

LATE MR. C. COUGHLIN

Montreal Daily Mail, Sept. 17, 1915

Mr. Cornelius Coughlin passed away at his home Tuesday last at the age of sixty-seven years. He was stricken by paralysis in February, 1914, and since then he has been confined to his home.

Coming of an Irish ancestry that settled in this country many years ago, Mr. Coughlin was born in Yorkmouth, Ontario, in 1847. In 1886 he came from London, Ont., to Montreal and made his home here. He was engaged in the live stock trade practically throughout his career and few in Canada knew more about the business than he did.

In 1885 the late Mr. Coughlin married Miss Christina M. O'Neil of Montreal who survives him. There are eight children of the marriage, all of whom survive him. The children are: Rev. Patrick Coughlin, S. J., professor at St. Boniface College, Manitoba; Gerald, barrister, in Montreal; John, at business in Alberta; Edmond, law student at McGill College; and Cornelius student at Loyola College. The daughters are Margaret, Mary and Christina.

Referring to the death of the late Mr. Cornelius Coughlin, Father Donnelly said:

"I may not allow this occasion to pass without paying tribute to the memory of a truly good man. The late Mr. Coughlin was a splendid type of the real Catholic gentleman."

Successful from the viewpoint of the affairs of this world, he never found it necessary, as too many do, to divorce himself from the practise of his faith, as a consequence of prosperity or a condition for success. He ever felt, and acted up to the belief, that religion, honesty and commercial ability could well go hand in hand.

Contrary to the generally accepted ideals of the day, he blessed that kind Providence that watches over the destinies of men, as the number of his children, the riches of God, increased around his family hearth. He refused not to God the portion he asked, and rejoiced to see his first-born an earnest worker in the ranks of the sons of Loyola. Charitable but unostentatious, which is the truly evangelical precept, he gave generously of his ample store and many a needy brother will miss his timely aid.

Such men are few and they serve as an inspiration to others. To have known them is to have enjoyed a blessing, to be accounted their friend is a privilege, to cherish their memory is a sweet consolation and an incentive to duty better performed.

CHANGING POINTS OF ATTACK

Not so very long ago a certain class of non-Catholic writers used to attack the Church for so exalting virginity as to induce young women, who would have made excellent wives and mothers, to withdraw from the world into convents. "Marriage and motherhood" was then the watchword of the Church's critics, and how many millions of apparently sincere words they wrote bemoaning the sad fate of nuns deprived of the wonderful happiness producing gifts of marriage and maternity! Well, now, if our reading of current "views" does not mislead us, marriage has fallen somewhat into disfavor. Our progressive friends have had a new revelation. What was once the "be-all and the end-all" for woman has been cast again into the experimental melting pot, and as for motherhood!—that, it has been discovered, interferes with the happiness which, a while ago, was supposed to inhere in it especially. It is now decidedly old-fashioned and bothersome. It prevents a woman from living her own life, as the phrase is. If a woman is well-to-do and clever, it interferes with her career. If she is poor and not too bright, it adds to her burden of sorrow. The thing to do now is to prevent too much motherhood. But the biggest stumbling block in the path of this new movement is the Catholic Church, the same Church which exalts virginity. And so she is attacked today because she teaches and preaches (as she has always done) that practices tending to limit the family are abominations and not to be tolerated among Christians.

Thus during the ages since Christ first founded His Church, now this and now that one of her teachings has been the subject of attack. Some of her own children are often misled, because these attacks are made in the name of progress, humanity, mercy and so forth. But to whom shall we go but to her who has the assurance of Christ that the gates of hell shall not prevail against her? Our Divine Lord did not in-

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sure His Church against criticism and attack. Indeed He expressly stated that His Church would be criticized and attacked. But He did insure her against defection. She can not do other than teach and preach what is true. "To-morrow or next day, the people who are now sneering at the Church because of her old-fashioned morality will be challenging her teaching on some other point; but the Church will be as unmoved and confident then as she is now. The Church remains the same no matter how, from one generation and one century to another, the points of attack may change.—Sacred Heart Review.

SOME OCTOBER HINTS CONCERNING THE ROSARY

IT IS NOT THE CORRECT THING To buy a rosary and neglect to have it blessed at once.

To neglect to obtain certain indulgences when the opportunity offers. To neglect or refuse to become a member of the parish rosary society. To omit the daily recitation of one decade if a member of the rosary society.

To neglect to repair one's rosary, or to get a new one when broken. To omit to carry a blessed rosary on one's person.

To barter one's indulgenced rosary for money or valuables.

To say the rosary without devotion or in a hurry.

To omit reflection upon the mysteries while saying the rosary.

To be ashamed to carry a rosary or to recite it with others in common.

To imagine that the rosary is a form of prayer for the use of old people or those who are not able to read.

To be satisfied on occasion to say the rosary on one's finger's; this, however, is better than nothing.

To borrow the rosary of another when one can easily get his own.

To ask the use of a rosary which is known to have special indulgences attached to it.

To buy from peddlers what they falsely assert are indulgenced rosaries from the Holy Land or elsewhere.

To have one's rosary blessed by every strange priest one meets.

To think that there is any special merit for a lazy Christian to hang a rosary upon the bedpost when he might keep it in a more accessible place, such as his pocket.

To exchange rosaries in order to exchange the indulgences attached to each. (Both rosaries lose any indulgence they may have when this is done.)—Correct Things for Catholics.

ADVOCATES SPIRITUALITY IN EDUCATION

In a recent address before the National Educational Association at Oakland, Chancellor Strong said: "American universities must revive true religious and spiritual ideals. The war has shown that culture as the sole foundation of civilization is a failure. Culture counts for nothing if its flower must be the production of great fleets and armies and the establishment of militarism as the guiding principle in civilization."

We have been trying for many months, says the Ohio State Journal, to impress the educational outfit of this State with this doctrine, and yet it goes on talking about little but building textbooks, salaries, supervision, statistics, examinations, and a lot of other things that ought to be subjects of secondary consideration. The very first thing is the standard of education—shall it be spiritual or materialistic?

The development of the personality is the chief object in education. This means putting spirituality into the schoolroom, and spirituality means purpose, impulse, intuition, aspiration, interest in life and real things, a desire for truth and a practice of the graces of the spirit. Produce the proper environment and these things will come into the child's life. The fruits of the spirit constitute education, not partial payments, the subjunctive mode, nor the battle of Ansterlitz. These will not make the child pure, unselfish, helpful, temperate, patient, faithful. And there is no education without these, all the school magnates to the contrary notwithstanding.—Catholic News.

WAR AND RELIGION IN ITALY

An Italian priest, until recently superior of a Mission Seminary in northern Italy, writes to the American Foreign Mission Seminary at Maryknoll, Ossining, N. Y., about the war.

"We in Europe are able to do nothing now but kill each other. If you were here you would see how terrible the war is. In our little city all the colleges and seminaries are converted into hospitals for the wounded soldiers. We are expecting some of these to day and all the people are ready with automobiles or horses to meet them at the station. I am assigned as chaplain for the Austrian prisoners, as I am perhaps the only priest in the city who knows how to speak German. I have not yet been called to the front, because I am forty-two years old, but it may be that I shall be summoned soon. It is consoling to see how all parties are united now by the war. The soldiers are friendly and respectful to the priests. War is purifying. You know the news perhaps better than I do, as we have a very severe censorship. Oh pray, pray hard, then we may get out of this conflict soon. Salandra is a good Catholic, as are also Cadorna and Porro. Cadorna's father, commander of the troops which entered Rome in 1870, was also very religious. He was a great benefactor of the Sacramentine nuns of Turin, and used to make the hour of adoration in their church every day.

"I fear this letter will be opened by the authorities, but I do not think they will retain it, as it does not contain compromising news of the war.—The Missionary.

CHURCH BEFORE BIBLE

Now and then non-Catholic congregations bear things from the pulpit that must cause them to sit up and listen, whatever they may think or say afterward. For instance, the Rev. F. A. Russell, president of the Lancashire (England) Congregational Union, declared on a recent occasion that "there was a Church before there were any Epistles or Gospels; and when the Gospels were written the Church chose those which most truly recorded her experience. The Catholics were wise in insisting that the Church came first. In their view the literature of the Church, did not authenticate the Church, but the choice of the Church authenticated the literature. Taking that standpoint, the importance of regimens became paramount; the very existence of the churches depended upon honoring it." Here surely is food for all thoughtful Protestants.—St. Paul Bulletin.

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MARRIAGE

REID SMITH.—At St. George's Catholic Church, Bayville, Sept. 23, 1915, Mr. Charles Reid of North Bay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reid of Bracebridge to Miss Emily Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Smith, Bayville.

DIED McDONALD.—In Victoria Harbor, Ont., August 19th, 1915, Mrs. Patrick McDonald. Interment in Midland. May her soul rest in peace.

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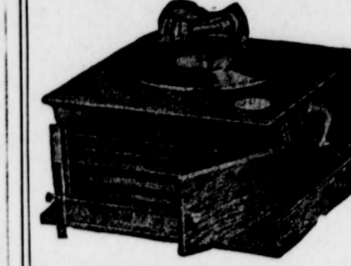
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