AN ITALIAN SCANDAL

WORK OF A BOGUS NUN PROTECTED BY CIVIC AUTHORITIES

A good many years ago there came here to Rome a woman, dressed as a nun and engaged, she averred, on a philanthropic mission to look after destitute girls. She opened a home in which she gathered together a number of children and she found support in quarters where nuns are not usually welcomed. But the ecclesiastical authorities were anything but satisfied. They refused to recognize her as a religious, they took means to warn the public against her, and finally they managed to have the refuge closed and the "nun" sent away, though whether the police helped them or not we cannot say. Still the philanthropist was not daunted. She moved to Turin, but had to clear out of there also. She persevered and after many vissitudes opened a place at Milan, and there she found support from high-placed civil functionaries.

They secured for her from the city authorities a license to send out begging in the public streets the girls, ranging from five to sixteen years of age, she gathered into her "home." Time and again, Cardinal Ferrari, the Curia of Milan, individual priests, protested against the woman and her works; they begged the city authorities to restrain her and her associates from wearing a religious habit. In vain. The woman went on with her philanthrophy; she continued to send the tittle ones half-naked into the streets to collect money and some of the older ones she decked out in religious garb the better to catch the eye of the benevolent pedestrian. The Cardinal Archbishop forbade his priests to admit any of them to the sacraments, and more than once when the "Mother Superior" and some of her companions presented themselves at the altar-rails in the Duomo, while he was administering communion to the faithful, he passed them by without giving them the blessed sacrament, and this in sight of the whole congregation. Once more he endeavoured to have the police forbid them to carry on their work or to wear the religious habit. But nothing was of any use.

The woman went on with her work with the favour and protection of the civil authorities and the police, and in spite of the prayers and protests and exposures of the ecclesiastical court of Milan. Then it began to be whispered that the woman with the nun's dress kept a hell upon earth, that her "home" was a lurid den of filth and iniquity, that the children's earnings were increated by means too horrible to be told. Then the crash came, and all the Messaggeros, and Avantis and Secolos of the country shrieked in cubital headings their cries of "Horrible Clerical Scandal," "Hideous Immorality in a Convent" and so on. That was just five years ago and it was the beginning, though we did not at first realize it, of one of the most carefully planned campaigns of slander ever organized against religion.—Rome.

WHY SECRET SOCIETIES ARE CONDEMNED

"1. Because all of them in a greater or less degree aim at substituting themselves in place of the Church. They teach a distorted faith, replacing divine revelation with mere naturalisms and humanitarianism. They conduct religious services with rituals of their own making. They offer a convenient morality founded on human motives, and not founded, as it should be, on the relations between man and God.

"2. Because these societies demand of their members an oath of unconditional obedience and secrecy. Now this is against sound morality; for the State and the Church, as a guardian of the public good, have a right and duty to know the aims and conduct of lesser associations, and to supervise them to the end that they do no harm to the State or to private citizens.

"3. The Church, with two thousand years experience, has seen the rise of these societies and knows full well the practical effects of their work. She knows that they weaken the faith of men and finally induce them to prefer the easy ways of the lodge to the stricter duties of Christian life.

"4. Because men of easy morals are too often made high priests, worshipful masters and grand commanders in these societies to the detriment of virtuous companionship on the part of the members.

"5. Because as the Protestant churches know, to their sorrow, the lodges empty churches and, while offering men some mutual temporal advantages, deprive them of those divine sacramental helps and graces which Jesus Christ instituted to assist men in keeping the commandments and gaining eternal happiness."—Catholic Bulletin.

A SURVIVOR OF THE POPE'S ARMY

There are still surviving in Ireland, and elsewhere throughout the world, a considerable number of those who as young men left their homes and native lands to fight for the Pope. Many of these old ex-soldiers of a noble cause are now very poor; and once in a while some particular case comes to light, sad enough surely to suggest to a generous people the doing of something practical for the veterans of the Pope's Army.

The Nationalist (Clonmel Co. Tipperary, Ireland) tells in a recent issue of Stephen Walsh who left Thurles in 1860 to defend the rights of the Pope against Garibaldians and who now in his old age lives all alone in great poverty, in his native town, his youthful service and sacrifice forgotten.

He was twenty-two years of age—young, strong and ardent—when, with some twenty other youths of the neighborhood, he volunteered for service in the army of Pius IX. Everything was arranged for the band of volunteers, and they journeyed to Dublin, thence to Liverpool, where they joined other divisions. At Liverpool, where several divisions joined forces, they took a special train to Hull. Old Stephen Walsh has

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a vivid recollection of a hostile crowd with a band assembling outside the hotel in Hull where his squad was entertained. The band played, and the crowd indulged in shouts of "No Popery," etc.

From Hull they sailed up by the coast of Holland, thence to Germany and Russia, back to Austria, spending three weeks in Vienna waiting to join forces with other battalions. Eventually, they sailed across the Adriatic into Ancona, in Italy, in which fortress Walsh and his comrades were quartered for fifteen months. During the siege of Ancona Stephen Walsh was struck in the right arm by a piece of shell from one of the enemy's guns, and the mark of the wound is still to be seen on his arm. After the surrender of Ancona the garrison were forced to march out, and they were taken to Genoa where Stephen and some of his comrades lay in prison for seventeen days. When they were liberated, the war being over, they sailed to Marseilles, and journeyed on to Paris. Stephen Walsh was one of a party of twelve who were entertained at dinner at one of the Parisian hotels, where the Pope's soldiers were feted and honored. At the same table sat the celebrated John Mitchell, of '48 fame. Eventually Walsh and his comrades sailed to London, and after an absence of eighteen months arrived home in Thurles in the winter of 1861.

It is a shame to the Catholics of the world to allow veterans of the Pope's Army to drag out the last years of their life, unhonored and uncared for.—Sacred Heart Review.

THE CHILDREN'S POPE

The Westminster Cathedral Chronicle relates a touching incident of the recent English pilgrimage to Rome. A child in the north of England gave a letter to her parish priest, asking him to deliver it to the Pope. The priest, anxious to please the child, took the letter, but warned her that it was most unlikely that he would be able to present it to His Holiness. The Bishop of the diocese, however, knowing how dear to the heart of His Holiness are little children, presented the letter, which the Pope received with much pleasure, asking immediately to have it translated into Italian. The note was only a couple of lines as follows:

"Dear Pope:

"Will you have the goodness to say a prayer that my father may become a Catholic? With love from mother, Eddy, Mary.

"Your loving child,
"———"

The Pope requested the return of the letter, and seating himself at his desk, wrote a few lines, which he gave to the Bishop to present to the child on his return. Such childlike trust surely will not go unrewarded, and the little one may rest assured that the prayers of the Holy Father will beseech God to grant her the great favor she asked for.

New Books

We have received from Messrs. Longmans Green and Co. a new work entitled "The Friendship of Christ," by Rev. Robert Hugh Benson. Also from the same publishers and by the same author one entitled "A Child's Rule of Life;" illustrated. The price of the first named book is $1 00 and the last named 30 cts. We cannot speak too highly of the contents of both. That they will, as they deserve, have a large sale we have not the least doubt, and they will take place amongst the standard Catholic publications of the day.

From Longmans, Green and Co. also comes to us a precious little volume by the great Newman, entitled "Verses on Various Occasions," including "The Dream of Gerontius, pocket edition. It would be superfluous to write anything in praise of Newman's work. Everything he has written will be treasured in ages to come.

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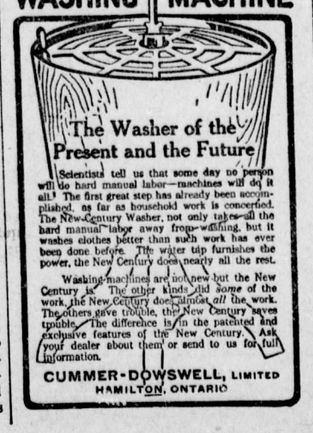

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ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER MEEHAN

Belleville Intelligencer, Nov. 29.

The spacious lecture room of the T. A. S. in St. Michael's Academy was crowded to over-flowing last evening by members of the society as well as of the congregation, who assembled to do honor to Rev. Father Meehan, who leaves to-day for Morrisburg, Ont.

Since the advent in this parish nearly six years ago of Rev. Father Meehan, he has, by his untiring zeal and never ceasing work done much for the Catholic people of Belleville and has not only endeared himself to the congregation, but to all who came in contact with him. As a strong advocate of temperance, one of his first efforts here was the establishment of St. Michael's Total Abstinence Society, which to-day is a widely known power for good. Father Meehan has been the leading spirit in this movement since its very inception and has seen it grow until to-day it stands as the most progressive element in the Catholic congregation. His place in this organization will be a very hard one to fill.

Dr. Dolan acted as chairman of the meeting last evening in his usual gracious manner and he explained that the object of the meeting was to present Father Meehan with an address and purse of gold as a mark of appreciation of his great services here. Father Meehan on being escorted to the hall was roundly cheered. The address was read by Mr. T. J. Hurley, president of the T. A. S., while the presentation was made by Mr. Ino. Donovan on behalf of the congregation and the T. A. S.

Father Meehan, though visibly affected, replied eloquently to the address and interspersed his remarks with some of the rare humor for which he is noted. In reviewing his ministery here he stated that he had acted under three of the noblest men he ever hoped to meet—the late Rev. D. A. Twomey, Archbishop Spratt, and the present incumbent, Father Killeen. "The first of these, Father Twomey, is in heaven—while Archbishop Spratt is detained at Kingston," said Father Meehan, "and as I wish to stand in the good graces of the authorities in both places, will say nothing of their good work here." He classed Father Killeen as a worthy successor to those who preceded him.

Rev. J. A. Meehan was born at Pannmure, Ont., in 1879. He attended the district Public school, entering Ottawa University in 1893 and was graduated from that seat of learning in 1900 with the degrees of Ph. B. and B. A. Father Meehan delivered the valedictory address for his year. He began the study of theology in the Ottawa Seminary, where he remained one year, finishing his studies in the Grand Seminary in Montreal. On Dec. 19th, 1903, he was ordained priest by Archbishop Bruchesi in St. James Cathedral, Montreal, his first appointment being in Gananoque, where he labored for three years coming to Belleville in the spring of 1907 as assistant to the late Rev. D. A. Twomey. Father Meehan refused the appointment of parish priest at South Mountain, Ont., to come to Belleville.

Father Meehan was a class leader all through his course in the university and won many medals. In the year 1899 he won the medal presented by His Excellency the Governor General for competition among the medalists of Ottawa University and which therefore represented the highest average for the year, of any student in the college.

The following is a copy of the address presented to Father Meehan:

Rev. J. A. Meehan, Belleville, Ont.

Rev. and Dear Father—It was with a sense of sincere regret that we learned you are soon to leave us to assume charge of the parish of Morrisburg and we have come tonight to meet you to give expression to the promptings of our hearts by publicly tendering our felicitations on the promotion with which you have been honored and which we take to be the issue of your eventful and successful sojourn here. The pride we feel in your advancement is, however, mitigated by the sorrow that is ours since we must say to-night so reluctantly, the words which on this occasion are so full of pathos—farewell.

The Catholic people of Belleville will ever cherish for you a grateful pride, for here it was that you erected the first monument of your priestly zeal the Total Abstinence Society of St. Michael's Church—since its inception the most progressive element in the congregation. We realize that to you, more than any one else, is due the credit for establishing on such a firm basis this most worthy institution, and also, that you have safe guarded its interests with unceasing vigilance.

The fruits of the Total Abstinence Society are manifold—the standard of Catholic manhood in Belleville has been raised, the minds of our young men have been inspired by a spirit of temperance and they have been taught to take their place in the public discussion of affairs; and the practice of the virtue which this noble society extols has reclaimed to society and to their dear ones, many who had fallen beneath the level of man's estate. This has been a great work. We firmly believe that the progressive development of this organization was due in a great measure to the fact that it looked to you for its fatherly counsel and example, and we find, through your spiritual ministrations and kindly offices to all, you had, quite unconsciously of course, moulded our minds to the persuasion that your inspiring presence was a necessary element to its continued success, since it would seem that heaven had gifted you with a prudence not often found in men of more mature years. St. Michael's Total Abstinence Society yields to none in the expression of their keen sorrow at your departure.

The congregation as a whole have also benefited by your unflagging zeal for Holy Mother Church. Your aims have constantly been toward the up-lifting of all to a higher and better understanding of the Christian virtues which give glory to God and true character to fellow-men.

In parting with you to night we promise you our prayers for length of days in the noble work of His Church; for God's abundant graces and His blessings on all your undertakings and we trust that you, too, may some times think of us.

We, the members of St. Michael's Abstinence Society, assisted by many voluntary expressions from the congregation, ask you to accept this purse of gold as a remembrance of the Total Abstinence Society and St. Michael's congregation.

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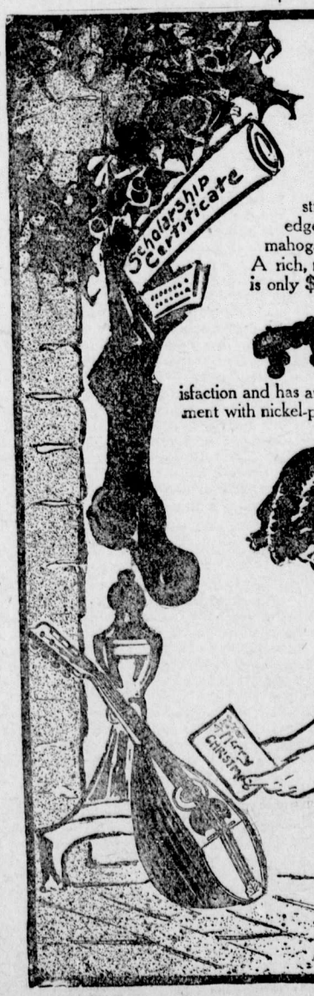

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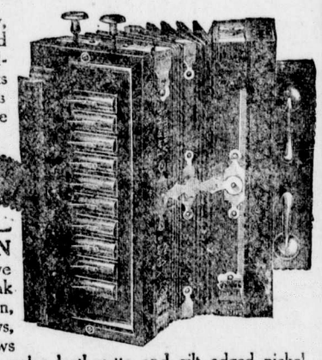

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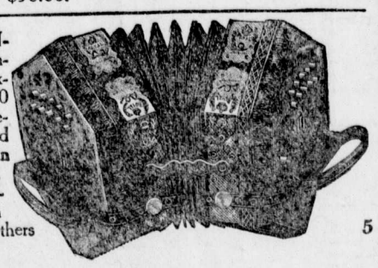

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