

**APOSTATE LOSES SUIT**

High German Court Decides That Hoensbroech Did Not Prove That Jesuits Teach That "The End Justifies the Means"

(From the Messenger)

Two years ago (in Germany) a distinguished priest, the Rev. G. Dasbach, offered a reward of 2,000 florins to any one who should prove that the Jesuits taught the offensive doctrine: "The good end justifies the bad means." A jury of Catholic and Protestant university professors was to give the verdict. Count Hoensbroech, the ex-Jesuit and apostate Catholic, came forward and affirmed to have peremptorily proved that the Jesuits taught the doctrine, and published a pamphlet in which the proof was supposed to be found. In the meantime Father Dasbach had failed to obtain his jury, as the Protestant professors refused to serve. Then the Count sued the priest for the reward in the civil court of Trier. The court decided that the case was not actionable according to the German law, as it was of the nature of a wager, and consequently dismissed the case with costs. From this sentence the plaintiff appealed to the Supreme Court of the Rhine Province in Cologne. This court rendered its decision on March 30. First of all, the sentence of the lower court was set aside on the ground that this was not a wager, but a real prize problem. Then the court declared itself competent to deal with the controversy on its merits without any need of theological experts or specialists. Whoever claims the reward offered by the defendant, says the court, must have clearly proved that in any one passage of Jesuit writings the general principle is expressly enunciated that any action, though in itself morally bad, becomes licit when used as a means to compass a good end. The Plaintiff asserts that in his pamphlet, "The End Justifies the Means," this proof is contained. The Court, therefore has only to deal with this pamphlet and not with any Jesuit works, the fidelity of the citations being accepted by both parties. The court then proceeded to the examination, one by one, of the passages alleged from Sa, Toletus, Mariana, Vasquez, Sanchez, Bezanus, Laymann, Delrio, Castropalao, Escobar, Tamburini, Voit, Gury and Palmieri, and after discussing them arrived at the conclusion that in not one of these texts is the general principle affirmed that the end justifies the means. The plaintiff, therefore, has failed to prove his point and is not entitled to the reward. His appeal is rejected.

**NUN AS COURT OFFICER**

New York Officer Would Appoint Sister of Mercy Who Works Among Prisoners

(From the New York Sun)

Sister Mary Xavier of the House of Mercy, at Madison avenue and Eighty-first street, who visits the district prisons, the penitentiary, and Sing Sing Prison, went to the Yorkville Police Court yesterday and asked Magistrate Pool to discharge a man he had committed to the workhouse for disorderly conduct. She said she had obtained employment for him in the country and saw a chance for his reformation.

"I have heard of your work among the prisoners, Sister, and I commend it. Suppose I appoint you a probationary officer of the court without salary. Would that help you in your work?" asked the Magistrate.

"Yes, your Honor, it would help me, but I must consult my superiors, as I cannot accept such an appointment without their approval," she replied.

The Magistrate told her to let him know if she obtained the necessary consent, and said he would investigate the case of the man she wanted discharged.

Sister Mary Xavier has been working among prisoners for several years. If she is appointed a probation officer it will be the first time a member of a Catholic Sisterhood has held such a position.

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**PRIVILEGE FOR MAIMED GENERAL OF JESUITS**

Although He Has lost His Right Arm, the Pope Will Allow Him to Say Mass

Information was received in New York the other day from Rome that the Pope has announced that he will confer the extraordinary privilege on Father Martin, S.J., the General of the Jesuits, of allowing him still to say Mass although his right arm has been amputated.

One of the strictest rules of the Church is that in regard to what are designated the "canonical fingers" of the priests. These are the thumb and index finger of each hand, which alone are allowed to touch the Blessed Sacrament. They are specially anointed with holy oil when the priest is ordained. In celebrating Mass the priest, immediately after he has placed the Sacred Host on the corporal after the elevation joins the thumb and index finger of both hands and never separates them until the communion is over unless he touches the Sacred Host.

It will be remembered that Father Martin, owing to a cancerous affection had to have his whole right arm amputated three weeks ago. This would ordinarily have prevented his ever celebrating Mass again. When the Pope learned of the operation, and that Father Martin was rallying from its effects, he said that "so beloved a priest should not be deprived of the consolation of his daily Mass." Another priest will have to assist him at the altar, however.

New York has two notable instances of the ecclesiastical value set on the "canonical fingers." Father O'Reilly, the late rector of the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, on East Ninetieth street, lost his life by an effort to save a canonical finger. He injured his thumb while fishing, and blood poisoning set in. He refused to have it amputated, and thus lost his right to say Mass, until it was too late to save his life.

The Jesuit missionary, Father Isaac Jogues, who it is expected will soon be canonized had his thumb and four fingers hacked and bitten off in the most barbarous manner by the Mohawk Indians. He escaped from their captivity and returned to Europe. Pope Urban VIII., hearing of his mutilated hands, sent him a particular dispensation to celebrate Mass.

**A STRIKING CONTRAST**

Respective attitudes of Catholics and Sectarians in the Matter of Scandals

(From the Ave Maria)

Few things in the religious world are more striking than the charitable reticence of Catholic papers and Catholic priests regarding scandals among Protestants, and the eagerness with which a large number of sectarian journals and a great many sectarian ministers receive and spread any evil report, however monstrous that may come to their knowledge against Catholics and their religion. How very rarely one sees in a reputable Catholic newspaper any reference to scandalous conduct on the part of Protestant preachers! But let a priest prove unfaithful to his trust in any way and publish an attack on the Church, and the first to spread the scandal and to applaud and encourage the renegade are sectarian papers and preachers. Instances to illustrate this contrast are of common occurrence. Only last week a gentleman told us of seeing copies of a recently published anti-Catholic book—an infamous production by a suspended priest—piled high in the basement windows of a Protestant church in one of our large cities. The minister in charge is the purveyor of the sewage.

Some time ago an ex-member of an Anglican sisterhood in one of the British colonies published sensational charges against her former associates and co-religionists, and her diatribes were echoed on all sides; but we are happy to say that not a single Catholic paper in Australasia took the slightest notice of either diatribes or diatribist.

Far different is it with non-Catholic journalists and Clergymen. Our sad experience of many years is that most of the calumnies against the Church, and most of the evil reports regarding Catholics, may be traced to some sectarian paper or preacher as the propagator if not the originator. It would be a painful surprise to most of our readers if they could see the sectarian periodicals

which sometimes come under our notice, and read the statements and accusations which they contain—statements which it is hard to believe writer or editor did not know to be false; accusations which have been a thousand times disproved.

**MISS KATHLEEN NOLAN, B.Sc. Catholic Girl Graduate**

The list of Glasgow University successes printed this week includes the name of Miss Kathleen Nolan, of Downhill Training College, who has just passed the final examination for the degree of Bachelor of Science with special distinction.

Miss Nolan

is the first Catholic lady in Glasgow, if not in Scotland to take the degree of B.Sc., and on that account the congratulations of her friends and the friends of the Sisters of Notre Dame will be all the more profuse. The new "grad." has had quite a distinguished career. Her education was commenced at home in Castlereagh, Co. Roscommon, and continued at the Ursuline Convent, Sligo. She went through the Intermediate course in Ireland and earned a Junior Grade Exhibition, and a Middle Grade Exhibition, which she retained in the Senior Grade; besides winning the first prize for English in all Ireland (for girls). Miss Nolan passed the Scholarship examination at Downhill in 1899, taking

Fifth Place for Scotland

In 1900 she sat for the Matriculation examination in connection with the London University. She began her career at the Glasgow University and at Downhill about the same time, and captured two class medals for science and one for chemistry at the University. She has recently been assistant science mistress at Downhill Training College, and her recent success in her final examination has been the reward of hard work and constant application.

Her science studies at Gilmorehill are now at an end, for a time at least; and it is hoped that after the expiry of the prescribed period of five years her original researches may bring her the cap of a Doctor of Science.—Glasgow Observer, April 15.

**TAMPERING WITH A'KEMPIS**

The "Freeman's Journal" prints the following from C. J. S., of Brownsville, Tex:

Protestants, not satisfied with omitting some texts from Holy Scripture, changing or perverting the sense of others in order to forward their false teachings, have adopted similar tactics in regard to one of our most valuable (if not our most valuable) spiritual books. Of late a new and attractive edition of the "Imitation of Christ" has been published by the firm of E. & J. B. Young & Co., Cooper Union, Fourth Avenue, New York. It is called the "Rivington Edition" and comes from the "Edinburgh University Press, Thomas and Archibald Constable, Printers to Her Majesty." As it carries with it no "Imprimatur" of any Bishop, no indorsement of any dignitary or censor, one might be led to suspect its genuineness, were it not that Catholics, considering it so much, nay, so entirely their own, think every copy of it which they buy is indubitably orthodox. But this is not the case. As Protestants do not believe in Purgatory, they have resolved to strike out that doctrine from the "Imitation of Christ," as implied in its text and substitute something else in accord with their own views on the matter. Thus, in Bk. v., c. v. and in the last paragraph of No. 3, whereas "A' Kempis" has it: "Quando Sacerdos celebrat . . . defunctis requiem praestat," the translator, in the edition before us, says: "When the priest doth celebrate . . . he makes mention of the departed," by which he rejects the suffrage for the dead and the doctrine of Purgatory.

The rapid reader of the "Imitation" might not notice this, but it is a piece of treachery perpetrated upon Catholics which I think should be made known to them.

**A ROUGH DIAMOND**

(By P. G. Smyth in Donahoe's for May)

A man of iron frame and wonderful energy, Benjamin Peters Hutchinon, daily visited the stockyards at daylight, got exact information as to shipments and receipts, walked the three miles back to the city, ate an enormous breakfast, and appeared fresh and alert

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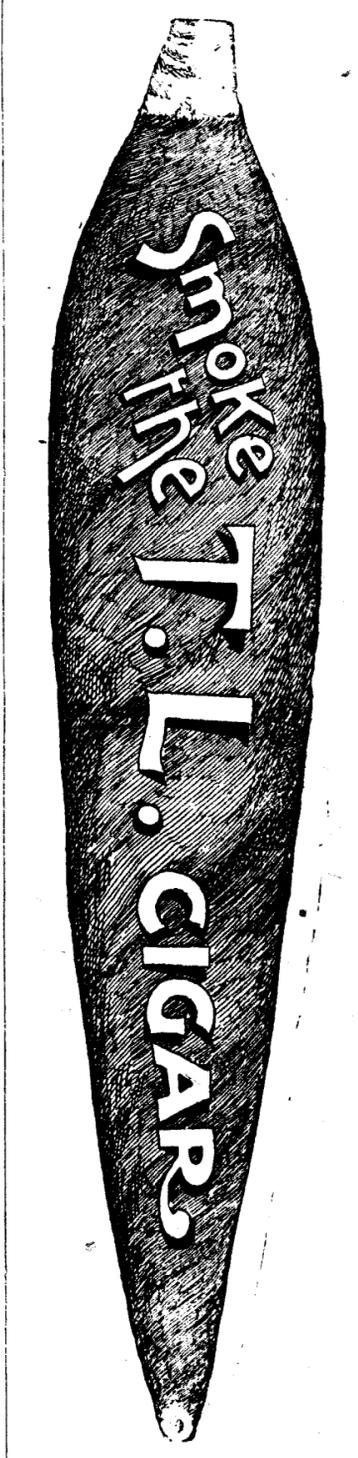
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on 'change, while men young enough to be his grand children were still drowsy. He liked to be considered harsh and hard, even mean. A "blackboard boy"—his duty being to chalk up trade returns—who was the only support of his mother and two little sisters, died suddenly of pneumonia. "Go away!" gruffly said "Old Hutch" to a broker who approached him with a subscription list. "I have no patience with beggars. If the boy wasn't a fool he wouldn't have caught cold. What do I care about his mother?"

That broker and many others said and thought severe things about this refusal. But when the committee went out to attend the boy's funeral they found "Old Hutch" seated on the front steps of the house of death. He had paid all the funeral expenses, and, moreover, lifted a mortgage of \$450 which lay on the boy's home. "Give what money you have collected to the boy's mother; she will need it," he said to the man at whom he had stormed a day or two before, and without another word he arose and went his way.

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