

Hungarian Priests Ask That Celibacy be Ended

Assert That Clergymen Should Have the Right to Marry—History of the Institution in the Catholic Church.

In the Budapest papers there was recently quoted a petition from certain priests addressed to the Hungarian Church Council assailing the rule of celibacy as undemocratic and demanding its abolition. The priests were quoted as saying that in the future they intended to marry. All Catholic Church represents the out-castes who had been ousted by the Church as apostates for having taken wives during the war must, they insisted, be at once readmitted to the priesthood.

What was once the Empire of Austria-Hungary was among its complex in its religious as in its racial life. Orthodox Churches within its former boundaries have wives and children for they are permitted to marry when sub-deacons. This brings up the fact that the Roman Church even now recognizes the marriage of some of its priests. The state of celibacy for the clergy was not at first an integral part of the discipline of the Christian Church, and its adoption by the See of Rome did not take place until eleven centuries had passed after the dawn of Christianity.

Although a Roman Catholic definition of celibacy is that it is the "renunciation of marriage made for the more perfect chastity by all those who receive the sacrament of orders in any of the higher grades," celibacy hinges not so much upon a moral law as upon expediency. It is considered by many of the leading ecclesiastics that it tends toward a better government of the church and gives a greater influence of the priesthood.

Among those who hold such a view is the Rev. Father John J. Wynne a noted writer on church history, and one of the editors of the Catholic Encyclopedia. He was asked his views on the subject which has come again to the fore through the reported developments in Hungary. Father Wynne expressed the opinion that unusual conditions arising from the war and possibly the influence of various sects in the same territory had much to do with the situation.

Married Priests in South Russia
"There are certain Catholic priests," said Father Wynne, who have wives. They belong to that branch of the Church under the See of Rome which is known as the Greek Catholic Church. This must not be confused with the Greek Orthodox Church which is under the jurisdiction of the Eastern Church. "These aforesaid Greek Catholic priests live mostly in Southern Russia and in the neighborhood of Moscow. Of about 2,500 priests of this division, I should estimate that two-thirds of them are married. Their marriages were contracted while they were yet in minor orders. No Catholic priest is permitted to wed after he has taken orders.

Those who do marry in minor orders and are then ordained as priests bar their own way for advancement and promotion. They make take only inferior positions in the church, by which I mean that they may never become Bishops or prelates of high rank. None of these married priests would be eligible for instance for the head of a monastery. As priests they, of course, are in good standing as far as the church is concerned and administer the sacraments and perform all sacerdotal functions.

"I have had the opportunity of knowing many of these married priests. In this country they are found in some of the important mining cities of Pennsylvania, such as Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. There are a few of them in Pittsburgh and several in Chicago. They minister largely to people of their own race in those places. Some of these I know intimately and have talked with their wives and children.

"As to the question whether or not a priest should be married, it may be said that some of them have told me that if they had their lives to live over again they would not marry. By coming in contact with other priests they feel that they are different, and as the years go by, these differences become accentuated. By being kept out of the higher offices of the Church, which some of them are thoroughly competent to fill, they feel that their usefulness is impaired. Socially, they become conscious of being under a handicap, rest forever.

In many communities the children of such priests attend the parish schools. The other pupils detect in them something different and for this reason their position is likely to be uncertain.

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Some of the apostles were married, as the New Testament tells us, and a large number of the Church fathers had wives and children. The fact that priests are required not to marry cannot be construed into a reflection on the holy state of matrimony.

"The Catholic Church believe that the priests, through the confessional and other means, are in such relations with their flock that confidences should be for them alone. There should not be any possibility of such matters being discussed in the family of the minister. All his time and attention should be given to his work. That work often requires risk and danger. The priest, like the soldier, is subject to sudden orders to go to new places. No one can serve two masters.

"To the Catholic priest celibacy is so natural an observance that even if by any possibility the church were to permit priests generally to marry, very few would avail themselves of such permission.

History of Celibacy
The history of the celibacy of the Roman Catholic priesthood is set forth in the Catholic encyclopedia by the Rev. Father Herbert Thurston, a Jesuit. He goes back to the early years of the Christian Church and shows that even during the lives of the founders there was an inclination having the presbyters unmarried. He quotes this from St. Paul: "He that is without a wife is solicitous for the things that belong to the church. But he that hath a wife is solicitous for the things of the world that he may please his wife, and he is divided."

It was not until the end of the third century of the Christian era that the opposition toward a married priesthood began to take form. The Spanish Council at Elvira (295 A.D.) enjoined celibacy on priests and deacons. Here was the beginning of the divergence on this question between the East and the West. Then came the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. forbidding a priest to contract a new marriage, if he had become a widower under pain of deposition. The disputes between the Greek and Roman Sees began in the fifth century and culminated in "The Great Schism" in the ninth. The struggle to maintain a celibate priesthood was carried on by such determined prelates as Pope Leo IX and Gregory VII. (Hildebrand.)

The First Council of the Lateran, held in 1123, adopted a decree which although not as clear as it might have been according to Father Thurston, was generally interpreted as denouncing invalid the marriages of sub-deacons or ecclesiastics of any of the higher orders. He holds that the Fourth Council of the Lateran (A.D. 1215) gave a firm and clear pronouncement in favor of celibacy which was confirmed by the Council of Trent.

Although a celibate priesthood was thus established in the thirteenth century, there still remains under the jurisdiction of Rome, and duty recognized by it, the Greek Catholics of Southern Russia already mentioned and there are also various Oriental churches with priests who took unto themselves wives before their ordination. The right of the Oriental clergy to retain their wives was recognized by a decree of St. Benedict.

In the churches of Syria and of Armenia the tendency is according to Father Thurston to adopt the mandates which govern the great majority of the priesthood under the jurisdiction of the See of Rome. The action of certain of the Hungarian priests, as now reported is regarded by Catholic scholars as being merely sporadic and a reflex of the influence of certain Oriental churches. It does, however, mean the recrudescence of an issue which many theologians thought had been put to rest forever.

County and District

Former Chancellor Bequeaths \$150,000 to Queen's

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS IN PETERBORO IMPROVE

Cobourg Adopts D.S. in Spite of Opposition

Defianters Fined

Inspector J. J. Graham of the Dominion Police was in Nanawau conducting the prosecution in the cases of men charged with being defianters. Fines were imposed aggregating \$750.

\$150,000 for Queen's Library

Kingston, April 8.—The late Dr. James Douglas, chancellor of Queen's University, left \$150,000 to Queen's for a library college, and the authorities are negotiating for St. James' Church property adjoining the college as a site.

G.T.R. Freight Met With Mishap

A G.T.R. freight in charge of Conductor Grills, while proceeding east on Wednesday, met with a mishap a short distance this side of Omemee. A number of cars laden with grain left the track and three were thrown across the line, blocking traffic. The Port Hope train was obliged to wait at Omemee until a special was made up at Lindsay when the passengers were transferred. The auxiliary and crew were working at Hastings at the time of the accident and were ordered to the scene.—Lindsay Post.

Conditions in Peterboro Show an Improvement

Prospects for placing men in the factories are looking brighter at the Labor Bureau this week and industrial conditions are beginning to look up according to reports brought to the officials in charge of the local branch. In every case, even when the factory is not as yet running on full time, the manufacturers are co-operating with the Bureau in the work of placing any applicants and notify the officials directly there is any prospect of a vacancy. In every case of vacancies the preference is given to a returned man. From March 29th to April 3rd, of fifty-three applications for work twenty were placed. Twenty-seven vacancies were reported. In the returned soldiers' department, from March 28th to April 4th of thirty-four applications twenty-one men were placed. In addition to this eight applied for vocational training and six of these applications have already been filled.

"The returned men are beginning to realize the opportunity offered in the vocational training," Captain Morrison said today. One woman only applied for work at the Bureau this week.

Removing From Nanawau

Rev. C. W. DeMille, B.A., pastor of Trinity Church, Nanawau, has received from the Methodist church the appointment of Secretary of Religious Education for the Province of Saskatchewan, and in June will remove to Regina. The offer of this appointment was at first declined but Mr. DeMille's letter was delayed in the delivery and the appointment was made. He was urged to reconsider his refusal and eventually accepted.

Cobourg Adopts Daylight Saving

At a meeting of the Cobourg Council a resolution was put through enacting daylight saving for the town. The same afternoon a meeting of the Cobourg Farmers' Club was held at which a resolution was passed, moved by John Russell and B. J. Mallory, that, "whereas the Government has decided that it was not advisable to pass a daylight saving bill, and we understand that the Council of the Town of Cobourg proposed to enact a by-law bringing into force what our Government refused to do; resolved, that we, the members of the Cobourg Farmers' Club, disapprove any such action, as it will be a very great inconvenience to us in doing business in the town." Carried. This resolution was read but it had no effect, the Council voted

unanimously to adopt the day light saving.

New Locomotive Foreman

W. D. McCann, of Ottawa, has been appointed locomotive foreman at Brockville for the Canadian National Railways, in succession to H. Thompson, who has been transferred to the shops at Rideau Junction, near Ottawa. Mr. McCann has already entered upon his duties.

Well-Known Soldier and Son in "Canada"

"Canada," the weekly magazine issued at London, England, in the interests of this Dominion, contains in the February number an excellent photo engraving of Lt.-Col. M. K. Adams, O.C. of the 155th Battalion. Along with Col. Adams appears his only son, Captain E. A. Adams, who went overseas with the 39th Battalion.

A Suggestion

Do the Kingston housewives like butter too well to boycott it for a fortnight?—Kingston Whig.

Children May See Movies

Relaxation in Regulations Provided—Matrons for Theatres

Good news for the child under 15 years of age is contained in Provincial Treasurer McGarry's bill to amend the Theatre and Cinematograph Act. Now no child under that age can attend the movies unaccompanied by an adult, but the new legislation excepts between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturdays, public and legal holidays. While the Provincial Treasurer may at any theatre dispense with the attendance of a matron during those hours, otherwise such a person must be provided.

Censors are given the right to "permit or prohibit the exhibition of any film or slide."

A section provides that at "every theatre in Ontario the National Anthem shall be played at the conclusion of each performance."

The Council of a municipality may pass by-laws prohibiting the erection of any theatre within 200 feet of a church or place of worship.

Vicious Snake Among Bananas

Kitchener, April 8.—While picking bananas from a stalk at the Busy Bee Confectionery Store Mrs. McAlush, wife of the proprietor, found a snake curled up beside the stalk. Assistance was summoned, and with the aid of a stick the reptile was pried away from the stalk and was caught in a bag. It was later transferred to a glass jar. The reptile was sleeping when discovered, and did not awaken until it was in the glass jar. It is about 4 feet in length and is of a vicious type. The banana stalk on which the snake was found came from South America several weeks ago.

A One-Sided Law

The Deceased Wife's Sister's Act, which was passed by the British Parliament several years ago, makes it lawful for a man to marry the sister of his former wife, but not for a woman to marry her deceased husband's brother. A recent decision of the British Divorce Court annulled such a marriage on the petition of the man.

Have You Seen the Sun?

Astronomers aver that no one has ever seen the sun. A series of concentric shells / envelopes a nucleus which we apparently know nothing of except that it must be almost infinitely hotter than the fiercest furnace and that it must amount to more than nine-tenths of the solar mass. That nucleus is the real sun, forever hidden from us. The outermost of the enveloping shell is about 5,000 miles thick and is called the "chromosphere."

Dr. H. L. Strang is Dead

Principal of the Goderich Collegiate Institute for 34 Years

Goderich, April 8.—Dr. H. L. Strang, "the grand old man of Goderich," died last week. Born in Galt, Ont., in 1841, Dr. Strang became an authority in educational matters and for thirty-four years was principal of the Collegiate Institute here. He retired from the principalship in 1905 but continued as teacher in classics. He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1862.

Whitby Discusses Daylight Saving

SOME TALK OF BOYCOTT IF AD- OPTED

Farmer Wants Rebate

W. A. Broughton, the only real farmer member of the Whitby Town Council, who moved the resolution Monday night at the special session held for that purpose, ordering Mayor Blow to issue his proclamation that daylight saving had been adopted, is now out with a challenge for a debate on the question whether daylight saving is a good thing or no.

Oshawa Wants \$500,000

Oshawa is asking for \$500,000 of Ontario Government housing money. The Oshawa Housing Commission has elected Mr. Geo. W. McLaughlin as chairman, with Mr. T. H. Everson vice-chairman, and Mr. Tyrol, of the Bank of Commerce, secretary. Already a number of applications for these five per cent. funds have been received. An office has been opened, and, beginning Monday, April 7, will be open from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

The Pickering Chamber of Commerce held its first annual banquet on Wednesday evening. Forty sat at the tables, which were spread in the Gordon House. President Johnson was chairman. Mr. E. L. Rudd, who is honorary president, in an address emphasized the attractiveness of the county east of Toronto.

Deputy Reeve Fred H. Richardson, speaking to "Our Municipal Institutions," urged that these eastern municipalities interested in the Toronto Eastern should send a strong delegation to Ottawa and request that this road be turned over to the Ontario Hydro Radial Commission as part of the system entering Toronto. Revs. E. A. Bruce and Dr. Marsh also made addresses.

Sir Frederick Stupart, director of the Dominion Meteorological Office in Toronto, gave an illustrated address on "Weather" in St. Andrews Church Pickering, Tuesday evening.

Denies Making Threat

Dr. Kaiser, on reading that Fred Rowe had threatened to have the United Farmers boycott the twin towns if they adopted daylight saving, came over to see if he could put Mr. Rowe out of his position of auditor for the county. Mr. Rowe, however, was out with a denial that he had proposed a boycott.

Steel King's Daughter to Wed

New York, April 8.—A marriage license was granted today to Margaret Carnegie, daughter of the steel king and Ensign Roswell Miller, U.S.N.R.F. The marriage will take place on April 22. It has not been announced where the ceremony will be performed.

Child Knows Music of 300 Operas

New Orleans, La., April 8.—Octavius Roy Cohen Jr., 3-year-old son of Octavius Roy Cohen, author and playwright of Birmingham, Alta., proved before a jury of educators and musical critics that he knows 200 operas by heart. The baby in a formal test identified and listed the names of opera after opera unerringly, as photographic selections chosen by the jury were played.

Nicholas Baur, acting superintendent of New Orleans Public schools, headed the examining board, and pronounced the exhibition the most phenomenal in his experience. The 3-year-old child capped his operatic selections, beginning with Peer Gynt Suite, when his father, tapped the rhythm of the music with a coin on a table.

When to Wear Uniforms

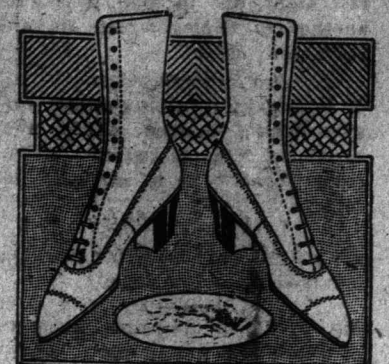
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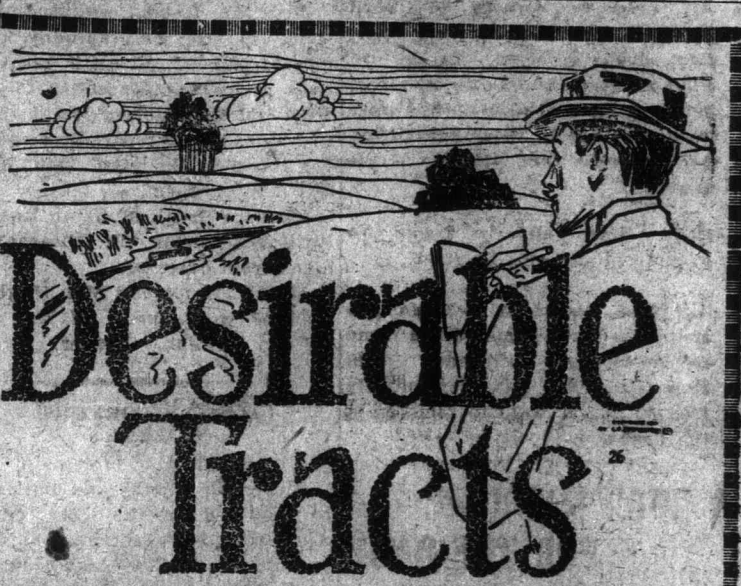
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