United States increased twenty-five-fold in one hundred and twenty-five years, the Catholics increased four hundred-fold. The rate of increase for the Catholic Church in sixteen years is 93.5 per cent. which is more than twice that of all the Protestant bodies combined.

"While, of course, numbers do not prove the truth of a religion," said General Thayer, "we should feel thankful to God that in His mercy He has showered His grace into the hearts of our countrymen in such a manner that many of them have been drawn into "His kingdom on earth."

Continuing, General Thayer said:

Oh, how beautiful is Thy true religion as compared with the disorder and confusion and uncertainty and unrest outside Thy one true Church! In the words of St. Augustine as applied by him to Our Divine Lord, we may also address His Spouse, His Church: "O Beauty ever ancient and even new; too late have I loved Thee, too late have I loved Thee, too late have I loved Thee."

If the ancient tabernacle of God on earth is so beautiful as we who are within the fold of Christ know it so to be, how is it that multitudes of our non-Catholic friends remain in the "city of uncertainty" and wander through this vale of tears in agnosticism and unrest as regards religious matters? Oh, how happy would they be if they knew the peace and the beauty of the true faith.

I can speak of this matter from personal experience, as for the space of thirty-five years I belonged with those of whom I am speaking and who know not the entire truth of the Christian religion as taught unchangeably for nineteen hundred years by the representative of God on earth, His Church; and I can therefore in a manner understand and appreciate the position of many of our friends who sincerely and honestly follow the teachings of various forms of Protestantism, and I know that in the majority of cases their difficulties are entirely due to ignorance of the true teachings of the Catholic religion, and those of them that abuse and oppress the Church in many cases "know not what they do."

It is, as I have said, largely due to ignorance that those outside the Catholic Church to-day in our country do not belong to the Church, and it is our duty to inform ourselves of the truth of the doctrines of our Holy Mother the Catholic Church, in order that on the proper occasions we may give the reason for our faith and be able to explain to inquiries that may at times be made of us the truths of the Catholic religion. God looks upon each one of us to assist in a proper way to bring our brothers into the true faith, and many are the occasions where a single word of explanation by us would go a long way in the removal of the cloud of doubt and misrepresentation that hinders our friends from seeing the beauty of the Spouse of Christ.

Each one of us is his brother's keeper, and how important it is that we should individually strive by word and act and example to be worthy of the charge that is committed to us, and how particularly is this true of those who have the honor to be members of this great representative society of Catholic men, the Knights of Columbus, a society organized under the fostering care of the Church of Christ and intended, not alone for the benefit of its individual members (because that necessarily follows), but also to assist as a great men's mission in maintaining and spreading the Christian religion throughout this country.

We find among our non-Catholic friends a great feeling of indifference to religious matters generally. This, I think, is due to the fact that large numbers of people so situated have become so unsettled in their views of religion, owing to the multitude of discordant teachings enunciated by the various sects of Protestantism, that many well disposed persons finally give up the attempt to reconcile the different views advanced from time to time, and therefore naturally drift into a position of agnosticism and indifference. Their minds at the same time have been so prejudiced against the Catholic Church that they would not for a moment think that the truth can possibly be in that "old unchangeable Church."

We note also at the present time a number of so-called scientists and men of letters and highly educated who are filled with the pride of this world's knowledge, and owing to their pride of intellect have become blind to spiritual things. Our Divine Lord referred to this condition when He said: "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them to little ones." (St. Matt. xii., 25.)

These men talk learnedly of complicated researches that they have made and then proceed to draw false conclusions from the same, while they cannot explain the simplest mysteries that surround us on every side. If they are asked how the grass grows or what is electricity, their great brains are unable to give a satisfactory answer to the simplest questions, yet these same so-called philosophers will write volumes of words, and then proceed to lay down conclusions that are totally at variance with the truth as revealed by God and taught by His Church, and enunciate maxims oppposed to morality, which if followed to their natural conclusion would disintegrate the human race and reduce mankind to the level of the brute.

O pride of intellect how contrary art thou to the teachings of the meek and humble Jesus, who, although He was and is the majesty of God Incarnate and possesses in its fullness the plenitude of wisdom, being Himself Eternal Wisdom, yet said, "Learn of Me to be meek and humble of heart." The Catholic Church has always encouraged true science and the arts, and men of the highest science and knowledge, both ancient and modern, have been her faithful sons. Throughout the so-called Dark Ages she alone preserved all the science and arts that the world knew.

Men of the Catholic Church, Divine faith is a gift from God and is a treasure which we should all strive to nourish and maintain, and the Catholic religion is that pearl of great price which a man, having found, he should prize above all other things.—Philadelphia Standard and Times.

THE CLOSED CHURCH

A PROTESTANT JOURNALIST POINTS OUT ITS CLOSE RELATION TO THE ABSENT CONGREGATION

Julius Chambers, a veteran journalist, has some interesting observations in the Brooklyn Eagle. Commenting on the admission among non-Catholics that the Church is losing its grip upon the community, owing to its inability to hold congregations for more than a few months each year, he says:

"Ministers often set the example of abstention by going away themselves for three for four months at a stretch. Think of the incalculable moral peril in which they place those of their followers who would wish to sit under their ministrations. Think of the mental distress that any one of us will suffer if we have to die in summer time, without the consolations of religion as dispensed by our beloved teacher.

"I tell you, it is not a joke for a devout man, compelled to remain in the city during the heated term, to be told he is going to die. One minister after another may be called up on the telephone; faithful friends, dashing hither and thither in vain, may seek the desired peacemaker, but unless the sufferer be a Catholic, he will have to ask some friend to read the prayers for the dying and to take him in his human arms, since the heavenly ones are afar.

"It is just to say of the Catholic churches that they are never closed, and that some priest is always at his post of duty. As a Protestant I am glad to state a fact. We do not hear that attendance at the churches of that denomination is decreasing. No, indeed! And the reason is the unflagging devotion of the priesthood to their duties. They do not shut their churches and vanish.

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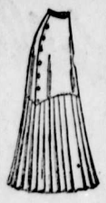

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MOTHER MARY OF THE DESERT

SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC OF A NUN WHO DIED RECENTLY IN NEW ORLEANS

There passed away recently in New Orleans one of the most remarkable women who ever left their impress on the community. This was Mother Mary of the Desert, for over half a century superior of St. Mary's Boys' Asylum and for more than sixty-five years a member of the Order of Marianites of the Holy Cross.

She was in her eighty-fourth year. Just before dying she placed in the hands of one of her companions the diary which will form a valuable document for her community in France and America.

Mother Mary of the Desert was the only living member of a little pioneer band of Marianite nuns who nearly sixty years ago came to Louisiana from France. The congregation to which she belonged was founded in Le Mans, France, in 1841, to establish and maintain hospitals, and asylums, industrial schools, reformatories and creches; also to direct the Christian education of young women.

Mother Mary was born in France in 1825 and entered the order in 1846. She was professed at San Laurent, Canada, in 1847, and went to New Orleans in 1852, during the yellow fever epidemic. Her heroic service during the time of the plague, publicly commended by the city officials, is still remembered in New Orleans.

She first had charge of the girls' orphanage and twenty-five years ago was made superior of the boys' asylum, where she was eminently successful. Many of the most prominent lawyers, physicians, pharmacists and other professional and business men of New Orleans were trained by Mother Desert and are proud to be known as Mother Desert's boys.—Rosary Magazine.

SECULAR PAPER

OVER IN ILLINOIS PUBLISHES EULOGY OF CATHOLIC PRIESTHOOD

The Rockfort Star, a non-Catholic paper, utters a splendid eulogium on the Catholic priesthood, on the occasion of Father Heaney's recent brave work in the mines at Cherry, Ill.

"Wherever death and danger stalk a priest of the Roman Catholic Church may be found. No danger is too great and no situation too severe for him to go if there are men needing the offices of the Church.

"Celibate, wedded to the Church, carrying with him the consolations and sacraments, nothing deters him from his duty. If he dies it is only one soldier fallen from the ranks and another steps up.

"Father Damien is known the world over for his work among the lepers of Molokai, but other Damiens have worked and died unknown to fame. The priest who went down the mine faced unknown dangers, but he went. He knew there might be use for the offices of his positions if perchance some poor miner had survived and needed consolation of the Mother Church as his life passed out. The mental and spiritual calm from his ministration even to one man, was ample excuse for his going.

"This accounts in large measure for the strong allegiance of the membership of this Church and those of us who are not Catholics must admit it. Wherever danger is, where death stalks, where he is needed, the priest goes, unquestioning, following his duty."—Church Progress.

HERE AND THERE IN CANADA

Mr. Victor Mitchell, a very talented Scotsman, from Aberdeen resided for many years in this part of Ontario. Upon returning to the old land he had a good word to say for Canada. In a lecture recently given in the city named he freely set forth the advantages of this country for immigrants. The Aberdeen Herald makes the following reference to his deliverance:

"Here and There in Canada," was the title of a very interesting lecture given by Mr. Victor Mitchell, journalist in the Gymnasium, Summer Street, on Tuesday evening. Rev. Father Meany presided. The lecture was given under the auspices of St. Andrew's Catholic Association, and was illustrated by limelight views kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. John M'Lennan, Canadian Government representative in Aberdeen. The plates were thrown on the screen by the association's new lantern, operated by Mr. Walmsley, and gave very good results. Mr. Mitchell dealt chiefly with the older parts of Canada, of which he has had intimate personal experience, and gave graphic descriptions of the leading cities and towns, including Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, etc. He also gave a vivid description of the country as a whole—of the vast orchards and vineyards in the fruit-growing districts, and of the huge wheat fields in other parts. Many people, he said, still thought of Canada as a country of perpetual snow. That was far from the truth. Though the winters were severe, there were no fogs, and the sun always shone from a clear sky, while in the summer time straw hats and linen suits became a necessity. Mr. Mitchell also gave interesting particulars regarding the various Catholic churches, colleges, and religious establishments in the chief centres of population. The lecture was listened to with great interest throughout.

THE ENGLISH PARLIAMENT

The English House of Commons reassembled on the 29th, and the first business before the House was the consideration of the Prime Minister's resolutions in regard to the veto power of the House of Lords. The three resolutions which the Prime Minister laid on the table on March 21, declare in effect:

"First—That it is expedient that the House of Lords be disabled by law from rejecting or amending a money bill, but that any such limitation shall not be taken to diminish or qualify the existing rights of the House of Commons.

"Second—That it is expedient that the powers of the House of Lords over bills other than money bills be restricted by law, so that any such bill which has passed the House of Commons in three successive sessions, and has been rejected by the House of Lords in each of these sessions, shall become a law without the consent of the House of Lords, on royal assent being declared, provided that at least two years have elapsed between the date of the first reading of the bill in the Commons, and the date when it passes the Commons for the third time.

"Third—That the duration of each Parliament shall be five years."

John Redmond, the leader of the Nationalists, congratulated the Prime Minister upon the substance of the resolutions, which Mr. Redmond said, he and his followers would heartily support. He was glad that all reference to reform had been dropped in the resolutions, for the last thing he wished for was the strengthening of the other House.

THE POPE AND COL. ROOSEVELT

Advices from Rome tell us that a situation has arisen because of which Col. Roosevelt will not pay the expected visit to the Pope. Mgr. Kennedy, the Rector of the American College, sent the following communication to the late President of the United States:

"The Holy Father will be delighted to grant an audience to Mr. Roosevelt on April 5, and hopes that nothing will arise to prevent it, such as the much regretted incident which made the reception of Mr. Fairbanks impossible."

Mr. Roosevelt replied in a telegram dated March 25, to which he said:

"Please present the following to Bishop Kennedy:

"It would be a real pleasure to me to be presented to the Holy Father, for whom I entertain high respect, both personally and as the head of a great Church. I fully recognize his entire right to receive or not to receive whomsoever he chooses for any reason that seems good to him, and if he does not receive me, I shall not for a moment question the propriety of his action. On the other hand, I, in my turn, must decline to make any stipulation or submit to any conditions which would in any way limit my freedom of conduct. I trust that on April 5 he will find it convenient to receive me.—Theodore Roosevelt."

In a letter to the Outlook the ex-President has expressed a desire that the incident will be treated in a matter-of-course way as merely personal, and above all as not warranting the slightest exhibition of anger or bitterness. Bitter comment and criticism, acrimonious attack and defence, are, he adds, not only profitless but harmful, and to seize upon such an incident as this as an occasion for controversy would be wholly indefensible, and should be frowned upon by Catholics and Protestants alike.

A METHODIST WITNESS

We obtain from the critique of a work of the Rev. Everett E. Stackpole, published in the Sacred Heart Review recently, the opinions of an honest Methodist—a true idea of the spirit and intent of the missions in Rome and other Italian cities. The work is entitled "Four and One-half Years in the Italian Missions." He shows that the missioners are mostly ex-priests, who do not love Methodism while they hate Catholicism. They are missionaries for revenue only—a despicable, disreputable lot. The Methodists cook the reports for the home market. The Rev. Mr. Stackpole says:

We once asked one of the preachers why he did not cut down the statistical report for the minutes to actual facts, and he replied: "That would not please the Presiding Elder." Every preacher in the Italian mission knows that all the authorities on both sides of the ocean want to see every year in the reports an increase of membership, probationers, conversions, etc., and they are accommodating enough to make the desired increase. * * *

It is, of course, quite improper to state in public print all the facts that the authorities need to know. They would be disgraceful to all concerned.

This is a valuable and most timely contribution to a controversy that promises to be more epoch-making than the previous one over President Roosevelt's condemnation of Protestant bigotry.—Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

Society Rituals Sorry Stuff

The Catholic Fortnightly Review of St. Louis rejoices that the Knights of Columbus have dropped the word "ritual" and substituted the word "ceremonial" to describe their initiation. Our esteemed contemporary hopes, however, that the initiation itself has undergone a change. It says: "Tried by the ordinary canons of literary merit and horse sense these society rituals are sorry stuff and mark a breaking away from the instincts and traditions of the Church. No twentieth century poet or artist can improve on the ritual of the Church, which is the work of God's saints and has been devised through the ages by the best genius and purest devotion of Christendom. By studying it carefully the members of our Catholic societies (or 'societies for Catholics') will qualify themselves to assist at divine service with an intelligent and genuine devotion. — Sacred Heart Review.

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An Ideal Gentleman

Mark Twain, the American humorist, before his departure for Honolulu, addressed a meeting in New York and referred to the death of his coachman as follows: "He came to us thirty-six years ago. He was my coachman on the morning that I drove my young bride to our new home. He was a young Irishman, slender, tall, lithe, honest, truthful, and he never changed in all his life. He really was with us but twenty-five years, for he did not go with us to Europe, but he never regarded that as separation. As the children grew up he was their guide. He was with us in New Hampshire, with us last summer, and his hair was just as black, his eyes just as blue, his form just as straight, and his heart just as good as on the day we first met. In all the long years Patrick never made a mistake. He never heard an order; he never received a command. He knew. I have been asked for my ideal of an ideal gentleman, and I give it to you.—Patrick McAleer.

An Appeal From Alberta

Dear Readers,—I am endeavoring to promote the interests of the Catholic faith in this district and make an earnest appeal for your assistance. People are coming here in great numbers and every one seems to be possessed of a fever to make money. Many are happy and wealthy but there are others who are very poor. In God's name I ask you to give me all the assistance you can. Money devoted to the wants of my poor mission will be a gift to God and no doubt will bring a hundredfold in this world as well as spiritual riches in the next. I am especially in need of money to finish my poor church and I make a special appeal to the kind charity of the Catholic people. Small sums will be received with the same thankfulness as large ones. Address Rev. R. H. Routier, Parish Priest of Vermilion, Alberta.

The Great North West

Those intending to go to the great Canadian West would do well to communicate with Rev. Pere Bazil, the Catholic priest in charge of the parish of Trochu, Alberta. He has the administration of 8,000 acres of the very best land to be found anywhere in that province, and the price, considering the rapid rise in farm property in that country, will be found very reasonable. Trochu is a Catholic centre and will be an important station on the new Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. There is now a good Catholic Church there as well as an hospital. Eight Sisters has charge of the latter and they are also making preparations to open a Catholic school. At present they have a private school in the convent. Trochu will in the near future be an important point. There are already two large general stores there. Father Bazil will be pleased to give further information to any one who writes him.

The wayside joys are better than the final successes; the flowers along the vista, brighter than the victor wreath at its close.—Theodore Winthrop.

DR. M'TAGGART'S LIQUOR CURE

The following letter has been received from one who has been completely cured of the liquor habit. For good reasons we do not publish the name, but we are acquainted with the gentleman and know him to be a most reliable person and prominent citizen. This is only one of numerous cases in which the liquor cure of Dr. McTaggart, a reputable physician of long practice, has brought sunshine into many a home.

Dr. McTaggart, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Doctor,—"The Anti-Temperance or Saloon element of the United States tell us that a drunkard is not worth saving; but don't you believe it." William Jennings Byran spoke these words while making an appeal to all concerned to watch the boys and protect them against the disease of drink. Personally, it was a hard saying and I was beginning to think that the saloon men were about right, but you have proven to my own satisfaction that such is not the case. Since taking your treatment I am just as good a man as I was before I became a fiend for whiskey. It has left no bad after-effect and my brain and physical powers are getting stronger every day. As far as the cure of the disease or craving for liquor is concerned, I desire to state that I am as free from it as a new born baby. Could anyone ask for more? I wish I could say something that would persuade some fellow-sufferer to get out of the rut—something that would enable him to see that, by the taking of your treatment, he would display courage rather than an acknowledgment of weakness. No man need humble himself to take your treatment. It is a mark of self-respect and I think I was holding about as important a position as most men who cannot leave liquor alone. While I was not what you might say a down-right drunkard when I began taking your treatment I had a strong craving for liquor brought on by indulging too freely for many years. Not a day would pass without I had from four to a dozen drinks of whiskey. I was saturated with liquor, not a nice thing for a man who pretended to be somebody? I would argue with myself and try to believe that it was right for me to drink. Other fellows did it. Why couldn't I? Well, let the other fellows have all they desire. I am quite satisfied to live my whole life without touching the stuff again—thanks only to Dr. McTaggart and his wonderful remedy, combined with a little will power. I promised that when I wrote you, doctor, about how completely successful your treatment was with me, that I surely would be able to say something that might induce some person now in the clutches of strong drink to let loose, but I am afraid I have been unable to word my letter strong enough. I am now the happiest man in all Canada, while my wife and family think that I am the best daddie in all the land; and this simply because I decided to take your treatment and cure myself of the habit which has heretofore cursed me. W. T. R.

NEW BOOKS

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A PIONEER CHRISTIAN BROTHER PASSES AWAY

On St. Joseph's Day, March 19th, there passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, one of the pioneers of the Order of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in America in the person of Rev. Brother James. Deceased who, for over fifty years had laboured in the apostolate of Catholic Education, was well known and revered both in Canada and in the United States.

Brother James was born in Ireland, in 1841, and shortly afterwards his family emigrated to America and settled in Philadelphia. Here he attended old St. Peter's school, one of the first of the Christian Brothers' Schools in the United States, and for the first time, came in contact with the sons of St. La Salle. Their saintly and self-sacrificing devotedness, as well as the great mission that lay before them in the New World, appealed to the zealous soul of the bright young Irish lad, and he felt himself called to follow in the footsteps of his teachers. He entered the Novitiate of the Order at Montreal in the summer of 1855 and on the completion of his term of probation, began his life-work here in Canada, in the cities of Quebec and Montreal. Later he was transferred to the Christian Brothers' College at Rock Hill, near Baltimore, and from that time to the end of his life his sphere of action lay chiefly in the neighboring republic, especially in the cities of Baltimore, New York and St. Louis. The splendid college of the Brothers in the latter city owes its foundation in great part to the zeal and energy of Brother James.

His last years were spent at Manhattan College, New York, where up till last year when his fatal sickness began to declare itself and he was relieved of all responsibility, he still continued to labor in the cause he loved so well. The funeral took place from the Church of the Annunciation, New York, on Monday, March 21st, and was attended by a vast concourse of sorrowing Brothers and friends.

The Catholic News has this to say of the deceased: "Brother James was the first product of the ever-fruitful field which has given so many great teachers and exemplary religious to the Institute of St. John Baptist De La Salle, the father of modern Christian education. The essential feature of Brother James' character was manliness, thorough and complete. He was gentleness itself toward the weak. Ever genial and sympathetic, he shed the light and warmth of his generous heart on all sides. Brother James ever gave to his beloved Institute the best fruits of a cultured mind and a warm glowing heart."

May he rest in peace, and may his be the reward promised in Holy Scripture to the Christian teacher: "They that instruct many unto justice shall shine as stars for all eternity."

DIED

BROSNAHAN.—At Muirkirk, Ont., parish of Ridgetown, on March 24th, 1910, John Brosnahan, aged eighty-two years. May his soul rest in peace!

COFFEY.—At 122 South Waller ave., Chicago, on the 4th of March last, Mrs. Coffey, relict of the late John Coffey, formerly of Ottawa. May her soul rest in peace!

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