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## CURRENT COMMENT

We begin this week the publication of a Pastoral Letter from His Grace the Archbishop of St. Boniface. Although the French original was printed three months ago, the English printed translation did not reach us till lately. This weighty document sets forth, in a practical form, the reasonableness and importance of united prayer for our dear departed ones.

The dry weather of the last few weeks is playing havoc with the prospects of this year's harvest. Prayer for rain would be most opportune.

President Roosevelt, after all, was present at Father Villalonga's Grand Act; but as he came in at the end of the disputation, he heard nothing but Cardinal Gibbons' Latin speech of congratulation to the defender of 800 theological propositions, and Father Villalonga's apt reply. The President himself was welcomed in a well worded address by the Rev. W. Banks Rogers, S.J., President of the St. Louis University. The Chief Executive of the United States replied with his usual heartiness, directness and force. He said: "Father, Cardinal Gibbons, Gentlemen: It is indeed a pleasure to be received here as a guest of the first and oldest University founded in our country west of the Mississippi River in this Louisiana Purchase. (Applause.) I know your work; I have myself been much in the West and I have come across the traces of your work both among the communities of our own people and among the Indian tribes; and it is indeed a pleasure to be here to-day in this historic University and to greet you, and to listen as I shall to the quite unique ceremony in this part of the country. I thank you personally for your kind allusion to me. I would hold myself recreant to the principles upon which this Government is founded did I not strive as Chief Executive to do fair and equal justice to all men without regard to the way in which any man chooses to worship his Maker. (Loud and continued applause.) I thank you for your greeting, and appreciate it and I can assure you, you are not as glad to have me as I am to be here."

Father Rogers, in his address, informed President Roosevelt that Father Villalonga was born in Spain, had had a long residence and apostleship in the Philippines, and, after learning to esteem the United States and her institutions, is now preparing to return to Manila. Easterners express their surprise that so learned and ready a theologian should be relegated to the Orient; why should not his theological lore be treasured up for consultation and professional teaching in one of the great seminaries of the more civilized world? But this is not the reasoning of true apostles. Nowhere is deep and wide learning more necessary than on the confines of civilization, where the most intricate problems arise and have to be solved on the spot, and where all the restless spirits of the globe do congregate.

The Grand Act supposes a combination of gifts and acquirements which few men can present. First, there must be thorough familiarity with the Latin tongue and fluency in its use. Secondly, the defender must have a quick and retentive memory in order to retain the entire sequence of each objection and remember its exact wording, not to speak of the vast range of reading which seven or more years of pre-

paration must cover. Thirdly, he must have a bright and at the same time a well balanced intellect to be able to seize the point and drift of everything, detect immediately the slightest flaw in an argument and marshal his own forces of counter-argument in the most effective order. Finally, he has to do all this, not in the silence and slowness of a written examination, but offhand in the presence of an audience trained to all the thrust and parry of the most learned schools in the world, and watching for every possible slip. How Father Villalonga stood this ordeal is thus described in the "Western Watchman" of St. Louis!

One could not resist the feeling of admiration for the calm, gracious figure at the central table, meeting every objection with dauntless ease and courtesy, pouring forth into the discussion, from memory and without reference to books, vast streams of erudition from the Scriptures, the Fathers, the Councils of the Church and the treatises of famous theologians. He seemed to find the time too short for even the mere mention of the various stores of learning at his disposal for casting light on the questions under discussion. Father Villalonga was easily master of his difficult situation, and when the session closed he was surrounded immediately by congratulating friends and strangers.

Dr. Croke, the Roman correspondent of many American Catholic papers, writes under date of April 15th: "During about three months, His Holiness has been less well than usual, and also enfeebled. He has suffered from slight digestive and intestinal troubles, which, however, have not given alarm, and he has had a persistent cold with cough. To these troubles and to the moral depression not unnaturally produced on his sensitive and generous soul by the troubles of the Church in France, the country of his predilection and most loving care, must be ascribed the comparative infrequency of his audiences and public appearances, and the suspension of the pilgrimages arranged to come to Rome for April 28, the day on which he will reach 'the years of Peter.' He has, however, during the present week been as active as ever, and Rome is full of hope."

Father Phelan, editor of the Western Watchman, thus sums up the recent case of Father Walser at Lorain, Ohio:—

A Protestant mob came near lynching a priest on Saturday last for the brutal murder of a girl. On Tuesday his Reverence's arm was nearly pulled out of its socket by the same people anxious to congratulate him on his acquittal. The strange part of the proceeding was, there was never a spark of evidence to connect the clergyman with the crime. The very dogs refused to give evidence against him, and he came forth from his dungeon like a Daniel from his lions' den.

### THREE DEGREES.

Several professors were talking over the proposed change in the diplomas of the University of Manitoba, according to which four qualifications are to be added to the time-honored formula: "rite" (duly) to the pass degree; "cum laude" (with praise) to the 2nd class degree; "magna cum laude" (with great praise) to the 1st class; and "maxima cum laude" to 1st class A. One who had travelled much remarked: "In California they have only three degrees: 'cum laude, cum scratchy, and come again.'"

## Persons and Facts

The appeal of Infanta Eulalie to the Pope for the annulment of her marriage with the Duke of Galliera has been refused. Not only is it impossible to annul the marriage except on canonical grounds, but the Spanish Government has made strong representations to the Vatican against Eulalie's position. She is very angry at the failure of her mission, as she wants to marry a French nobleman.

An electric device invented by Rev. Louis Gabriel, of St. Joseph's church, Hoboken, N.J., to protect the poorboxes from robbery bagged its second man recently. The alarm is connected with the rectory, and when it sounded Father Gabriel hastened to the church and locked the doors. He then notified the police, who found a man hiding under one of the pews.

The priests of late years appointed to the U.S. navy have so raised the morals of the service that the Secretary of the Navy has condescended to the notion of raising the order to induce some more men of the calibre and fibre of the priests to enter the service.

In Carney hospital, South Boston, recently, Sister Neri, one of the forty Sisters of Charity who comprised the nursing staff of the Satterlee Military hospital, established in this city during the Civil War, passed to her reward. Sister Neri was 79 years old, having been born in New York City in 1824, and was Miss Mary Matthews before joining the Sisterhood. She entered the novitiate of the Sisters of Charity, Emmitsburg, Md., in 1846, and had passed fifty-seven years as a member of the order.

During his recent visit to Rome the Duke of Norfolk left in the hands of Mgr. Stonor, of the English college there a sum of money to be distributed as follows: Peter's Pence, \$5,000; hospital of the English Nursing Sisters, \$400; Catholic night schools, \$200; San Silvestro, \$100; fund for the restoration of the church of San Giorgio in Velabro, \$100.

From a special Washington correspondent we learn that the official documents relating to the Father Augustin murder are very voluminous. This is advanced as an argument in favor of the Government's energetic investigation of that unfortunate incident. So long as Father Augustin's remains fill a dishonored grave in a base ball field, while Captain Brownell enjoys fullest immunity from punishment for his act, the quality and bulk of the official correspondence does not signify.—Exchange.

Most Rev. Archbishop Farley has consented to serve on the New York City local of the National Civic Federation, which is to arbitrate between capital and labor. There are three sections—on the part of the employers, on the part of the public, and on the part of the wage-earners. The Most Rev. Archbishop is one of the 24 representing the public.

Father Chase, of St. Mary's church, Moorfields, London, himself a convert, gives the following particulars of the converts who lately belonged to St. Michael's church, Shoreditch: "About ninety-two who attended at St. Michael's, Shoreditch, are under special instruction. New comers are steadily presenting themselves, many of them heads of families. Counting the members of the different families, there are altogether one hundred and ten receiving instruction." He believes the movement will produce two hundred conversions.

Another church taken from the Catholics and given to the Alt-Catholics has been restored. The fine church of Biel was for thirty years under the jurisdiction of Bishop Herzog, but it was falling to decay for want of funds to keep it in repair, and the Protestant government of the canton decided to give it back to its rightful owners.

The Benedictines have been forced to abandon their historic college at Douai. The foundation and early life of this interesting school have more than a passing interest for the English-speaking Catholic world. The gospel and epistles which were read every Sunday in our churches were there clothed in their quaint but matchless English.

Mrs. McIntyre and Jim returned from Europe last week. Mrs. Monchamp and Miss Monchamp will probably remain abroad in Germany and France till September.

The Medical examinations began last Monday. The presiding officer is Rev. Dr. Hart. About one hundred candidates are writing.

Father McLaughlin's "Reminiscences of the Late Thomas Nevins" has now appeared in book form. The Bishop of Newport has read it with deep interest, and feels that "this sketch of a great employer of labor and an excellent Catholic should be in the hands of all our young men."

Sir Francis Bertie, who received the King at the British Embassy in Rome on Monday, has been only a few months abroad. The whole of his official life was spent, until his appointment to Rome, in the Foreign Office, where he has charge of the Far Eastern Department. "Mr. Bertie," the late Queen is said to have remarked to him one day after dinner, "I must ask you to be good enough not to sign your telegrams announcing your arrival 'Bertie,' as it makes me expect my son, and causes me disappointment."—Catholic Times (England) May 1.

A telegram received in Edinburgh on Tuesday afternoon from Rome states that the Scottish Pilgrims, in number about one hundred, were that day granted an audience by His Holiness the Pope. The Archbishops of St. Andrews and Edinburgh and Glasgow and the Bishops of Aberdeen and Dunkeld, representing the Scottish Hierarchy, presented handsome donations of Peter's Pence from Scotland.—Ibid.

The King, says the "Daily Chronicle," finds "a friend at Court" even in the Vatican. This is the Archbishop of Trebizond, an ecclesiastic better known in this country as Mgr. Stonor, the younger son of a Lord Camoys, and therefore the member of a family renowned for its service to the Royal House of England. For the arrangement of details he has an ingrained aptitude; and though the episcopal purple of his robes (they are likely enough to be red before long) is set off by an ample crown of the whitest hair, he is young enough to bear without fatigue frequent comings and goings between London and Rome.

Colonel Plunkett, who has lost his life in Somaliland, belonged to one of the oldest of Irish families. The Plunketts were settled in the County Meath long before the Norman invasion of Ireland. In Meath and the adjoining counties the family has maintained a leading position for ten centuries. There are no fewer than five peers in the family, all claiming descent from the same ancestry. They are the Earl of Fingall, and Lords Dunsany, Louth, Plunket, and Rathmore.

Quite a large gathering assembled at Haddo House on Saturday, April 25, for the presentation of a silver wedding gift to Lord and Lady Aberdeen from their tenantry. The gift took the form of a silver centre-piece, and a leading feature of the design consists of silver models of cattle bred on the estate which have attained celebrity as champion prize winners.

On the decision of the Havre Courts against the Dominicans and Franciscans, who have refused to leave their monasteries, being given against the monks, vast crowds escorted the Fathers, cheering them all the way to their convents.

The Manchester Catholic Collegiate Institute, conducted by the Xaverian Brothers, has been officially recognized as a secondary school "for the purposes of Regulations 3 and 4 of the Schedule to the Order in Council of the 6th March, 1902."

Mgr. Turinaz, Bishop of Nancy, has replied to M. Combes' letter, informing him of the withdrawal of his salary, as follows: "I have never cared for honors or money, but I care for my duty and my honor. You threaten me with other measures. Carry them out; I have never been afraid of anyone."

The venerable missionary, Father Lacombe, O.M.I., has been relieved of parish work and will now, for the fourth or fifth final time, retire to Pincher Creek. Father Fitzpatrick succeeds him as pastor of St. Mary's Church, Calgary.

A sacristy or vestry has lately been added to the Catholic church at Moosomin, where Mass is celebrated now with great regularity.

Mrs. Currie, daughter of Mrs. McLorg, has lately come from Superior, Wis., to stay at Moosomin with her brother, Mr. McLorg.

Last week we hoped the genial President of the Catholic Club would send us some report of the Brunswick Balk billiard competition, but, as he was himself the winner of the beautiful cue, his modesty deprived our readers of a special account of what most of them already knew.

## THE CATHOLIC PAPER AND THE ADVERTISER.

From the Boston Republic.

The revenue, of course, comes from the advertising. Advertising comes from the belief of the merchant that the paper has readers who form a purchasing class. \* \* \* Catholic influence, religious and social, makes and keeps homes. That is what it is here for. Homes are what produce consumers.

Marriage and the bringing up of children cause more shopping than any other incident of human life. and both marriage and child-rearing are the special functions which are deliberately, perennially and successfully fostered and promoted among Catholics. The merchants know this from happy experience; they testify to their understanding of it by advertising in the paper which goes into the Catholic homes that are and that shall be.

It should be a matter of more than mere curiosity for our readers to note what merchants do and what do not show at once their shrewdness and their good feeling in this way. It should be a matter of pride and of graciousness with Catholics to make a point of giving such merchants the preference. They have the best stores in the city; just notice which they are and govern yourself accordingly.