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THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The Propagation of the Faith was the divine commission confided by Jesus Christ to the Apostles. For this He founded His church upon them, promising to be with them able to do his or her share in contra-buting the necessary means to sus- logy. Logic is at least a game, and them from all the assaults of evil. Guided by the Holy Spirit of God as promised by its Divine Founder the Church has never failed in her divine mission.

There is also that marvellous organization ingRome known as the Congregatio de Propaganda Fide -the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, which has under its jurisdiction the Pagan world and such parts of the Christian world that are as yet not fully organized.

But it is to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith that we wish at the present time to draw the serious attention of our readers. This is an interna ional association for the assistance by prayers and alms of Catholic Missionary priests, brothers, and nuns engaged in preaching the Gospel in heathen and non-Catholic countries.

A glance at the origin and development of this Society reveals what great work may be done by the humblest of means.

In 1820, Pauline Jaricot of Lyons. Father's message direct to the France, received a letter from her hearts of our readers. The slacker brother, a student at the Seminor shirker for the sake of five cents ary of St. Sulpice, in which he a month is a pretty cheap Catholic. described the extreme poverty of the And yet five cents a month from Foreign Missions of Paris. She conevery Catholic would aid enormousceived the idea of forming an Associly the work of the mission fields and ation whose members would contribgreatly extend the Kingdom of God ute one cent a week for the missions. on earth. The membership rose to a thousand and the offerings were sent to Asia.

THE POTHER ABOUT DR. In 1822, Father Inglesi, Vicar should not practically instruct. GRANT General of New Orleans, was sent to Lyons by Bishop Dubourg to visit Dr. Percy S. Grant, rector of the of belief and practice to talk about, minorities and of the consent of the rights of way for transmission lines. criminate Bible distribution evihis benefactors and reanimate their Episcopal Church of the Ascension what other theme shall he take subject populations, and of oil zeal. Seeing the success of Miss in New York City, has succeeded in save his own vague impressions, wells, and of mandates, and of Jaricot, they thought at first of creating somewhat of a sensation and that is, to speak practically, boundaries; but all the while we establishing a similar society for by denying the divinity of Jesus himself. American missions, but decided to Christ and retaining his standing as "Now, all the broad-minded busiunite, instead of dividing, efforts. Episcopal pastor and teacher. ness about religion simply means in the spectacle of the millions of The new company plans the immed-A meeting of the friends of the True, Bishop Manning rebuked him, that the parson is to talk about exiles on trek from countries where iate establishment of two such missions called by Father Inglesi but claims that Dr. Grant is vague, himself, because he is to have they know democracy is not safe if stations-one at Bishopsland and the was attended by twelve ecclesiastics indefinite, and does not clearly deny nothing better to talk about. He is it can be said to exist at all. and laymen, and on May 3, 1822, the deity of Christ. The bishop is to give us every Sunday his own the Society for the Propagation of harder to convince than most people. hazy feelings about humanity, be- beauties and benefits of modern five miles (south-west) of Dublin. the Faith was formally established. In the New York papers, the heading cause he has no moral system to diplomacy; the new diplomacy - It is proposed to supply power to From this humble beginning the in one way or another boldly flaunt- apply to particular human prob- which resembles so much the old authorized distributors along the Society spread until it is now estab- ing Dr. Grant's denial, we find this lems. lished in all Catholic countries of paragraph in quotation marks pur-Europe and America, and has dis- porting to give Dr. Grant's very ing was far more sensible, whether the mist of sentimentality. For not now have electric power facilin the days of Puritan divines or of justice, when it is not based upon ities. The possibilities of this new in Pagan lands over one hundred "Now, of course, very few clergy- Franciscan and Dominican dema- religious considerations, is a mere very great indeed and million dollars. men today who have been educated gogues. The idea was that a man, sentiment; and being regarded as the outcome will be watched with Last year, the centenary year of in the large universities-by which having learnt something definite, a mere sentiment, it is not allowed interest by friends of Ireland all its foundation, the central office I mean places where science as well had something definite to teach. to stand in the way of what the over the world. The country was transferred to the Sacred Con- as classics and mathematics are He could give every week, not world calls practical considerations, possesses many streams adaptable was transferred to the Sacred Con-gregation of the Propaganda where it will be under the direct super-bad the power of God. He doubt-literary inspiration, but sections is used as sets. All our sentimental as time goes on the fullest use will message raised the question as to message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development, and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development and message raised the question as to be to hydro-electric development and message raised the question as to the doubtvision of the Holy Father. And less did miracles, as they were re- and sub-sections of an already justice has not advanced real, genu- no doubt be made of them. as Pius XI. declared : "It will garded in His day, but as M. Coué existing moral science. Just as the ine, theological justice in the least. be the instrument of the Holy points out, many of them were acts popular scientist could talk one day The statesmen of Europe have no See for the collection everywhere of of auto-suggestion, and would fall about giraffes and another day idea of doing other than has always appreciation of the Catholic poetess that the legislature has the techthe alms of the faithful and their under well-known categories clearly about germs, so the popular priest been done in the past. Nation is and essayist, the late Mrs Alice nical right to legalize divorce, such

Society for the Propagation of the position has subsided, when he has Faith. numerous.

Two-thirds of the population of into obscurity unless and until he the world live in Pagan lands; 400,- can cause another sensation. He 000,000 in China; 300,000,000 in will be one of the dreary, creedless India; 200,000,000 in Africa; negationists who empty the pews 70,000,000 in Japan; 30,000,000 in before the emancipated pulpit. Oceania and other countries.

The light of Faith is being G. K. C., "that the ordinary Sunday carried to those peoples who sit in sermon has become rather pointless darkness and in the shadow of and sterile. Personally, I should death; China has 2,000,000 native like preaching done by preaching Catholics; India 2,400,600; Africa 1,000,000; Japan 160,000; Indo-traveling for that particular pur-China 1,000,000; and there are about 2,000,000 native converts in other Pagan countries.

There are now 15,000 Priests, alleged. The parson is not dull 4,000 Brothers and 40,000 Sisters because he is always expounding from every Catholic nation in the theology, but because he has no world consecrating their lives to the conversion of the heathen.

God is blessing their work ; fifty years ago in China and Japan there were but 300,000 Catholics, today Calvinistic sermons kept a very high there are over 2,000,000. The harvest would be greater in every interested the Scotch peasants who part of the world but for lack of missionaries and lack of means.

There is not one of us who is not necessary to religion, as simply heathen world.

to the general committee.

for the Propagation of the Faith is some real thinking because there extremely simple. To become a was some real theology." member it is necessary to recite

Father," one "Hail Mary," and "St. reason of unbelief. There is a ly to the general fund. Ordinary he would recognize its existence. members contribute five cents a

once for all, or in instalments within one year. As the Society is ordinarily organized in parishes, the usual method for gathering the contributions is to form the associates into bands of ten, of whom one acts cesan director and finally forwarded The foregoing facts are eloquent : we know they will carry the Holy

If we love our neighbor we should In this connection and by way of latans have done as much. But Dr. if they do not. Lausanne is only Roman dignity in her mien, vivacity, cause matrimony such as is known If we love our neighbor we should help him to come to a knowledge of the truth and save his soul. In this connection and by way of the truth and save his soul. In this connection and by way of the truth and save his soul. In this connection and by way of the truth and save his soul. In this connection and by way of the truth and save his soul. In they do not. In t

These are precious and denied everything, and "emancipated his mind." he will subside

"I think it is true," writes ened, it is, I think, for the very contrary reason to that commonly

theology to expound. This is quite as true of bad theology as of good ; of things I utterly disbelieve as of anything I believe. The old Scotch intellectual average, and intensely were trained under them. And this is not so much because theology is

able to do his or her share in contri- because logic is necessary to theotain the work of our devoted men the old Calvinistic preachers played and women who consecrate their the game.... The Scotch peasants lives and work to missions in the went eagerly every Sabbath to see a Presbyterian minister performing The organization of the Society like an acrobat. And there was

The Rev. Mr. Grant talks about daily for the missions one "Our learning and the sciences as the Francis Xavier pray for us," and to science of which the clergyman contribute at least five cents month- should be master but we doubt if

to any other theology, but to any dren fall of hunger and fatigue by thousand country vicars to be all direction of London, or Syria is poets. But if there were a real made safe for France. school of theology, we could ask

THE GREAT TREK

BY THE OBSERVER While the great powers have been

talking about the future peace of the people. ences and interests, a sad story has been unfolded in that same Near East. Greeks and Armenians have been leaving the Turkish dominions. hastily and in fear, seeking safety and shelter in other countries ; and at the same time Turks have been leaving other Balkan countries in almost equal numbers, seeking safety and shelter in lands that are strange to them. The total number of expatriates who have thus been transferring themselves to strange and unaccustomed surroundings, is estimated by American relief workers at about two and a quarter millions.

One might make some interesting guesses as to what those millions of unfortunate people think of the success of the diplomats and states men the past few years in making the world safe for democracy, and the speculation is a very interesting one. But we suppose they do not fully realize the importance of oil

fields in the schemes of international creed, is excited over the discovery joyed small things, but eternity was in an obscure corner of the country, high politics. If they know anything of what has been going on at Lausanne, they may have heard of which investigation proves to be the oil wells of Mosul; but we suppose they can hardly be expected to understand how much

more important it is to make Syria safe for France and Mosul for Great Britain than to make the Balkans safe for a few millions of poor devils who feel so little safety that they have thought it better to

"Theology is a science, true or take the road, to go out on a great month; Special members fifty cents false, and the point applies not only trek, to see their women and chilother science. A science is a thing the wayside, and to risk the ills that that can be taught to ordinary may be ahead of them when they get men ; that can be taught by ordin- to their very uncertain destination, ary men. Those who say that than to remain where they are and religion is more akin to poetry may take their chances of what may be as a promoter. These offerings are fection. But we cannot ask ten after the oil is set flowing in the

> The world has seldom heard a them to be all schoolmasters: Any- sadder story than that of the matter of hydro development. thing like a system can be learnt migrations made in the last few Following upon investigation into by any number of normal intelli- weeks in the Near East. The the water-power resources of the gent men, and can be taught in human heart has seldom had a more country by the Irish Commission of turn to any type of normal intelli- moving appeal made to it than by Enquiry, the Irish Power Syndicate gent congregations. Those who say the picture drawn by American has been organized and steps taken Acts of the Apostles, and the Book and America can make good tim that religion is a sort of prophetic inspiration are asking all the picture drawn by American has been organized and steps taken of Proverbs—constitutes the order. European tangle. inspiration are asking all these country to country in the late fail of Commission's findings. The new As these are to be printed in ordinary men to be inspired 1922. At Lausanne promises have company plans to utilize a portion English and Spanish, it is a fair prophets. But if religion could be been made and modified and can- of the water-power of the Liffey inference that they are intended practical instruction, there is no celled and other promises substi- river, and has applied to the as ammunition for the several prossort of reason why ordinary men tuted for them, and interests have Minister of Industry and Commerce elytizing enterprises of American clashed, and there has been question for a special order to enable it to Unless the preacher has a system of the Straits and of the rights of acquire sites for power stations and

If we have an ardent desire of dealt in a general way with the defies episcopal authority, and epis- have been talking about things that cigarette; with a young girl's this sense can be determined as a our own salvation, we should be ministers of religion who have no copal authority dodges and hedges, are of interest to somebody if sensitiveness, an old woman's passing fad, which may become the anxious to avail ourselves of the religion, teachers who have nothing is very severe and non-committal not to them. It would not, for insight, a man's strength. She negation of that which constitutes anxious to avail ourselves of the religion, teachers who have nothing is very severe and non-committant not to them. It would not, for insight, a man's strength. She issented to that which constructs and warns Mr. Grant to be more instance, make much change in their listened tolerantly to conversation; Public opinion in the Argentine Public opinion in the Public opinion in the Argentine Public opinion in the Public opinion i point of view, I should think, to but flashed at a word of brutality. hear that the Allies had insisted Her own remarks were brief ; wise, on their oppressors being kind to humorous, full of 'the scorn of them in the future; because they scorn, the hate of hate, the love of have heard too many shining love.' She swooped on the essenpromises in the past; and they tials of a character like a hawk on know that soft words and hard a wird, but she pitied every bird. Near East and discussing ways and deeds often come from the same She detested vulgarity and cruelty ;

she excused ignorance." Anyhow, it is a situation full of sad interest for all who make a As ESSAVIST and critic, Mrs study of human nature ; especially Meynell had no superior in her genif they have been persuaded that eration, and while the fame of the the emotional assurances made popular novelist was not perhaps during the War of a better world hers she possessed that which was and higher concepts represented a inestimably more precious, the real change of heart amongst men. thorough appreciation of the best It is only a few years since a speech minds in both hemispheres. The of Mr. Lloyd George was cabled qualities lying behind her critical to the four corners of the earth, in judgments are brought out by the ece which he said that "Humanity has same writer in a paragraph of national and international, here last struck its tents and is on the rare discrimination : "At the back march." We wonder whether the of all her judgments, invariably

did, they may be disposed that so uninterruptedly aware of the said that the high cost of living is a far as least as they are concerned, unseen behind the seen. She, a and to the number of two and a religious ascetic, practised 'art half millions of human beings, Mr. for art's sake' as ruthlessly as everything worth while Lloyd George was not a bad any despairing hedonist of them all; speaker in the course of his address, prophet. _____ and, naturally fastidious, she had

NOTES AND COMMENTS

of a fifteenth-century "Madonna," which investigation proves to be whatever MEN may think of the and inortgages as though they were of real value. They have abso-painter of the school of Van Eyck problem there can be no feeling in Their value depends wholly upon and Memling. The picture, it understanding quarters but that of the honesty of the lawyers who sympathy for the German Catholic draw up the papers, on the integrity for £10, but now reposes tempor- clergy. The rapid fall in the mark of the clerks who copy the records, for £10, but now reposes tempor. Clergy. The lapid fail in the mark arily in an Edinburgh gallery insured for £15,000. Time was in circumstances. Never at any time the courts which must enforce the Scotland when the picture would well paid, their plight now that the claim, and finally on the righteoushave been immediately committed to mark has so depreciated, is said to ness of the community, which is the the flames or transported overseas, be truly pitiful. The Bishops at basis of all. Europe needs religion The Kirk, of the seventeenth and their recent conference at Fulda more than reparations. eighteenth centuries, in the fulness considered plans for increasing the of the ways. of its Calvinistic fervor would not clerical stipends, and a graduated wages are fair and money is plentihave tolerated so manifest a token of Popery within the boundaries of The difficulty, however, is to raise the Kingdom. But now, it is seriously proposed that it should find a funds are sutterly unable to cope able men are fearful of a panic or permanent resting-place in the with the situation. National Gallery of Scotland.

behind them all."

WHAT IS said to be the largest behind the rest of the world in the sectarians in South America. Pro-

New York firm. A million and a than service and are interested in half volumes of different portions consuming rather than producing. of the Scriptures-the Gospels, the Only revival of religion in Europe

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seems for the most part to support the attitude taken by the former chief Executive. Proponents of the divorce bill are chiefly found among the Socialistic and radical elements Attempts have been made to reviv the strength of the anti-clerical forces which suffered a disastrous defeat ten years ago, but these efforts have been unsuccessful far.

RELIGION 1S REAL NEED

REMARKABLE ADMISSIONS BY NOTED ECONOMIST

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5 .- Religion, rather than reparations, is the real need of Europe today, accord-ing to Roger W. Babson, noted who spoke on affairs, week and stressed the fact that in his opinion only a revival of religion wretched trekers of the Balkans convinci g, was a mind not merely for prosperity and straighten out the European tangle. Mr. Babson tangle. Mr. Babson religious problem rather than an economic problem.

"The security of everybody and whether a house or a bank-book. no tinge of niceness or superiority. whether a pig or a kit of tools, depends not upon Congress or She was proud to the world, but ALL SCOTLAND, irrespective of humble before goodness; she en- principles actuating our people-in short, upon our religion.

REAL BASIS OF TRUE VALUES

"We look upon stock certificates WHATEVER MEN may think of the and mortgages as though they were

"Business today is at the parting Crops are another collapse. What is the

reason for this fear? This fear is due to the knowledge that a great IRELAND AS a nation is not to lag single Bible order ever placed in philosophy today. We become the United States, says a press despatch, has just been given by Ditta Scripty to a the American Bible Society to a God and reer confidence in the strength; we seek profits rather

RELIGION THE SOLUTION

The solution of our great industrial problems will be brought about only through the development of sound religions. We have been We have been legislat

experiences of the past two years

show clearly that the industrial

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

The Society was formally estab- They are not miracles." lished in the United States in 1897 ; it now has 1,200,000 members who contributed in 1921 \$1,700,000.

Why should we interest ourselves in the Foreign missions?

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We have it on the authority of our Divine Lord Himself that the taboo;" sacraments are nothing, by talking at large." love of God and love of our neighbor is the essence of the Christian religion.

If we have a true love for God we denying Christ. should help the work of the redemption of mankind for which He sacrificed His only begotten Son. and affirmations.

today. Science understands them. ticide and another day about usury.

marriage-but why follow this man,

Dr. Grant's religion seems to be

have seen a grim and positive com- if the six available sites for generat-

mentary upon the futility of it all, ing stations are fully developed. What a commentary upon the

diplomacy ! How the light of the route of the transmission lines and "Now, the old notion of preach- facts of self interest breaks through in the districts of Dublin which do

distribution among all Catholic and well classified by psychologists could preach one day about infan- playing against nation in terms of Meynell, has come under our notice dollars and cents. Mark Twain said than that of a writer in the London a clear mandate from the people. As one could take one tribe of that dollars and sense do not always Mercury. One or two selections Dr. Grant does not deny that animals at a time, the other could go together; and still less do dollars will be appreciated by our literarythese are the words he used in a take one type of man at a time. . . and justice go together when there minded readers: "There, in her sermon wherein he denied nearly The exposition of such a system is question of re-arranging a con- London flat or in the ample everything. The consecration of would at least be a great deal more tinent in the best interests of buy- library-living-room of her country churches he averred was "a survival amusing than asking an average ers and sellers, and of making the cottage, she would sit in her of the age of witchcraft, magic and musing than asking an average ers and sellers, and of making the cottage, she would sit in her hallowed aspect of the Argentine taboo;" sacraments are nothing the tabies in the taboo is a solution of the age of witchcraft, magic and the taboo is a solution of the age of t

The weary trekers who have been hair, very upright and calm. Dr. Grant has succeeded in walking down the hot roads of the Her skin was withered with age, who owes all his notoriety to the making a sensation; a professed Balkans do not, I suppose, dip very but her eyes were large and lusfact that he is a Christian minister Christian, more, a duly authorized deep into the philosophy of all that; trous; at seventy she still gave an home's positive well-being. "The characteristic type of the

creed, he denies that Christ was or are in somebody's way, and had She was usually in black, her only himself, his own vagaries, denials is more than M. Coué or Dr. better get out of it, it being a sure little coquetry a velvet ribbon Percy Stickney Grant. Lots of char-thing that their throats will be cut around her neck. She sat quiet, ment upon which has been founded the grandeur of this country, be-

digality in this matter of indis. holds the key to the situation. Our dently keeps pace with decay in problem cannot be solved through

of the Liffey is estimated at 8,800, other at Downing's North, both in

ARGENTINE AGAINST DIVORCE

Buenos Aires, Jan. 15.-Opposition to proposed legislation to permit divorce was expressed in one of the final messages sent to the Argentine whether or not such legislation lies within the proper scope of the No MORE vivid or sympathetic legislative power and points out that even should it be determined

a revolutionary departure from custom should not be made without Explaining his reason for intervening in legislative matters, President Irigoyen wrote : "The Execu-tive cannot remain indifferent before a movement which threatens to carry away with it the most luxurious to the most humble, happy under the auspices of the present laws and the foremost desire is the embellishment of the

necessary to go beyond the daily There is no short-cut solution to any papers for evidence of this. Meanwhile the Catholic Church main- of religion in influence and power. tains with uncessing vigilance her | We must rescue the nation from the divinely-appointed guardianship of unscrupulous politician, the selfish the Holy Book. The Catholic promoter, and the shortsighted employer and wage worker. people of South America, so far as this new evidence of misdirected what a compass is to a ship or a zeal in their behalf comes to their knowledge, must sit back and As a business man. I urge my associates to get behind the

They alone provide the only solution to the great problems facing us. Legislation, labor unions, employers' associations, and all these other things are mere shells of the

egg. So I say that the need of the hour is not more houses or freight cars, not more factories or ships, not more legislation, education or banking facilities, but more religion. The need of the hour is true

Mr. Babson declared that priests rather than policemen were respon-sible for the security of the family and that the security of property depended upon preachers rather than bankers.

UNBELIEVERS' HOMAGE TO FRENCH NUNS

Unjustfied criticism raised by a Communist councillor resulted in the rendering of a well-deserved tribute to the hospital nuns of Lyons by the Municipal Council. In the course of a discussion of the municipal budget, a Communist councillor, M. Oddoux, criticized the Sisters who serve in the hospitals.

His remarks were energetically denounced.

family which has come to us from our parents has been the basic elewomen," he said.

M. Leghoudy, a Socialist councillor, and assistant to the Mayor, paid a definite tribute to the Nuns : "The Sisters are brave and honest

' I affirm this

