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Echoes and Remarks.

Formerly, a certain class of papers sought to ridicule the Kaiser, but it is now King Alfonso's turn.

Whether we be Germans or not, we cannot help admiring the Emperor of Germany. While some nations are decaying, the Rhine is being well guarded.

Whatever the defects in the new American tariff conditions, let us remember that men of sense framed it. So we had better talk less of victory before the battle is fought.

There are many subjects we should like to fully deal with; but, as we have no secretaries to think and write for us, we have to simply allude to them. Perhaps it is better.

Dr. O'Hagan is now with Register-Extension, and that paper is to be felicitated. It has just reason to feel proud of its brilliant editors and its distinguished staff-contributors. There are no better.

Canadians need not blush when they hear a stranger speak of our Prime Minister or of the leader of the Opposition. Both gentlemen are an honor to us all. The fact speaks well for all men at Ottawa.

Any of our readers truly interested in good French books ought to communicate with "La Propagande des Bons Livres," Bureaux de la "Vérité," Quebec. We wish Mr. Tardivel continued success.

If certain individuals are working hard towards assuring uniformity in school books, we may rest assured their orders came from the Lodge! That is only a step along a path, many of our readers but scarcely dream of. The names of the leaders say enough!

Evidently some Western papers imagine that Alberta and Saskatchewan keep the whole of Canada in pocket-money. We are, indeed, proud of our prairie provinces, and yet we want the good papers out there to deal with figures, not with fancies. The greater our West, the greater Canada, if only all remain loyal Canadians.

How is it the good people engaged in warfare against the foul traffic in souls and bodies, do not fight for legislation of a nature to make it thoroughly uncomfortable for the mean fellows who rent houses to fallen women? It is easy to secure their names, very easy. Then, why do neighbors not lodge complaints with the police authorities, when their surroundings are of a nature to ruin the minds and souls of their children?

Gumpow Plot-Day, November 5, is a thrilling anniversary for some people whose claim to glory is built on lies. A sincere writer of history is always deemed an enemy in the dens of Orangemen. In fact, no man who knows a little about the history of England can consistently subscribe to Orangemen. That is why ignorance is a necessary feature in its adherents when they are sincere.

The Plenary Council is now long over. Canadians of all creeds and classes must have remarked that our bishops were too busy looking after the interests of the Church to find time to pose for the newspapers. We find the news from the Presbyterian General Assemblies very amusing, but we are glad Plenary Councils do not furnish comical columns for the dailies. The Church is ever dignified, ever serious, ever guided by the Spirit of God.

While we are proud of T. P. O'Connor, we are sorry as Catholics that his publications print strange things at times. We can never quite get over the pain that article on Modernism caused us. Too bad, some will say. Yes, and too bad that the Holy Father should be slighted in any review for which T. P. O'Connor is responsible. As far as his national work and endeavor is concerned, however, we heartily approve him. We are for Redmond.

It is a grievous sin the Catholic University authorities have committed, we suppose, in receiving presents from the Knights of Columbus; just because the Knights are Catholics who believe in making their faith practical by sacrificing the dollars the critics would hang on to so desperately. Why, even Laval University does not always escape, nor do some of the very holy and learned priests connected with it. The devil is surely at work supplying Modernism under a new form and shape. Bishops are now criticized as easily and as unjustly as any humble layman might expect to be. Catholics are encouraged in their revolt against the Ordinary of their diocese, and then the editor wants us to believe he is working for the Church!

Would it not be a strange programme for the True Witness to oppose Church authority just for the sake of national feeling. Of course, we understand that each nationality would like to have its own care for its own, and yet we hope that if ever any Irish Catholics undertake to tell the Pope what he should do, that they will cease to call themselves Irish-Catholics. Here, in the Province of Quebec, we are just as proud of the great and noble bishops over us as are our sincerely Catholic French-Canadian brethren. Any one among us who is not, is, in no sense, one of our representatives. With all the agitation in the world we could never succeed in getting truer, holier, or greater pastors to care for us than we have. In fact, once the Church and the Holy Father speaks, it is our duty to obey. We are not obliged to question, and we want no agitators among us to disturb the holy peace that smiles blessing and protection over us.

It is simply rank schism and blasphemy to attack the Church's ruling as to who our bishops should be, and the Catholic publications that undertake to lecture Washington University and the American hierarchy would do well to call and consider themselves organs of revolt and free thought. The devil, we repeat, is hard at work. He is trying to weaken Catholic strength by developing blind nationalism. The True Witness will never be a party to schism and revolt, however, while we feel sure its readers are too much given to respect Church authority to find time to dictate to Rome and the Church.

General News.

In Prussia, twenty years ago, the Evangelical State Church had fourteen theological students to every 100,000 of the Protestant population; to-day it has less than five to the same number.

Mgr. Carlo Petrelluzzi has left Rome for Australia, where he has been sent by the Society of the Missionaries for emigration to study the conditions of Italian emigrants in that country.

Twelve brave nuns at St. Vincent's Orphan Asylum, Cleveland, organizing a bucket brigade, put out a fire in the top of the building and quelled an incipient panic.

Official statistics for the first six months of 1909 show a continued decline in the population of France. The marriages decreased 6201 as compared with 1908, divorces increased by 543, births decreased 12,692 and deaths increased by 25,019.

Madame Blauvelt, the noted singer who for some time has been taking instructions from Father Herbert Vaughan, the distinguished London Jesuit pulpit orator, will be received into the church at the Cathedral in London this winter.

While crossing the busy Via Vittorio Emanuele, in Rome, Monsignor Palombi, beneficiary of S. Maria Maggiore, was run over by a cart laden with bricks and killed almost instantly. One of the wheels passed over the priest's face and left it almost unrecognizable, death ensuing as the injured ecclesiastic was being conveyed to the hospital.

A cable declares that a regular war has been declared between the Free Masonry of the Latin countries and the Vatican. What took place in France under Combes and Clemenceau was only the prelude to what is to be expected not only in France, but in Spain and Portugal on one side and in Italy on the other, the direction of the campaign being in Paris.

A chain of seismological stations operated under the direction of the Society of Jesus in America, for the purpose of making seismic observations and recording has been established. The headquarters are in Cleveland with Rev. Frederick Odenbach, of St. Ignace College, in charge. Records of earth shocks will be kept and information exchanged. The chain of stations reaches across the country.

What Other Editors Say.

THE SECRET OF A LONG LIFE.

We have already made note of the fact that this year of 1909 marks the seventh centenary of the founding of that great religious order which has played such a part in the history of California, and particularly San Francisco,—the Franciscans. It is a wonderful record, this organization of poor monks has to present. To the Church it has given five Popes, over fifty Cardinals, and a vast array of patriarchs, bishops and eminent missionaries. Cardinal Ximenes, St. Bonaventura, the seaphic Doctor, Duns Scotus, the subtle Doctor, Alexander of Hales, the irrefragable Doctor; William of Ockham, Luke Wadding—how many distinguished names figure in its annals!

The Franciscan Order has survived in vigor because it has preserved the spirit of the founder. The Catholic Times, of London, relates a story of St. Francis that illustrates this fact. When St. Francis was dying, the legend goes, his brethren cried out: "Father, what shall we do without thee? Thy life hath been unto us for a continual light, and thy words for burning torches lighting us evermore on the way of the Cross. Leave us now some memorial of thy will." And he replied: "Let the brethren love one another even as I have loved them; let them overcome love and observe our Lady Poverty; and evermore be faithful and loyal sons of the Church." The children of St. Francis have been true to those injunctions, and therefore it is that after the lapse of such a long space of time they are still performing a noble work as advocates and defenders of the doctrines of the Church.—San Francisco Monitor.

"JESUIT!"

Lombroso was certainly unique in his conclusions. Whenever he could not find the reason of any difficult proposition, he ended by whining "Jesuit." He could not find that the order of St. Ignatius was in any way connected with the Dreyfus prosecution, as far as records could show, but this was the very reason why the Jesuits should be held as the mainspring of the opposition to the unhappy Jew, as they were such adepts in hiding their purposes.

We hear that the odoriferous onion will throw a bloodthrust from the scent. If Lombroso never heard of this device, he would call the onion a Jesuit. How complimented the members of the Society of Jesus must feel that they are regarded with so much mystical fear by a world wherein they have played such havoc with heresy. We love them for the hateful declarations of their enemies; we eulogize them for the names they have been called.—Buffalo Union and Times.

ONE SIDED.

Why is it that the comment in the secular papers is all in favor of one side? The delicate nuns and defenceless monks, driven amid death and flames out of their homes by the fury of the followers of men like Ferrer, seem to have aroused no glow of holy horror in the minds of many journals which make much ado about law and order and the claims of justice. It is safe to say that had Ferrer conspired against a government not Catholic his execution would have aroused no journalistic protest. The anarchists in accordance with their principles might be expected to protest; but such a cry coming from sources that pretend to decency is but clamor of the pharisee proclaiming justice.—The Pilot.

BETTER THAN RICHES.

A man can have no more valuable asset than a good name. It is a tower of strength in a time of misfortune. The Cleveland Plain Dealer tells of a man, charged with pocket-picking, who was freed in a Cleveland police court because he happened to have in his pocket a letter certifying that he was trustworthy. The letter was from Sir Thomas Lipton, for whom the accused man had worked for seven years. A Cleveland policeman found him bending over a drunken man on the sidewalk, and the policeman claimed that it was a case of attempted pocket picking. However, the court, after reading Sir Thomas Lipton's letter, gave the accused man the benefit of the doubt and discharged him. The public prosecutor consented to this disposition of the case.—Toledo Record.

THE OSTENTATIOUS FUNERAL.

Grief will have its way, but where it runs to ostentation and to extravagance in the matter of expense, wisdom would dictate another course. The plumed horse, the oaken casket with silver handles, the profusion of flowers in conventional designs, the long line of carriages, the wealth of crepe—all these levy toll on the stricken family. When the bills come in oftentimes there is not much left to pay them or to meet current expenses. Death has laid a burden on the bereaved ones, but vanity and impudence have only increased it, and that needlessly. Going hopelessly into debt while leaving little or nothing for the butcher, the baker and the grocerymen is folly indeed.—Catholic Transcript.

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Volume VI of Encyclopedia. Important Subjects Treated by Men of Established Standing.

The standard of excellence maintained throughout volume VI of the Catholic Encyclopedia has led us to give the following details of the many subjects treated in this volume: "France," by Georges Goyau, Associate Editor of the "Revue des Deux Mondes," and "Germany," by Franz Kamper and Martin Spahn, professors of history at the respective universities of Breslau and Strasburg, are the two articles of greatest historical importance in the volume, and, by laying special stress on the events in which the Church has been concerned, cast a new and interesting light on the history of the two countries. "French Literature" and "German Literature" are sympathetically treated by René Doumic, lately elected to the French Academy, and Arthur F. J. Remy, Professor of German Philology at Columbia University. The article on French Literature, in particular, is worthy of more than passing notice, as it sums up the progress of letters in France better than any work we can recall.

Among the many valuable biographical articles, "Fénelon," by Antoine Deger, "St. Francis of Assisi," by Paschal Robinson; "Garnet," by J. H. Pollen, "Ghirlandino," by Louis Gillet, "Galileo," by John Gerard, deserve especial notice. The picture of St. Francis, drawn by Paschal Robinson, affords an excellent idea of the great apostle of poverty and humility, and the manner in which John Gerard discusses the supposed contact of church and science is lucid and convincing. "The Liturgical Use of Fire," by H. Meleager, "Flabellum," by Francis Herliem, "Gallican Rite," by Henry Jenner, and "Gradual," and "Greek Rites," by Adrian Fortescue are liturgical contributions of no mean importance, the last-named summing up the differences between the rites of Alexandria, Antioch, and Constantinople.

Under the title "God" P. J. Toner considers the subject both in its theological and philosophical aspect, and after presenting the classic arguments for the existence of a Supreme First Cause, turns to the conception of the Deity afforded by Revelation. "Grace," by J. Pohle, first takes up the nature of actual grace, and after passing to its properties closes with a summary of the controversies on the subject, with especial reference to the relationship between grace and free will. "Free will" is considered by itself in another part of the volume by Michael Maher, and is a very clear and able exposition of a difficult subject. The biblical articles in Volume VI are especially happy.

OBITUARY.

MRS. WILLIAM GRACE.

The death occurred last week of Mrs. Grace, wife of Mr. William Grace, Alexander street. Deceased, who had been in failing health for some time, leaves to mourn her loss her husband, three sons and three daughters. The funeral took place at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday morning, where a solemn requiem was celebrated. The True Witness offers its sympathy to the bereaved family. May she rest in peace.

MRS. WM. FAWCETT.

The death of Mrs. Wm. Fawcett, nee Margaret McTear, of Dundee, Ont., in her seventy-third year, is announced from Moose Creek, Ontario. The deceased lady was well known in Montreal, and particularly in St. Patrick's parish, where she lived for many years. Deceased is survived by her husband, four sons and one daughter. Mr. Wm. Fawcett, merchant, Moose Creek, who for many years was well known in Montreal business and society circles; George, of Fawcett & Son, William, of the Ontario Lantern Co., Hamilton; Edward, of Moose Creek; Charles G., of Montreal, and Miss Agnes Fawcett, Moose Creek. Mrs. Fawcett had not been feeling well for three weeks, but death was not expected. Among those at the funeral were:—

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ral service at the parish church were Rev. Fathers John, Albert, Charles and Corbet McTear, nephews, and Rev. Father Nash, S. J. The family received many messages of condolence from numerous friends.

MR. MICHAEL SCOTT.

A death of unusual sadness and yet surrounded with every consolation took place at Corkery, Ont., on the 4th instant. It was that of Mr. Michael Scott. The deceased was a man little beyond the prime of life, being only fifty-seven years of age, and was of rugged build, robust and vigorous, of temperate habits and in ever respect one unlikely to be called to an early grave. The bereaved widow is left with a cooperatively young family, the only male member of which, Master Edward, is but fourteen years of age. Dr. Lynch, of Almonte, and Dr. Groves, of Cork, were called upon to give treatment for the malady, which was jaundice, and rendered every aid in their power, but to no avail. The deceased was born and lived his lifetime in the township of Huntley, Carleton Co., Ont. His parents, Michael Scott and Julia Banks, were natives of County Kerry, Ireland, and the son inherited all the genial and generous traits of his good old Celtic parents. His wife, three daughters, Misses Mary Ann, Cecelia and Julia, and one son, Master Edward, two brothers and one sister are left to mourn his demise. Mr. Scott, at the time of his death and for many years previous, was a member of the Board of Trustees of St. Michael's Church, and was always active in all matters concerning the welfare of the parish and the public weal. He was a kind and devoted parent and a faithful husband. His funeral was very largely attended by not only friends and neighbors of all denominations throughout the township, but also by many from outlying districts. The requiem Mass and funeral services were conducted by the local pastor, Rev. Father Cavanaugh. The sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved wife and family. Requested in Pace.

Pius X's Jubilee Celebrated.

The episcopal jubilee of Pope Pius X. was celebrated on Tuesday. Many messages of congratulation and well-wishes reached the Vatican. The Pope spent the day quietly. He celebrated Mass in the private chapel, admitting only his own sisters from Venice. Later in the day His Holiness received the officials of the Vatican, who presented their greetings. To these the Pontiff showed the gold Pectoral cross which was given him by Pope Leo in 1884, upon his appointment as bishop of Mantua. In honor of the jubilee many homes in the vicinity of the Vatican were decorated. The pilgrimage from France ended on Tuesday.

DEED.

BURIED—In this city, on Nov. 9, Miss Mary Burke, native of Westford, Ireland. Funeral services at Collège des Neiges Cemetery.