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BVER THE SAME

Some time ago a Protestant clergy. man in an address at the Y.M.C. A. in Brooklyn said that "the Sisters of Mercy are heroines of the Cross. Would to God that our women every where shared their sacrificial spirit. If we had less tangoers and more Sisters of Mercy the world would be

And yet some purblind bigots look askance at these women of queenly soul who speud themselves for God and their nsighbour. They are not only the pride and glory of the Cathgolden vesture of the Bride of Christ. The children of misfortune in the tenements, the dying soldier, the sorrowful, the discensolate, the despairing, the children in thousands of schools lift their hearts to heaven invoking blessings on these daughters of the Catholic Church for their Godlike charity.

WHY?

"After nearly a year's careful study in a position to sum up the results of investigations," says Rev. that out of the total membership of 625,000 some 150,000 are Catholics.

Mr. L. Wilbur Messer, of Chicago one of the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. distinctly Protestant organization. and that in the judgment of the Y. M. C. A. officials Catholics should by all means have their own Y. M. C. A. to take care of their own young men: and that in his opinion the majority of the Catholic young men who enter the Y. M. C. A. have already practically relinquished their allegiancs to the Catholic Church. These views were afterwards concurred in by many other heads of the organization.

The reverend investigator is of an have taken steps to start another opinion that the Y.M. C. A. is not revolution. General Hwang Hsing, The reverend investigator is of an directly a proselytizing organization. Here and there where Catholics are few or where special circumstances make proselytizing easy and attractive there are naturally efforts to influence Catholic members towards Protestantism. But the Y. M. C. A. is not chiefly dangerous as a proselytizing institution: its grea peril to Catholics lies in another direction.

THE DANGER

Membership in a Protestant organization tends insensibly to diminish that keen loyalty of the Catholic which looks upon any compromisa of Catholic doctrine as treason, mimicizing of the authority of the Church as sin.

There are many factors in the formation of this indifferentism. Seeing about a number of well meaning Dec. 6, inst., quotes him as saying : and virtuous Protestants, and perhaps comparing their goodness with the doubtful fervor of many of his of the great libraries of sacred writ-Catholic friends, the young man ings is contained in what is known comes to think that after all the relig- as the "Apocrypha." In that is conion you believe in has not much effect on the life you lead. He may companionship, of the condescension hymn called "The Benedicite," sung that bends towards the individual each Sunday by millions of Chris-Cathelic and turns away from his Church, but gradually dampens his enthusiasm for things Cathelia and undivided faith which make a fervent Catholic.

OUR NEED

What we need is a society that is equipped to satisfy the demands of this generation. Just as our colleges aim to meet the legitimate requirements of the age and to this end are sesking the men whose prowess in the world of intellect is incontestable as professors, and are striving to lift themselves up to the highest degree of intellectual excellence, so also a society should endeavor to draw our young men to its banners by methods and inducements which can appeal to them and hold them.

The mere proffering of advice will avail but little. But a well equipped gymnasium will attract many: a rejected, there is no good reason to Heart Review.

good library may be a magnet for hold any of the other books of the others; a few members who are enthusiastic and convinced.

A BOOST FOR THE KNIGHTS

The great campaign of the New York Chapter, Kuights of Columbus, to raise \$500,000 for the erection of a Catholic building in the City of New York that has been waged since Nov. under the direction of William P. Myhan, chairman of the executive committee, is beginning to be produstive of very fine results. The Catholic, as well as the non-Catholic population, have taken hold of the campaign with enthusiasm, and, day by day, subscriptions large and small are coming in upon the forces of the only the pride and glory of the Cath-olic Church but they are the precious one of the strange results of the stones that blaze in beauty in the campaign to date is that while the campaign is under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus, and while it was expected that the Knights of Columbus would raise most of the money among themselves, the unexpected has happened, and by far the greater portion of the fund has been contributed by those who are not members of the organization. This of course, is probably due to the fact that the Knights of Columbus are a great minority of the Catholics in the City of New York.

The largest individual contribution to the fund was the return from the of the Y.M. C. A. and its relations to sale of tickets for the concert given its Catholic membership we are now by John McCormask last Sunday at the Hippsdrome. Mr. McCormack donated his services free of charge, and our investigations," says Rev. the Hippodrome management placed Edward Garesche, S. J. He found their building at the disposal of the committee without cost. people were in attendance, and more than \$11,000 was obtained from the sale of tickets. Mr. McCormack broke all his previous records for tells him that this organization is a | concert attendance and receipts on Sunday .- N. Y. News, Dec. 25.

CHINA MAY BE AGAIN DISTURBED

President Yuan Shi Kai has ormally accepted the Chinese crown tendered him by the council of State. No date has been set for the corona. tion, but it is assumed that it will not take place till after Jan 1. The Japanese press (or a certain section of it, at least) denounces Yuan's acceptance of the throne. Chinese in America are highly indignant, and co-leader with Sun Yat San in setting up the Chinese Republic. now living at Ardmore, Pa, says: "Revoution in China is again imminent. As soon as the forces are in order and realy to strike I will join them. And I will not permit them to disband, as I did in 1913, until the cause is won." Dr. Sun Yat Sen, who led the revolt against the Mauchu dynasty, and became the first provisional President of the Republic, is supposed to be in Japan, whither he fled after the collapse of the second revolution. - Sacred Heart Review.

FOES OF THE GOSPEL

REV. M. H. GATES SO TERMS THE BIBLE BOARDS

The Rev. Mile H. Gates, of Trinity Church (Prot.), of New York City accuses the Bible societies of circulating mutilated copies of the Hely Scriptures. The New York Sun. of

The time has come when all real Protestants should demand from the tained such wonderful books as Wisdom of Solomon," cus" and "The Song of the Three not realize that the influence of Children" from which comes the

"The Bible societies each year flood ministers with their appeals, yet it is the fault of the Bible socieand lessens the strictness of loyalty | ties that this wonderful part has been stolen from the Bible. It these sociaties were truly Protestant they would not commit such a grievous They would not keep the

Bible from the common people. CALLS THEM ENEMIES OF BIBLE

"It was not until 1826 that the Protestant churches refused to print these books as part of the Bible. day, therefore, the societies stand before the Christian world as the great enemies of the Bible. It is difficult for any private publisher to compete with them. As a result the Bibles in general circulation are mutilated Bibles.

What we need to-day is either reform or retirement of the so called Bible societies. If they are permitted to go on I fear that they will continue more seriously to hinder the use of the Holy Scriptures."-New

York Sun, Dec. 6, 1915. The minister is right. If the authority, which declared the so-called Apocrypha to be inspired, be

Bible to be ganuine scripture. The New Testament writers quote far more frequently from that version of the Old Testament, which contained the so-called Apocrypha, than from the version, which did not contain them.-Our Sunday Visitor.

NEUTRALITY OF THE HOLY SEE

Cardinal Falconio, formerly Apos-tolic Delegate to the United States, made an exception to his rule recent ly and granted an interview to a correspondent of the New York Sun, because, he said, he wanted to speak as an American to his fellow citizens. Cardinal Falconio said that the policy which the Holy See has followed in regard to the great European war has been one of absolute partial neutrality and that this stand has oscasionally been misunderstood, chiefly owing to the fact that Pape Benedict XV. is almost expected to sit in judgment on the belligerents and decide who is wrong.

In explaining the situation and pointing out the principal reasons why the Pope has to be neutral Car-dinal Falconio said:

"If His Holiness should even ex press a personal opinion as to who is right and who is wrong in this war, it would follow as a matter of course that he would practically be mission on earth as the head of the

avert the war. Neither before nor since its outbreak has the dispute nations are in the same position as to stop the war or to shorten it.

"Pope Benedict XV. instead strove successfully to lessen the horrors ca the war. Ho used his influence on behelf of victims of the war -noncombatants and disabled prisoners. He raised his voice in protest when the laws of humanity and the usages of civilized warfare were violated. He repeatedly and eloquently appealed to the rulers of the peoples at war urging them toward peace, and at his request prayers for peace were said in every Catholic Church and in every Catholic home throughout the world. Could the Pope have done

more ? "It is absolutely necessary, apart from any other consideration, for the Hely See to observe the strictest and most impartial neutrality, as otherwise the Pope's inflaence in favor of peace would be lost. Every right minded person will admit as much, and only those whose minds are biased think wrongly that the Pope's efforts toward peace are based on motives of partiality.

'I have heard it said that an indi-

Apostolic Nuncio in Bavaria, who is an Austrian citizen by birth, will be created a Cardinal at the next consistory. Monsignor Fruhwirth has letter from the Archbishep of Oaxaca, been Apostolic Nuncio for more than eight years. He has been raised to the purple on account of his services not on account of his nationality, just as in former years other diplo matic representatives of the Holy See have been similarly honored even if of foreign nationality."-N. Y. Catholic News.

POPE, PRESIDENT AND PEACE

With the date line, Berne, Switz., Dec. 3, the Springfield Republican printed in its issue of the 17th, the fellowing correspondence : "General Wille, commander in chief of the Swiss army, a soldier of the school of Hindenburg and Joffre, to day expressed the belief that the time had come for the two most powerful forces in the world to combine to put an end to the European war. These two forces, he said, were the President of the United States and the Pope of Rome. . . In suggesting a peace proposal at this time President Wilson and Pope Benedict, General Wille said : united appeal from these two most powerful influences in the world. seconded as it would be by neutrals, could not but be heeded by all the warring nations." General Wills said he was not himself a Catholic, yet the powerful influence exerted by the Pope was recognized in Europe without regard to religion. The time has passed, the general said, for any weak or halting proposals from secondary sources. Only the greatest existing forces could speak with the great emphasis commanding attention, and General Wills said he was convinced that through President Wilson and Pope Benedict there was good prospect of restoring peace if they would take a strong and united initiative.—Sacred

WHY THE CHRISTIAN NATIONS ARE SUFFERING

EXCERPT FROM A PASTORAL BY CARDINAL MERCIER

"Yes, my brethren," says Cardinal Mercier, in the course of a pastoral issue under the dates of All Saints' and All Souls', the Christian nations are suffering, indeed, and the bloody tragedy of 1914 15 of which they are the heroines, goes to prove that once again Providence has decreed that it will not depart from its general law, but wishes to emphasize the fact that those whom it laves most must suffer most. Oh, my brethren, it is neces sary for me to speak plainly. De not, I pray you, ask, 'Why are Christlan nations suffering, because they are Christian?' Say rather, 'Our be-loved Belgium is a Christian nation; she is notoriously so, and, therefore is she not all the more worthy of receiving her place on the hill of Calvary?' Do not forget that the Founder of our religion, to which we are so proud to belong, was the Crucified. Do you not know that His Blessed Mother, whom the gentle Jesus loved so humanly and so divinely as son never loved before was warned from the moment that she knew she was to become His Mether that her Blessed Son had been chosen by God to expiate the sins of humanity, that she herself would siding with one group of belligerents have her heart piexced, and that be sgainst the other. The Pope disapproves of war and deplores it. His would be Queen of Martyrs? Do would be Queen of Martyrs? not forget that the ground on which Catholic Church is essentially peaceful one and naturally enough all his efforts are directed toward all his efforts are directed toward watered with the blood of countless.

The horrors of war Catholic Church is essentially a the foundations of our Holy Church peaceful one and naturally enough were laid, Catholic, Apostolic and martyrs. . . . The horrors of war have shaken profoundly the indiffersince its outbreak has the dispute ence of a great number of the faithful, which started the conflagration been and we bless the wisdom and the submitted to him for arbitration or mercy of Him who knows so ad-mediation, and he cannot assume mirably how to draw good from evil, the role of judge, slas, so far, not but these horrors have another even that of peasemaker. The object; God wishes them to produce even that of peasemaker. The object; God wishes them to produce sovereign rulers of other neutral another effect, and that is to make us accept and love our sufferings. the Pape. They cannot do anything And if it is true, alas! that the nations wage war against each other, our souls are, nevertheless, sisters.

WILL CARRANZA BE HELD IN CHECK?

You will not exclude any one, not

even the soals of those soldiers who

have fallen brandishing their arms

against us, from your prayers."

Philadelphia Standard and Times.

The long agony through which Mexico has been passing, although not at end, promises to be less acute. General Villa has given up his struggle against Carranza and there is a prospect of peace being again restored to our some tried Sister Republic. The cassation of fighting. however, will not put an end to the persecution to which the Catholic Church has been subjected. On the very day it was announced that Villa had abandoned his attempt to overturn the Carranza Government there appeared in the cation of the Pope's leaning toward Cardinal Gibbons who, after stating daily press an interview with Austria Hungary is afforded by the that his heart was saddened by the fact that Moneigner Fruhwirth, the Cathelic movement carried on by the

'Only yesterday afternoon I had a who informs me that Carranza i going from bad to worse. It is even forbidden now, he tells me, to have collections taken in the Catholic Confessions have been churches. forbidden for some time. He recites many of the conditions among the clergy and nuns. It makes one er to think of these outrages.'

It is almost inconceivable that pro-

essing republicans would be guilty of such crimes against liberty of concience as are enumerated in the letter of the Mexican Archbishon to Cardinal Gibbons. Think of civil officials issuing an order closing the confessionals in Cathelic churches and ordering Catholies not to perform their duty as Catholics! Even if our own Government were not, in measure, responsible for this and other outrages upon our Mexican brothers in the faith, it would ill become Catholic Americans to remain indifferent to the heinous crimes of the Carranzists. But when we re flect that our own Government stands sponsor for Carranza and his Government, our duty to protest becomes evident. Crimes have been committed in Maxico against Catholic priests and nuns that called to Heaven for vengeance. A Government that sanctions these crimss by not inflicting condign punishment upon the perpetrators of them, is deserving of the reprobation of all

The Administration at Washington cannot afford to shut its eyes to these crimes. Carranza, today, would not be President of Mexico, if he had not received the support of our Govern-Consequently the deviltries committed by the Carranzists have ing the latter have acquired through the backing of the American Government. The authorities at Washing

lowers to induce them to put a stop to deeds that are a disgrace to our civilization. It is for Catholics in a halt on the persecution the Cath-olic Church has been subjected to olic Church has been subjected to President Wilson, when he indorsed God we must do it according to good Carranza, took it for granted that form. Hence we throw up our hands Carranza, took it for grantest under his rule Mexico would have a just form of Government. The cruel love who tells us that when love is dead, marriage is thereby annulled, Fraeman's Journal.

THE POPE AND

PROSELYTING The text of a speech recently de vered by the Pope to the Roman "Society of the Propagation of Faith" is now at hand. His Holiness protested with vigor against those who are striving to lure Roman children from the Church by material inducements. He praised the work of the society, and expressed surprise that it was not more widely extended, for it aimed at the protection of poor Catholics against "robbers worse than those who come from the woods" the latter are concerned with material goods only, while the former rob souls of their most precious gift, Faith. After detailing some of the methods of the proselyters, the Pope

said in part : "Oh, wretched fathers, to whom the free education of their little ones is offered at the price of their separation from the Church! Wretched children, who are given the promise of help for the declining years of their parents if they only join the evangelical sects! There is no need of further insisting on the dangers that threaten the Faith of the children of Rome. One only has to pass through the streets of the dear city in order to see the multiplied methods by which the Catholic Faith is assailed in this its native seat Nor is it necessary to multiply words in order to put in due relief the greater infamy of this warfare because it is undertaken against the very center of the Catholic religion.'

"We must preserve the Faith of Our poor brethren : We must hinder the execrable robbery from being done to their utter ruin. Let no one tax Us with the language of exaggeration ; the sum total of the assaults against the Faith of the children of Rome We stigmatize as robber's work. The conspiracy of these thieves must be destroyed by a powerful organization of the defenders of the Faith, and this is already realized in the Society for the Preservation of the Faith in Rome. It opens schools and industrial centers, it opposes the good press to the bad press, it furthers the education of youth, and leads parents and children back to the holy Church of God. Continue your support of this movement, and, above all, make its importance and necessity widely known. It is only by such apostolic work that this Society for the Preservation of the Faith in Rome will assume that character of universality without which We shall hope in vain for results equal to the urgent need of the case."-America.

ACCOMMODATING LAWS

One of the daily papers tells us the very latest thing in divorce line. An Oregon farmer and his wife after many years of married life decided to disa-To be entirely up to date they decided there was no use in disagreeing unless there was a divorce. But the distance to the county judge was too great for them to take. So to simplisy matters they wrote to the judge and asked him to send them a divorce by return mail. It is the very latest thing in the correspondence school

Now this " Send-me a divorce byreturn · mail " was thought very funny. Why, it is hard to see. What were the poor old farmer and his wife to think? They have been reading about divorces for years past. They know that while the law talks in its grandiose manner, while world there is an evident effort to cling to of it. old time dignity, it is merely a buffoon in the matter of divorce.

If you want a divorce you shall have it. It may be a little harder to get it in one State than another, but a smart lawyer will make the way plain to you. The laws guarantee that it will not be made too hard for you. If they seem hard laws, it is only in appearance. The law will rail at you and then wink at you.

You may get a divorce in one State. and the guilty party will be solemnly informed that he or she will be deemed guilty of crime if an attempt is made to marry again. But the guilty party laughs, runs into an-other State and returns in a few hours with a new spouse to the place wherethe law had solemnly informed him that he could not remarry.

Now what was the poor Oregon farmer to think after these things? ton, therefore, are under a species of Why shouldn't he have his divorce-clation of that lesson moral obligation to bring influence by mail, he asks? It is only just triumph of religion.—Pilot.

to bear upon Carranza and his fol. hurrying up things a bit. Once you admit the principle that a man may put away his lawful wife whom he has taken until death, it does not Washington Government a realization of its duty to make Carranza call a few months residence in Reno, or

and that the only thing to do is for the parties themselves to declare their divorce.

Free love, we cry; we will have the law upon you for preaching such libertinism. What law, is the retort? Why, the very same law that says, it is an honorable thing for a man and woman to divorce each other and ake up with some other affinity. There is only this difference in the two cases; in one it is free leve, in the other it is free love .- Boston

THE INFLUENCE OF A CATHOLIC PAPER

In Ontario in former days, as in the West now, Catholic families sometimes became stranded in the matter of practising the Catholic religion. Priests were too few to attend to all and the descendants of several such families are now Protestants. One who knew a place of this kind revisited it after an absence of many years. An inquiry of a resident who remained faithful, as to what had happened, elicited this reply: "We lost all the families except those that took the CATHOLIC RECORD." Here is a con-crete case of the missionary value of a Catholic paper. It is not a made-up case at all. It is true to fact. It is the remote districts that most need the Catholic paper.—The Toronto Catholic Register.

TRIUMPH OF RELIGION

Man is by nature a religious being. The deepest and strongest instincts in his soul are those that urge him on towards the unending possession of God. He may seek to trample upon them, but those religious instincts, allowing no uprooting, ever make their presence felt. He may strive to still their promptings by giving welcome to the world's distractions or by yielding to the sordid influences of worldly living, but in moments of silence and solitude, they lay hold of his mind and turn his thoughts towards the spiritnal and efernal.

Religion may appear to fail in its competition with the world for the attention of man, but there comes a time in every life, a time, perhaps, of misfortune, of sickness, or of disappointment, when the world's claims, proved false and empty, yield

to the claims of God.
Religious instincts prove strong for the atheist and in times of sudden calamity or affliction, they draw him to his knees to implore divine protection. They seize the vatary of the world in the very depths of his dissipation and lead only the thoughts bearing upon the soul can enter. Often the struggle is long and pro-

tracted; man's indifference and im-Holy Trinity Caurch in Aurors, Mo., piety prevail through life, but when the home of The Menace, and rethe finger of death backons him from the world he loves, religion makes a final advance and conquers. The thought of pleasure, or of honor, or of wealth then yield to the thought of salvation, and the instincts which make man cling to life gives way to the religious instincts which inspire a longing for sternity.

What is true of the individual is true also of the nation. For a time God may be forgotten; His counsels it to \$200. Now pastor and peopls may be ignored; His commandments must start from the foundation up. may be broken; His name may be the target for taunus and sneers, but in the end religion triumphs. Men may plan and scheme as though God had no existence; they strive to get along without God, content to follow their own prophets, but a day comes when the folly of such procedure becomes evident, and are forced to recognize the fact that God must be given a place in His world and a part in the government

The present condition of Europe is proof of this contention. Perhaps, there was need of some such gigantic upheaval as the present to bring men to their senses and to make them see how little place they had given God in their lives. At any rate, the world of Europe

has been changed. Where before God was ignored, He is now held in honor. Men are turning to Him as the last source to which they can appeal. Where before they had defied His authority, they are now calling upon Him to intervene in a land deluged with blood and tears.

Faith has revived, God is recog nized in His heavens. Men little interested in religion have noticed the change and paid tribute to it. The war is disastrous, but it has taught the lesson that man can not get far without God, and the appreciation of that lesson means the

CATHOLIC NOTES

The Archbishop of St. Louis says as new \$2 000,000 cathedra's has no debt. He started a \$100,000 school and the first day a meeting of men gave him \$25,000 for it.

The Naw Zealand Tablet records o case in which a woman named Letitia Jane Hood, alias "Gord Andrews Martin, author, of 'Romanism and Crime,' etc., etc." was accused of publishing a defamatory libel against nuns, pleaded guilty at Wellington and was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

A theological seminary is being planned for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The institution is to be built at Norwood Heights at a cost of \$300,000. It will be lecated near the archiepiscopal residence, which was built a few years ago at a cost of \$50 000. SS. Peter and Paul's Church is also located at Norwood Heights.

Rev. Rugene S. Burke, D. D., of Jersey City, N. J., has been appointed a chaplain in the United States navy, to succeed the Rev. Joseph M. F. M. Ginty, who died at Annapolis, Md. while preparing to assompany the cadets to San Francisco on their summer cruise. Dr. Burke is an alumnus of the American College in Rome. He has been assigned to the Connecticut."

Envoy of the King of Belgium and special representative of Cardinal Mercier, Father Caslaus Rutten, a Dominican priest, acknowledged the leader of more than 200,000 Christian workingmen, has come to the United States to seek aid for the destitute people of his country. He brings credentials from Cardinal Mercier. He has come by way of Canada, where he had been since last May.

A writer in the Chicage New World says: When Archbishop Mundelein comes to Chicago, to which the Holy Father has sent him, 800 priests will marshal the army ha will command; the bells of 350 churches will announce the hour of his installation ; 120,000 stadents and pupils in Cath olic academies and parochial schools will greet him; 1,125,000 Catholics will bid him welcome, and their welcome will be spoken in twenty five

tongues. Cardinal Van Rossum, the newly ppointed Grand Penitentiary of the atholic Church, in the place of the late Cardinal Serafine Vannutelli, enoys the distinction of being the first Dutchman to receive a seat in the Sacred College in its long and illustrious history. Queen Wilhelmina, although a Protestant of the strict type, was so gratified by the honor thus bestowed upon one of her subjects that she wrote a warm letter of thanks to Pius X. when he bestowed the red hat upon Father Van Rossum.

The Knights of Columbus in the United States engaged Hon. Bourke Cochran of New York, to one of the most noted orators in the country, to give a series of addresses in the argest cities during this menth on the subject of the campaign of religious bigotry that has been in progress for some time. The lectures are free and are intended, as the announcement states, "to enlighten the public about the Catholic Church and its attitude towards our country many slanders now in circulation."

Fire broke out in the sacristy of sulted in the total loss of church and contents. The origin of the fire is unknown. A mission was being con ducted by a Passionists Father. The mission was well attended by non-Catholics. The cost of the church was about \$15,000. For eight years the pastor, Rev. J. D. Cronin, and the small Catholic community in and about Aurora, struggled with this debt and had succeeded in reducing

In 1845 there was not even one Catholic school in all Ceylon. At the present time there are in the diocese of Colombo alone 487 schools, built by the Catholics at their own expense though now receiving a small grant. In the immense majority of cases the schools are vernacular. There are, however, English schools, both for boys and girls. The Catholic schools are more than half of the schools in the diocese recognized by the Education Depara-ment. In the Cathedral parish of Colombo there are 9 schools-6 ver nacular, 2 English and 1 Anglo-vernac-

An instance of the heroism of Cathelic mothers is nated by an English daily paper. Remarking that English Catholics generally responded nobly to their country's call, the writer points to the parish of St. Mary's, Grangetown, which has 200 members in the army; a third of the members of the Catholic Thrift Society are on service; and the majority of those associated with the Grangetown Irieh Nationalist organization are in the ranks. widows, who are members of the Catholic Church, have among them 14 sons fighting," says the writer; Mrs. Lagan has 5, Mrs. Cowling, 5, and Mrs. Leneghan 4. Not a few Catholic families in Grangetown have 3 sons in the service.