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"Christianus mihi nomen est Catholicus vero Cognomen."—(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname)—St. Pacien, 4th Century.

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OUR ILLUSIONS

There have been many strange and wondrous prayers offered up from this planet and quite a noticeable proportion of them have been inspired less by a desire to commune with the higher Power than from a sneaking fondness for giving that Power advice. But the prayer so often heard, "Spare me my illusions," is the most conceited, the most monstrous of all. For it means, if it means anything, that the person so praying believes that he can evolve a better world from his own consciousness than the one he sees around him. He believes himself a better workman than the Power in which he puts his trust. He is announcing not merely that a lie stoutly maintained is as good as the truth, and that he has a private assortment of stories which are better than any truth whatsoever. And that is a rather sizable conceit for any mortal man to hold. It reminds one of that preacher, who, according to an observing and sarcastic parishioner, was almost afraid to go to sleep and leave the world alone with God. What basis is there for this manner of thinking? None save man's lazy dislike of reconstructing his scheme of things. There never yet was an illusion but hid from view some truth a thousandfold more beautiful and poetic than any vain imagining. The fairy tales of the younger world are petty compared to the fairy tales of science, and the jealously held illusions of more recent date are little better than the more ancient ones. Nor are our illusions about our fellow-men a whit better than any other misconceptions. You may fancy that a given great man is an angel white and be shocked to find him a very human gray. But if you look into his life with a little care you will find a deal more goodness there than you ever put into your imagined ideal: and even the subdued coloring may be an added virtue in a world whose eyesight is so likely to suffer from glare. So don't be afraid to part with your illusions. Don't get the notion that without your muddled mistakes and misjudgments the world would be barren of poetry and charm. Don't announce that you believe this, that or the other no matter what the evidence. It shows a mighty large conceit and an absurdly small sense of values. It is equivalent to saying that the stuff your dreams are made of is finer and better than the enduring material which has stood the wear and tear of unnumbered years and from which everything we see—yourself and your illusions included—have been shaped. The only beautiful and poetic thing in the world, and assuredly the only lasting thing, is truth.

MEMORIES

In "Memories," by Stephen Coleridge, a son of Lord Chief Justice Coleridge, there are many personal reminiscences of the great men of his time whom he had exceptional opportunities of meeting on an intimate footing. He gives charming character sketches of Gladstone, Matthew Arnold, Disraeli, James Russell Lowell. Speaking of Newman he says: "He bore about him the perfect humility of true greatness. His face had a strange wistfulness and his eyes seemed habitually to be gazing beyond and through the visible things of the world about him to some vision far distant and unsubstantial. There was always a sense of power behind his unruffled gentleness and urbanity. When he entered a room full of people, and these not undistinguished, every one else seemed to become by comparison, insignificant and ordinary: and this before he had spoken a word." He narrates that the great Cardinal wrote beneath a print of Oxford hanging in Lord Coleridge's study, the following words:

"Son of man can these dry bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, Thou knowest."

He speaks of Gladstone as a marvelous-looking human being, a devouring aspect of countenance, an eye that would pierce a wall. He finds Goldwin Smith a little depres-

sing, a man of stern and unbending rectitude who had found the world unsatisfactory and his own part in it disappointing. Ruskin impressed him more agreeably.

NOT TOO MUCH

Sentiment, when controlled, is a not undesirable asset, when, however, it is allowed to run amuck, it may, and does sometimes, become a distinct menace to law and order. We all know how strangely compassionate some people become towards convicted criminals. They feel, but they don't think. They may not be altogether to be blamed for this, for many of them are victims of an educational system that brings on mental anaemia. Intellectually they are thin-blooded owing to the un-nutritive diet of bits of miscellaneous information which was served them during their school-days. But still, despite the efforts of faddists, they should have preserved a little common-sense.

Some time ago we had occasion to observe a sentimentalist who wailed piteously over a sentence meted out to a boy by the Juvenile Court. It would cripple him for life, burden him with social obloquy, etc. It mattered not that the boy was guilty of theft, and that the Court had to administer the law. The devotee of sentiment did not stop to think that the punishment might save him from greater crimes, and would be an admonition to others when tempted to steal. We are of the opinion that in some cases youthful delinquents should be released on parole: when convicted of theft they should be given ample time, in some institution, to acquire a reverence for law and its administration. Across the border the waves of sentiment submerge the times both judge and jury, but in Canada we hope retributive justice has an abiding home in our Courts.

THE NEWSPAPER

At a meeting of the Civic Forum in New York a few weeks ago, Mr. Joseph Choate said that he would like to see the newspapers abolish the headlines in reports of crime. "If they would consent to do this it would be most helpful in discouraging crime. Nothing, in my opinion, does more to encourage the growth of crime than the spreading of information about it. When a press representative advanced the old argument that the people wanted news of crime Mr. Choate pointed out his paper had gained in prestige and circulation because it gave special attention to discoveries, inventions and constructive achievements."

A clean newspaper as well as a clean stage are growing in popularity not so because editors and managers are remembering long forgotten ideals or are becoming aware of their responsibilities as because the average citizen is disinclined to pay money for either printed or acted uncleanness. Perhaps, also, our friends who preside over the destinies of party newspapers may see at no distant date even in an opponent, some semblance of good. They may abandon the policy of using personalities for arguments and begin to view the issues of the hour, not through the glasses of preconceived ideas or of prejudice, but through those of reason. A judicial tone, dispassionate discussion and accuracy of statement would do much towards increasing the influence of the press. It would be a factor in the struggle for reverence, for age and authority. Our public men who have given of their best to the country should be spared the vitriolic phrase and meaningless abuse of the hide-bound partisan. If we judge aright the trend of the times the editor who ignores courtesy and truth in his treatment of political opponents may be shorn of influence and power and be left to howl impotently as far as right-minded citizens are concerned.

Lend your better self to all. God will not suffer you to be taken advantage of if you are prompted by the spirit of charity.

The dark cloud that comes over your mind is a suffering, but it must not prevent you from praying to God. The great thing is to try to look at God and not at ourselves. If we look at ourselves, we shall be disgusted. If we look at God, we shall be filled with hope, love and peace.

DR. PATTON'S SON A CONVERT

NOTED PRESBYTERIAN TEACHER ANNOUNCES CONVERSION OF PAUL PATTON

Princeton, N. J., May 23.—Paul Patton, son of the Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, formerly of Princeton University, and who resigned three weeks ago as president of Princeton Theological Seminary, has become a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, it was announced here to-day. The announcement was confirmed by Dr. Patton.

The fact caused the most profound sensation, principally in view of the fact that the young man's father has been considered a foremost educator in the Presbyterian Church.

As soon as it was known here that Paul Patton, who is thirty-two years old and in the service of the British Government as an engineer in Bermuda, had been converted to the Catholic faith certain persons attributed to this fact the recent retirement of Dr. Patton from the presidency of the seminary. Dr. Patton denied this.

The resignation of Dr. Patton was unexpected by the university and the faculty when the board of trustees met May 5. Following that meeting the board issued a statement, including the minutes adopted, and in one of the minutes a peculiar note was observed. This was: "Resolved, that in view of the reasons presented by Dr. Patton in person his resignation be adopted." The board did not state what those reasons were.

That the trustees appreciated the great work done by Dr. Patton through his long years with the institution was indicated by the fact that he was made emeritus professor of philosophy and religion and a pension of \$3,000 a year was voted to him. He also was asked to act in an advisory capacity to the trustees.

Paul Patton was in Princeton a few weeks ago, at about the time Dr. Patton resigned from the presidency of the university. He returned last Sunday and attended Mass in the Catholic church here. His brother, George S. Patton, is professor of ethics in Princeton university, and lives with his father and mother at Springdale. Paul Patton was their guest while there.

It was said there had been no estrangement in the family because of Paul Patton's defection from the Presbyterian faith.

THE EUCHARIST

PAPER READ BY HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL BOURNE AT THE EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AT MALTA

The family is the foundation of human society. Where family life exists in all its purity we may rest assured that the nation which is built up thereon will, whether it be great or small, wide-spread or confined within narrow limits, rich or poor, enjoy all the essential conditions of happiness and contentment. But the attainment of such perfect family life is no easy matter. The history of the world, civilized and uncivilized alike, is before us to bear witness that the strongest forces are always at work to destroy and break up the ideal of our father, one mother, and the children grouped around them, the picture of marriage, that Christianity at least, has made familiar to us. The older Divine dispensation, with its toleration of polygamy and permission of divorce, did not venture to set before them a perfection which was beyond their strength.

THE MARRIAGE STATE

And it stands to reason that the marriage state makes a great demand upon those who embrace it if they are to pass a long span of years in mutual harmony and to bring up the children whom God may be pleased to bestow upon them in His knowledge and loyal service. Two human individuals are placed in closest union for the term of their natural lives, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, to face all the changes and vicissitudes of moral existence. Those two individuals remain distinct and separate, but they have to lead a life in the most intimate respects identified. And, in time goes on, their individual characteristics, merged in apparent sympathy during the days of courtship or at the outset of their union, will tend inevitably to assert themselves, and the old selfish love or selfishness, so strong a feature in the nature of us all, will, if not checked, rise up to produce discord where perfect harmony should prevail. Can we wonder, then, if those to whom the Christian faith has through heresy or unbelief lost its full meaning, call aloud that the unity and indissolubility of marriage are beyond the power of many, both men and women, to bear, that their true life is crushed out thereby, and that freedom must be given to them to break the ties that have become galling, and to seek the new affinities, as they term them, that are to complete their own existence?

THE FAMILY LIFE

Then a day will come to those whom God has joined together when other individual natures spring from their own, and the children thus born, while they will bring joy and gladness in many ways to their parents' hearts, will none the less be an occasion of many a sorrow and anxiety, and again a possible source of misunderstanding and division where father and mother are unable to regard their future interests from the same point of view. The children draw themselves as they grow up will unfold their own distinctive characters, not in all points in sympathy with those from whom they sprang. For a time the parents' will may prevail, but gradually as the limit of parental control is reached, opportunities of untold suffering may arise and turn the memory of the joyous obedient days of childhood into bitter regret, on account of the lawless and seemingly ungrateful pride that has succeeded to them. Who as they gaze upon a youth and maiden entering on their united life can tell the future that lies before them or sum up the trials which will need all their virtue to sustain?

THE HOLY EUCHARIST SANCTIFIES THE HOME

Our Divine Master has foreseen it all, and His Apostle has forewarned us of the tribulation that awaits those who enter upon this marriage state. So there is no need for scandal or surprise. But as God never places a burden upon His creatures without providing them with the special means of grace that they need to bear them. He has left in His Church a source of help which is open to all who desire to avail themselves thereof: "Come to me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will refresh you." He has not been satisfied with coming among us merely for a time or with giving to us His Divine teaching as our guide. But in the Blessed Sacrament He remains for ever in our midst, and He gives Himself in closest union to our souls.

As Holy Communion is the great source of mutual charity among men of most different character, tastes, and education, by making them all grow into the likeness of their Master, so may it become the bond of union and the strength of mutual forbearance and support to those whom God has united by a great Sacrament for the propagation of the human race; for between them a link of charity and strength has to be built up, not on mere liking or human love, however great, but on a supernatural affection surpassing the love of father or mother or any other being upon earth. "Therefore shall a man leave father and mother and cling to his wife and they shall be two in one flesh. Therefore they are not two but one flesh." And the only example that our Lord can give of union so close is that which unites Him with His Spouse the Church. It is naturally, then, to Him alone we can look for the help and guidance that are necessary to make such a union capable of the perfection which He has imposed upon it.

The Holy Eucharist will sanctify husband and wife in their relation to one another, and father and mother in relation to their children. It is the Holy Eucharist, in like manner, that will make children obedient and docile to their parents, while strict obedience is still the duty of their life; and thoughtful, considerate and deferential even when the period of obedience has long passed. But, if the Holy Eucharist is to exercise this deep, constant and effective influence, the reception of Holy Communion must be a very frequent act. It is true that the great crises of family life are not of daily occurrence, but the small jars, the little misunderstandings, the petty selfishnesses may easily recur, and the heavenly daily remedy for oft-repeated failures should be in repeated use lest the little rifts widen and mar the beauty of the two united lives.

ITS REGENERATING POWER IN SOCIETY

The Blessed Sacrament is our Lord and Saviour given to us as the Life of the world, and therefore, pre-eminently as the life of those upon whom to so large an extent the well-being of the world depends. The family must be nourished with this Sacred Food repeatedly if it is to keep within it that regenerating force which gives strength and power to all the society of men. In the Holy Communion, daily, or almost daily, the husband and wife will learn to bear with one another, to be patient with each other's faults, to understand and support those differences of temperament which God in the infinite variety of His work has bestowed upon His creatures, differences which age does not obliterate, but which oftentimes the lapse of years renders more prominent, and consequently less endurable. There is no question here of mere tolerance, of arriving at a simple "modus vivendi," in which each partner will choose his or her separate way of life, but a really supernatural love producing uniformity of mind and heart in all essential things, and accepting in all else the liberty which each individual nature may justly claim. Jesus, too, in the Blessed Sacrament, will teach father and

mother to know and understand their children, each a separate creation of God, like, doubtless, in many respects to their parents, but in many ways so unlike, and therefore, so perplexing. God alone Who made them can explain the perplexities, and will show how they may best be dealt with, and this He will most certainly do if parents receive their Maker often within their hearts. And then, in turn, as the children themselves grow, the example of the parents will be the strongest inducement to lead them to the altar, and to establish them in the habit of frequent Communion from the first beginnings of their use of reason, a habit which will be the greatest service that their fathers and mothers can bestow upon them.

A family life built up on these principles is a life that will surely be passed in the love and fear of God. It will not be exempt from fault; it may be tried by illness, by sorrow, by temporal misfortunes; it may be rudely disturbed and rendered incomplete, here below at least, by the hand of death, but it will still possess the essentials of interior peace and resignation, no matter what trials may assail it. There will be no place in lives so ruled and ordered by Our Lord Himself for the crimes and sins which are destroying family life in so many nations, the violation of the conditions of conjugal life, the seeking of pleasure and gratification even to the breaking of the marriage vows. Respect for mutual rights, charity and forbearance in asserting individual claims, respect for parental authority, and respect, no less, for the inviolable independence of children in those matters where it prevails, all these things will come into existence, as it were, spontaneously, when father and mother and children are gathered frequently around the table of their Lord.

REGENERATOR OF SOCIETY

Nowhere, then, should loyal whole-hearted acceptance and observance of the Papal decrees on early and frequent Holy Communion be more strongly urged than on those about to enter the holy estate of marriage, for in their control, as far as their opportunities extend, lies the ultimate regeneration of society. And, if there be some, who hear or read the words I utter to-day, and who looking back on many years of married life with still unrealised hopes of a happy future such as they conceived in the early days of union, let them not lose heart. The source of strength and mutual support is still at their disposal. Let them give now to our Divine Master that place in their united lives which He would gladly have occupied from the beginning, if they had made Him their ever-welcome guest. They can turn to Him now in sorrow for their past remissness and neglect; they can acknowledge to Him the mistakes and mischances of their lives; they can beg of Him the guidance that they need. And most surely He, the son of Mary and the Foster-Son of Joseph, Who in His own Divine Person and in the persons of those most nearly and closely associated with Him has given to us the perfect example of family life, will bestow upon all those who look to Him for support and consolation by approaching Him constantly in the Sacrament of His love, the grace to keep His law ever before their eyes and to imprint it deeply on their children's hearts, and to pass it on unsoftened and intact to all the generations that shall come after them.

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord, that walk in His ways. For thou shalt eat the labors of thy hands; and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife as a fruitful vine on the sides of thy house; thy children as olive plants round about thy table. Behold thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. May the Lord bless thee out of Sion, and mayest thou see the good things of Israel all the days of thy life. And mayest thou see thy children's children, peace upon Israel." Ps. 127.—St. Paul Bulletin.

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

In this month of June, when nature has carpeted the fields with verdure, when the air is redolent with the perfume of roses, and all the flowers are slowly opening their buds under the influence of the bright sunshine, all testifying to the grandeur of Almighty God, the Church in her wisdom has set apart this thirty days as a time for special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who came into this world, became Man through the ineffable mystery of the incarnation and suffered death on the Cross for the redemption of the world to show His great love for man.

It is in human nature for us to take our troubles to some dear friends, whose heart beats in sympathy with us and who will console us in our trouble, but to whom can the fervent Christian go to with such implicit confidence as to the Sacred Heart of Our Divine Lord and Master? He is always ready to receive our petitions, and hear our prayers, and give us the graces and blessings we stand most in need of. Let us then in this month redouble our devotion to the Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus, bring to the loving Saviour our griefs, disappointments and struggles, for He has said "Come to Me all you that are heavily laden and I will refresh you." Be not afraid, but trust in the mercy and kindness of the Good Shepherd who taketh good care of his sheep. We should continually during this season offer up the ejaculation, "Oh, Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us."—Catholic Universe.

FATHER FRASER'S MISSION

On March 1st the editor of Notes and Comments gave a summary of an interesting letter from Father John M. Fraser, the Canadian missionary to China.

There are but 2,000,000 Catholic Chinese in a population of 400,000,000. The recent mighty revolution has broken down the old superstitions and prejudices, and now the fields are white with the harvest.

Catholics of Canada have the opportunity and privilege of sharing in the great work of the conversion of China by helping spiritually and financially their fellow-Canadian, Father Fraser, whose missionary work has been signally blessed by God.

The CATHOLIC RECORD gladly accedes to the request to receive subscriptions, which will be duly acknowledged and forwarded to Father Fraser.

Here is an opportunity to discharge the duty of alms-giving, participate in a great spiritual work of mercy, and help to bring the Light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Do it now, in the name of God.

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PRIEST RISKS LIFE TO SAVE SACRED HOST

TEN FIREMEN FALL INTO FLAMES BUT ARE SAVED WHEN CHURCH BURNS

New York, May 21.—Ten firemen who were carrying a line of hose up a stairway were precipitated into a mass of flames. Father Thomas Owens barely escaping with his life in carrying out the pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament, and the occupants of an adjoining tenement were driven to the street in their scanty night clothes, when fire of unknown origin did \$6,000 damage to the building occupied temporarily by the Catholic Church of St. Gregory.

Hundreds of parishioners knelt in the street and prayed for the priest's safety when he dashed into the church to save the Sacred Host. Luckily, the burning pit into which the ten firemen fell was near an exit and all escaped death, but were badly bruised and burned about the head and face. The building, which the church is using at 119-121 West Eighty-ninth street, formally was a garage.

TABARD INN BOOK CO. WITH-DRAWS CHINIQUY'S WORK

The Tabard Inn Book Company of Philadelphia has replied to the note addressed to it by the Redemptorist Fathers of North East. The company says it "was wholly unconscious of the lascivious contents of Chiniquy's book."

"We never pretended to have read the thousands of books which we purchase from other concerns—the mere mention of such a thing being possible we feel assured will appear as ridiculous to you as to ourselves. Therefore, we cannot see ourselves so worthy of censure as your article indicates."

In conclusion, the company's correspondent writes: "It is not our intention to involve ourselves in any controversy with the reverend clergy at St. Mary's College or the Erie Catholic Chronicle."

"Our business principles have never heretofore been questioned and in this instance we have the satisfaction of feeling that we acted most amicably when we decided to allow the several copies of 'The Priest, the Woman and the Confessional,' which we now have in stock to be classed unselectable, thereby rendering a complete loss to ourselves. However, such is our principle and the fair-minded reader of your article who has ever dealt with us we feel assured will vouch for the authenticity of this statement."—Buffalo Union and Times.

CATHOLIC NOTES

Converts are coming into the Catholic Church in this country at the rate of 30,000 a year.

All the diocese of Germany will be represented in the great pilgrimage to Rome this year.

Amongst those who have recently joined the Catholic Church is Eric Hill, the sculptor, who, with his wife was received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Canon Connelly, at Brighton, England.

The Cathedral of Valletta, in which the Malta Eucharistic Congress was held, is an edifice 187 feet long, 118 feet wide and 63 feet in height. It was built by the Knights of Malta, and is of imposing interior.

At Clairfontaine, France, a church built in the eleventh century, confiscated by the Government, was put up at auction "for sale." The sale was boycotted; not a franc was bid on it. Among the churches confiscated in Paris is the majestic, cruciform cathedral-like Church of the Redemptorist.

Mother Mary Stanislaus, who was one of Florence Nightingale's principal assistants during the Crimean war, died the other day in the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, St. John's Wood, London, aged ninety years. The late Queen Victoria conferred upon Mother Mary Stanislaus, together with others who had served in the Crimea, the Royal Red Cross.

The poverty of the Japanese mission is exemplified in the case of Father Cadilhac, whose parish of Utsunomiya embraces five provinces with 3,000,000 of inhabitants. He is assisted in his work by two native priests and 5 catechists, and the salary of the missionary, which is divided among the 8 of them, is \$5 a month.

Under the will of the late Cecil Rhodes an Oxford scholarship, worth \$1,500, for three years, is annually awarded to each of the 5 states of the Australian commonwealth. "This year," says Rome, "students of the Christian Brothers have taken 3 scholarships assigned respectively to Queensland, West Australia and South Australia."

One of the impressive features of the Eucharistic Congress at Malta was the children's Mass at which 12,000 boys and girls received Holy Communion. Cardinal Ferrata, the Papal Legate, who officiated, was assisted by 6 Bishops and 14 priests. After the ceremony there was a grand procession of the children which was viewed by His Eminence and other distinguished prelates.

The great-grand-nephew of Admiral Nelson died recently in England, in his ninetieth year. Earl Nelson was a devoted member of the Anglican Church, but Lord Merton, who succeeds to the earldom, has been a convert to the Catholic Church for many years. His heir-presumptive, the Hon. Edward Agar Horatio Nelson, also Catholic, has five sons and three daughters.

The pastor of the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Buffalo, Rev. Thomas Lynch, and his assistants, Rev. F. A. Clancy and Rev. Francis Hunt, went down into a manhole of the natural gas main, and rescued 3 of the employees who were overcome by gas. Two of the laborers have recovered, but one is in the hospital in a serious condition. Father Hunt is still affected by the fumes that almost overcame him while rescuing the men.

The Dayton flood, like all great flood disasters, produces its heroines, Sister Helen of Notre Dame convent in North Dayton, rescued 70 endangered persons by throwing a rope from the convenient window and hauling these to safety. The Sister worked with great spirit and her hands were lacerated by the jerks of the rope. When rescued the refugees fell upon their knees and rendered prayers in supplication to the work of the beloved nun.

Archaeologists while excavating in Jerusalem, near where was Pontius Pilate's judgment seat, struck an underground passage 15 feet long leading to a chamber about 7 feet on each side, such as was used by the Romans to herd prisoners of importance; the Jewish chambers for this purpose were always different in construction. In it were found iron rings and stocks. Investigators believe that this chamber was the one used to confine our Lord while awaiting Pilate's decision.

Preparations are going on now in Ireland for the great Irish pilgrimage to Lourdes which is to leave Ireland September 9. Headed by His Eminence Cardinal Logue and many of the bishops the Irish will make a greater demonstration at Lourdes than ever before. The fact that one day there is to be known as Irish Day, when all the ceremonies are to be carried out by the Irish bishops, priests and people, and that at a suitable time a monumental limestone Irish Cross is to be unveiled and offered as the gift of the Irish nation to Our Lady of Lourdes, will make the pilgrimage unique in the history of pilgrimages from Ireland.