

MISTAKES OF A MODERN MOSES

Among our friends we hold as very dear a surgeon who, we have as much a specialist in theology as he is in his own department of art and science, would be a compeer of St. Thomas.

Unfortunately, however, he is one of a cult that, forgetful that truth is truth everywhere, believes that a thing can be true in science and false in fact and who smiles at the tenets of religion as trifles to catch the thoughtless, or at best, illogical conclusions from what ignorance once supposed facts, but which modern science has exploded as not even good jokes.

Strange that a man who is a master in his own specialty should be received as an authority on matters outside of his domain, and stranger still that the scholar himself who demands proofs in his own proper pursuit would be satisfied to condemn on hearsay or hurried examination principles that have stood against the assaults of time, and with which he is hardly on speaking terms.

Our friend, however, has enough of sound logic and good common sense to pulverize at a short sitting, the untheorized and uncommenced claims of Protestantism. In this he is like Ingersoll, the arrows of whose keen, incisive wit pierced the armor of the great Protestant apologist, Gladstone. We know that heresy, no matter what its claims may be, is only a premise for infidelity and that its fight therewith is merely a family quarrel, for a man who does not hear the Church, appointed by Divinity for divine work, has no sacrament for his own use, and will quickly lapse into the self-sufficiency of reason and reverence nothing. If the Church that he wrought wonders in the world is not worthy of reverential obedience, what is he an intellectual infidel, but with difficulty in undoing the claims and presumptions of the Protestant fraternity. Thus it happened with our friend who was invited to address a ministerial meeting. He was told, he said, that our dissenting brethren had nothing to complain of on that score at the conclusion of the session. "Look at the absolute waste your churches are! I wager that nine out of ten of your church members cannot pick out their own creed from a pile made of tenets of all the Protestant churches—the names being eliminated."

And yet we hear much prate about knowledge and its acquirement from men who have no principles to teach a people who are left dreaming and guessing about the awful certainties that reach for man's immortal destiny. The people hear, but sentiment that tickles fancy is all they glean. They read, and the ever-changed mind corrects to day the oppositions of yesterday, and so one year obliterates the thoughts of the other and leaves eternal purposes the hap-hazard subjects of a turn of mental dice. These gentlemen offend foolishly upbraid the Catholic for his "idolatry," and yet, could there be a more depraved form of idolatry than that which is the philosophy of Protestantism—the right of private judgment. When a man reads the scriptures to learn divine truth he reads what he thinks is there and sets up his own idea and adores it as his God. Is not this the idolatry of self—the ugliest, most repulsive and most heinous of all the idols in the world's pantheon? The Catholic reveres the scriptures but looks to his Church for his teaching thereof. The Catholic believes that the God of certainties cannot be worshipped with guesses; that the God of eternity is not adored with the fitting fads of human intellectuality, that the God of truth cannot be served with falsehood. And, yet, despite all the boasting of the world about freedom of thought, here are religious guides having no thoughts for themselves and no verities to impart to the sin-sick souls who vainly look to them as Cicerones in this puzzled and puzzling earth estranged from heaven. True, the Catholic believes in infallibility, but he knows in this his reason does not suffer violence, for he knows that the God who gave him reason and set its limit, teaches him in Christ's divine proxy, the Church. He knows that certainty is the purpose of all thinking and that infallibility furnishes him heavenly truth that his logic alone could not reach. In bowing his head to his Church, he is taking of his hat to his God. All this is reasonable, all this is right.

We intend to return to our friend's pronouncement again, as it is typical of a class, and as we can draw therefrom a moral.—Catholic Union and Times.

SMALL RATIO OF DIVORCE

The influence of Catholicism in Ramsey county, Minnesota, is credited by many Minneapolis ministers for the comparatively better showing of Ramsey over Hennepin county in the divorce figures for 1910, published in the Sunday Tribune recently, the statistics giving Ramsey half as many divorces compared to the number of marriages as Hennepin, Ramsey county, including St. Paul, had a ratio for the year of one divorce to every 11.4 marriages, while in Minneapolis the ratio was one divorce to every seven marriages.

Protestant clergymen in Minneapolis do not hesitate to state that in their opinion the difference in statistics is due to the greater strength of the Catholic church in Ramsey county and they deplore the lack of sanctity characterizing many marriage ceremonies of to-day.

"Catholics hold marriage within the hands of the church, where it ought to be," said Rev. Charles Davis Darling, pastor of Stewart Memorial Presbyterian church. "They naturally regard marriage more sacredly and I have no doubt this is largely responsible for the recent showing of divorce figures. This atti-

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"I wouldn't wonder if the Catholic strength in Ramsey county has not a good deal to do with the comparative divorce figures," said Rev. T. W. Stout of the Western Avenue M. E. church. "The Catholics frown on divorces and they are to be commended for it. I think marriages outside of the church are likely to result in divorces. The fact is we make too light of the marriage ceremony."—Intermountain Catholic.

To a Correspondent
Enquirer:—I am in receipt of your letter and beg you to excuse delay in replying, but, as you may have noticed, I no longer conduct the "Columbia" department. Re your query. Protestant churches are not absolutely forbidden in Spain. The Protestant religion is tolerated, but the sectarian churches are not permitted to display their signs publicly. Negotiations are at present in progress between the Government and the Vatican with a view to modify this prohibition, but we should remember that the premier cannot justly violate the concordat with Rome motu proprio. There are two parties to every agreement.—"COLUMBIA."

DEATH OF A NOTED ARTIST

Mr. Otto Reich is dead. He will be best remembered for the splendid maps he produced for that great work the Catholic Encyclopedia. The publishers justly claim that these maps form such a unique and important contribution to cartography that it would be ungrateful not to put on record the distinguished services of Mr. Reich in this respect. They are the first complete series of Catholic Ecoclesiastical geographical maps. Before his death, Mr. Reich already nearly completed the series, and had laid down the lines for doing the few maps that still remain to be prepared.

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The Alberta Central Railroad is building from Moose Jaw to the Yellow Head Pass, 650 miles of the best road on the continent, with a maximum grade of 1.9, and five times the carrying capacity of most of its competitors (200 tons). The bridge on the Red Deer will be 420 ft. high. The company has made its head-quarters in Red Deer, acquiring 100 acres of land for shops, sheds, etc.

The Calgary Albertan says: The development of the Alberta Central as a transcontinental carrier means the development of the city. It taps the famous Brazos coal fields, and will make Red Deer the nearest important center for the distribution of this coal through the North West. From a transportation and distributing point of view, it is difficult to appreciate all the vast-reaching factors which will have bearing on the future of Red Deer. The geographical position of the town is strategic in this respect, and the outlook towards the upbuilding of a railroad is particularly bright. It is also the centre of the finest agricultural district in Alberta, and holds a premier

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Rev. H. VOISIN, S. M. T.
A Test Question
A western bishop appeared before a recent state convention of a Catholic society and suggested that the following question should hereafter be put to candidates who applied for admission: "Have you a pew in your church?"

Do you contribute to the support of your pastor?
Are you active in works of charity?
Do you support Catholic education?
Do you subscribe for a Catholic paper?
Do you read and support Catholic literature?
How many Catholics, who think themselves active in their Catholicity, could answer these test questions truthfully in the affirmative? Comparatively few, we imagine. Take the question alone: "Do you subscribe for a Catholic paper?" We know positively that a good many Catholic men who are prominent in Catholic organizations and who loudly shout "Aye!" to stereotyped resolution in support of the Catholic press, passed at all conventions, would be unable to say "Aye," even faintly, if the question were submitted to themselves individually: "Do you subscribe for a Catholic paper?"—Sacred Heart Review.

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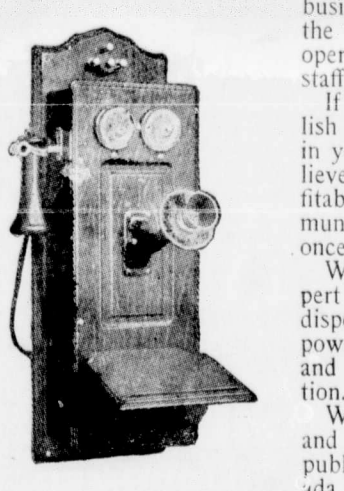
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