

SOLID THOUGHT

Mayor Hodgson of St. Paul, a non-Catholic, gave expression to a solid Catholic thought in a recent address. He said:

"The War shows what happens to men who forget Jesus.

"This nation was established by deeply spiritual men—men who believed in God, and who did their thinking and their acting against a background of eternal things. America must return to this ancient heritage of faith, must mobilize her spiritual resources if she is to achieve anything permanent. Those who say the War proved the failure of the Gospel of Jesus are talking backwards. The War showed what happens when men forget the simple human terms in which Jesus talked.

"For a generation our world was engaged in intellectual gymnastics and reeked with the futile ambitions of materialism. Because man has a soul he cannot live save when his soul aspires and touches the regions of the divine. The War represented the mania that comes from spiritual starvation. The world still is weak with spiritual hunger.

"If we are to be happy—if we are to build permanently, we must go back to our ancient simple life of love and faith. We must seek and find the friendly human Jesus who was born in a manger, the Jesus who walked the Galilean hills with no word in His heart but love—the Jesus who is the abiding guest of the soul of man and the comrade of his heart and hand.

"This is the task of the church and of man today, to love this Christ of the weak-day world—the Christ Who walks beside us in the street, the friend of man in the factory and the field and the shop. The Abiding Comrade Who cannot be left out of the commonest doings of men as they learn the alphabet of their divine craftsmanship.

"We do not need more brains, more statesmanship, more philosophy, more 'timeliness' in the message of the church. We need more religion and a big R—that passionate consciousness of God, the great and inspiring faith towering up into heroism, into sacrifice, into devotion, into a spring-like reawakening of all the sources of life that are hidden in the human soul.

"We need the individual human life which, out upon the highways of the world, shall so glow with the radiance of divine meanings that it will irresistibly draw men to itself because of its beauty and power—the life that tells the world that God is love.—Intermountain Catholic.

BOLSHEVISM A SYMPTOM

JESUIT WRITER FINDS RUSSIAN SOCIETY DISEASED

Bolshevism in Russia is a topic about which the press never tires of relating the most dreadful tales, and a subject, too, of which countless speakers and writers feel free to discourse. But they as well as the press seldom, if indeed ever, point out the one important fact,—the fact that the tendencies they condemn and the incidents they deplore are not mere incidents of a movement seeking to establish itself by force, but symptoms of a disease, and that this disease affects all of Russian society.

THE WHOLE OF RUSSIAN SOCIETY DISEASED

A Jesuit, Count Stanislaus Tyszkiewicz, brings out the basic truth in forcefully in an article appearing in a new Catholic Austrian review. Writing under the caption "Russian Bolshevism as a symptom of disease in Russian society," this Jesuit Father substantiates his contention by tracing the inroads of the sickness through all classes of society, happily finding the rural population, though by no means in the best of health socially, the least affected by the dread malady with which the social body is infected. "Russian Bolshevism," he writes, "along with Nihilism, Anarchism and Tolstoyism, its near relatives, is by no means a passing apparition or perhaps even a party issue of Socialism; on the contrary, it is a symptom of disease affecting the whole of Russian society,—it is 'Russian' in the broadest sense of the word. We can trace the bolshevistic instincts through all the ranks of the population of the former Czarism. A few facts taken from actual observation may suffice as illustrations. A wealthy, elegantly dressed merchant of Moscow,—one of those Russian millionaires against whom even Jewish High Finance was powerless—passes a florist's hot house. Without even a second thought he enters and demands to see the proprietor. I wish to buy this hot house, he announces. It is not for sale, answers the proprietor. "I will pay 500,000 rubles," the merchant insists. The owner yields, the merchant orders a gang of workmen to the spot; the beautiful palms are cut down and thrown with the orchids upon a pile of straw, and fire is set to the whole. The millionaire is proud as a lord over his wonderful deed.

"BOLSHEVISTIC INSTINCTS"

"Another man, accompanied by his cashier, walks into the most exclusive restaurant of the Capital. "Walter," he orders, "20 bottles of champagne, the very best!" The twenty bottles are quickly brought, and our hero tosses them one at a time against the huge mirrors set in

the walls around the entire room; he leaves it to his cashier to settle for the damages, which run up to a few paltry 100,000 rubles. A lady of recognized social standing and wealth wishes to indulge in the caprice of a sleigh-ride in mid-summer; while she is still in the mood, the driveways and walks in the park are covered with a thick layer of powdered sugar. Those gentlemen are also well known who habitually take pleasure in lighting their cigars with 100 ruble bank-notes; and there are many who also habitually use their dishonestly acquired wealth to indulge in the pleasure of wearing a different fur overcoat every day. Thus, Father Tyszkiewicz adds, "these people seek to amortalize the lot they are forced to bear by a despotic state."

SOCIETY CREATED CURABLE

These facts of recent occurrence were preceded by worse happenings only a few decades ago. Then says Count Tyszkiewicz, not only wealth but also the life, liberty and happiness of thousands and their families were sacrificed to the bolshevistic caprices of the very wealthy. Now the disease has spread further, until it affects us as we have stated, society as a whole. The Jesuit writer traces the disease through the field of literature also and of other intellectual effort, showing the correctness of his contention. It is this important fact which must be realized before a cure can be effected. And it is this fact also which must ever be borne in mind in all study of social ills and all efforts at relief and cure.—New World.

"PEP"

Pep according to Peter W. Collins, director of the Knights of Columbus educational work, stands for Practical Efficacy of Prayer. He illustrates his statement by incidents. That the victorious Notre Dame football team which won the championship of the country last season believed in the significance is evidenced by a letter written to a priest at Notre Dame University and recently published in the college weekly. The writer, Rev. J. A. Langton, chaplain at West Point, N., referring to the Army Notre Dame game played there last November said: "Your team is bringing home victory again and believe me those boys deserved to win. I gave them a special Mass this morning and they were right there, even to receiving Our Lord. They will tell you about the game. You tell them I saw it all and prayed for them in the pinches. They are the finest and cleanest bunch of little gladiators that I have seen on the field."

CATHOLICS, TOO, DESIRE UNION

Appropos of a remark made by the Anglican Bishop of Bombay that "Practically all Indian Christians desire union, except the Roman Catholics," the Catholic Herald well observes:

"It is absolutely untrue that Catholics do not desire reunion; what is true is that Catholics do not desire that kind of union which appeals to many non-Catholics. And they cannot desire it, because to them it means the opposite of that very union Christ prayed for. Christ prayed that His might be one as He and His Father are one and that they might be sanctified in truth. Catholics take that to mean that all the disciples of Christ should be one not only in charity but also in faith, that is holding every atom of doctrine, every truth, whether you call it big or small, revealed by Christ.

"Now it is part and parcel of the Catholic's faith that His Church is the only true one, that he teaches and has ever taught what Christ has revealed and all that Christ has revealed to be transmitted to mankind. As long as he holds that he is a Catholic, as soon as he deliberately doubts it, he ceases to be one. With such principles how can a Catholic entertain the idea of a scheme of reunion of all Christians, which would imply that heretofore no Church has been completely in the right or in the wrong?

"Such an attitude may appear uncompromising; it is, because we scout the idea of compromise where we believe that a Divinely revealed truth is at stake. Not because we fail to understand the necessity of unity, do we stand aloof from so-called attempts at reunion, but because we believe in the necessity of true unity, i. e., faith in all that Christ taught and ordained. Our position is absolutely logical; we want unity in truth, and our faith tells us that the Catholic Church, and she alone, possesses and has always possessed that truth. However sincere and earnest non-Catholic efforts for reunion are, we are bound to believe that as long as they do not lead to the adoption of the whole Catholic creed, they do not lead to union in Christ."

As the Catholic Church, moreover, numbers some 800,000,000 members, more than three of all the other churches combined, she is well able "to stand alone without feeling lonely."—America.

CARDINAL GIBBONS' NEW YEAR MESSAGE

"It is my sincere wish that all of our people will be blessed with happiness this New Year," was Cardinal Gibbons' New Year message. "But happiness depends, in a great measure, upon ourselves. We must

live good, virtuous lives if we desire the real joy of living. Only by faithfully observing all of God's laws can we expect the graces necessary to our spiritual and temporal well-being. We are all animals, to be sure, and we must conform to them in order to be worthy of His benedictions. In all of our vicissitudes—in all our joys and sorrows—we must look to Him for grace and guidance. We can, by our own efforts weave a crown of future happiness for ourselves. By doing our duty to Him, and our fellow man our happiness is indeed assured us."

AN IRISH RUSSIAN

BISHOP O'ROURKE OF RIGA DEBANDANT OF EXILED CELTS

Last month the Eternal City saw an interesting visitor in the person of the Right Rev. Edward O'Rourke, Bishop of Riga, a scion of one of the most ancient and illustrious families of the Old World.

Bishop O'Rourke's family stood by James II. like so many another chivalrous Celtic family, when England resolved to dethrone him, and, on this king's fall, it left Ireland for the continent of Europe. Eventually Count O'Rourke brought his family to Russia. The grandfather of the Bishop became a general in the Russian army. Monignor O'Rourke was made Bishop in 1918.

Though Bishop O'Rourke never saw Ireland, he bears in his heart the deepest love for Erin, and one of the first things he did on reaching Rome was to seek out some of the Irish houses for the sake of "the Old Country." For all intents and purposes he is a Russian, after all the centuries that have passed since the O'Rourkes left Erin's shores. On December 2 the Holy Father received in private audience the Bishop of Riga with his secretary, Canon Rantzan.—Catholic Bulletin.

METHODIST ORGAN LAUDS ST. IGNATIUS

The following eulogy of St. Ignatius Loyola and of his order, has appeared in the Pittsburgh Methodist Christian Advocate: "It is true that Protestant Britain gave us a Macaulay and a David Livingstone, that our own country has sent forth a Thorburn, a Bashford and a Headland to work mightily for the Gospel, yet it was Catholic Spain that gave birth to the first real modern missionary. This was Ignatius Loyola, a man with a world vision.

"It was the Jesuit priest who first broke down the barrier of seclusion in China and Japan, and gave to a wonderful posterity its first authentic news of these distant lands; it was the Jesuit priest, in the days of French dominion in the valleys of the St. Lawrence and Mississippi, who bore with him the story of the Cross to the Indians, and who nurtured the soul-life of the hardy French settlers in Lower Canada; it was the Jesuit missionary who first planted education among his fellow-men wherever the armies of Europe planted the flag of conquest and dominion.

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DIED

CROSBY.—At Port Morien, N. S., on Sunday, January 4, 1920, Adam B. Crosby. May his soul rest in peace.

HART.—At the Windsor Hotel, Ottawa, on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1920, Patrick Hart, dearly beloved husband of Julia Mulligan, in his eightieth year. May his soul rest in peace.

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