

GENERAL INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT XV.

CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS

Health of body and health of soul are so intimately related, the priest and the physician stand in such close alliance, that spiritual writers assert that after the sacerdotal and religious calling no profession is higher than that of the physician.

There was something in the physician St. Luke—remarks Father Faber—that predisposed him and prepared him for proclaiming the Divine mercies. Thus we have from his pen touching traits of the goodness of God illustrated in parables and examples like the Lost Sheep, the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan.

Perhaps it would be asking too much from human nature to look for too close an imitation of this Divine Model. But it is clear that if our own medical men were all imbued with a deep sense of their responsibilities to the Author of the human organism they so skillfully operate on, there would be no appeal for prayers this month for Catholic Physicians.

A medical man who is poorly equipped with religious training is more apt than other professional men to slip into materialism. His constant contact with the mysteries of human life, the coming and going of men, their birth to-day and death to-morrow, may easily blunt his sense of awe and reverence.

Happily, physicians, even those professing materialism, are not too logical in applying their doctrines; their natural kindness of heart forces them most of the time to contradict their principles.

Not only that community, but the world at large, has lost one of its ablest teachers. Sister Camper, who was known in the world prior to entering religion as Miss Mary Moreau, was born in Plattsburg, N. Y., in 1849, the daughter of Mr. George Moreau, later of Milwaukee, who predeceased her by a few years.

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the hearts of a great number of Ottawans, irrespective of class, creed or nationality. In 1895 she assumed the duties of Directress of Studies at the Rideau Street Convent, in which capacity she acted until her death.

Through her sole efforts as director of the Circle, some of the most famous lectures of the day were secured for the benefit of the Ottawa public. By these noted scholars, as by all who knew her, Sister Camper was considered one of the cleverest literatures of the age.

Yonville College, Buffalo, conferred upon her the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, (D. L.), a distinction won by less than a dozen women in America.

Sister Camper attended a number of the lectures of the summer courses in Columbia and Washington Universities, as well as in the summer school in Plattsburg, for the purpose of obtaining a wider association of ideas. She was probably most noted for her wonderful grasp of international politics, and consequently her broadmindedness.

Sister Camper's loss will be widely mourned, more especially in literary circles. To know her was to love her, and for those who do, her place can never be refilled. She was as unassuming as she was great—one of the women who make the world better because of their presence in it.

CATHOLIC DEAF MUTES

The last half dozen years in the United States have witnessed an enormous growth of missionary activity among Catholic deaf mutes. It is doubtful if in 1908 a dozen priests throughout the entire extent of the country were actively engaged in looking after the spiritual wants of the Catholic deaf. Indeed, at the Catholic educational convention at Milwaukee in 1907, only twenty names could be collected of all those who were engaged in deaf education, and this comprised the names of sisters, as well as of priests.

A MODERN MIRACLE

SCRANTON MAIDEN CURED ON ST. ANN'S FEAST DAY

The following is a narration of facts. The name of the child and the name of the mother are withheld not because they do not desire that the greatest publicity should be given the recipients, but rather out of a feeling of modesty. Mother and daughter are residents of West Scranton, members of St. Ann's parish. Any one who desires to verify the statements here made, will be given the names of mother and daughter on application.

The daughter is about thirteen years of age and she was a student at Mt. St. Mary's seminary. Some time last winter, while sleigh riding, her companion, a girl about her own age, was giving the sled on which she was seated a start. In doing so she twisted the sled about so that it ran into an electric light pole resulting in injuries which caused an impairment of the faculties of motion. A local physician was called and the proper treatment was prescribed, which included plaster of paris casts. A Philadelphia specialist was called in, who justified the treatment. Crutches succeeded the casts, and just before the feast of St. Ann, last month, the family decided, with greater zeal than the patient young sufferer.

at which offices the young girl, the object of the novena, was obliged to stand, not being able to kneel. It was while, the family was around the breakfast table the same morning that the answer to the prayer girl told her mother that she felt a peculiar sensation in her feet, as though they were asleep and as though some one were sticking pins in them. This sensation was followed by the feeling that her faculties of motion, so long impaired, had been restored and she proceeded to walk, to the great gratification of her mother and the other members of her family, who promptly made their thanksgiving and asked that publicity be given to the fact that the child had been cured through the intercession of St. Ann. The cure has been perfect and is expected to be permanent.—Catholic Sun, Syracuse.

CATHOLICS WHO DO NOT READ CATHOLIC BOOKS

A contributor to the Cleveland Catholic Universa says that he recently examined a number of standard Catholic books in the public library at Dayton O., and discovered that "some of them, though on the shelves for many years, had never once been taken out. He adds: "Catholics who do not read Catholic books cannot complain if the libraries are not very generous in adding to a supply already so much greater than the demand."

It is not the "Catholics who do not read Catholic books" that complain; it is those who read and purchase them, and who themselves are well enough supplied, but would like to put Catholic books within reach of the masses. But the Catholic masses simply will not be benefited. They do not take out Catholic books from the public libraries. Most of them read no books at all, and those who do, read trash.

The burning question is: Why, in the words of the Rev. Dr. John Talbot Smith, is it that "our people do not read Catholic books?" Where this "sudden indifference" to Catholic literature on the part of those for whom it is produced, and to whom it ought to appeal with irresistible force? It cannot be for the reason that Catholic literature is inferior. If anything, it is on the whole superior to non-Catholic literature. There is among American Catholics a distinct lack of intellectual and of sound reading habits which is positively unaccountable and bodes ill for the future of Catholicity in America. "Videant consules!"—Fortnightly Review.

A BRIEF BUT GOOD ANSWER

The unfaithful saying: "One religion is as good as another," is answered at some length in a recent sermon printed in a number of our exchanges. We cannot help thinking that the briefer all such answers are, the better; in fact, the brevity of the saying itself accounts for the frequency of its repetition. One religion would be as good as another if all religions were equally good. There is only one perfect religion, the notes of which are unmistakable. The fragments of Christianity existing outside of the Church are all good, but they are only fragments. As a rule, those who assert that one religion is as good as another are ignorant about all religions and do not practice any.

Be uncompromising in asserting, where necessary, Catholic principles. Being a loyal and sound Catholic in no way means a bigoted one—a bigot being one who would penalize another for not holding the same views of himself.—Truth.

ENQUIRER—The story referred to was clipped from "Truth" a magazine published in Brooklyn, N. Y.

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