THE FRUITS OF RADICALISM

THE PLOT AT CHICAGO THE NATURAL OUTCOME OF MODERN ANARCHIST TEACHING

Amazement and surprise have greeted the revelations in Chicago resulting from the attempt to poison Archbishop Mundelein and the guests at the banquet in his honor. The nation-wide, and even international, secret scheme to wags warfare on scolesiastics, churches, and the socalled propertied classes has shown a glimpse of the discontent that exa glimpse of the discontent that exists below the surface of our society, seeking for expression. The facts disclosed are certainly most serious and startling, calling for careful study and consideration. Action, prompt and immediate, will no doubt stamp out in a great measure the stamp out in a great measure the present embodiment of the phenomenon. The men concerned in the present conspiracy will probably be apprehended and severely dealt with. But any efforts to reach the fundamental causes of the trouble must go beyond these measures of punish-

It can be no wonder at all, as a matter of fact, that such things have happened as have now been discovered. They are but the fruit of the teachings which have been promulgated from university rostrum, scientific treatise, and learned philosophic dissertation for the last few hundred years. They are but the natural development of our whole "modern trend." The idea of purely subjective morality, begun with the Protestant Revolution, that man was a law unto himself, developed and elaborated in the course of the suc-ceeding generations, could have no other logical result. In the name of science have doctrines poisonous and destructive been spread among lead-ers and the people; and what other fruits could we expect than those which we see now, bald and naked in their frightfulness? Man is not made merely to theorize; he endeav ors to put his theories into practice. When these theories are evil and hate bearing the results cannot but likewise be the same.

In the past have learned thinkers and acute observers already pointed to these facts and urged the need of a vital remedy in the cessation of such education. A number of years ago a popular magazine article, "Blasting at the Rock of Ages," showed what was being taught in our colleges and universities and what the results of such teachings would be. In his famous novel, "The Disciple," the great Paul Bourget has shown how the theories of modern philosophers are being tragically put into practice. The celebrated German jurist, Professor Sohm, of Laip. sic, in an article some years ago on present day conditions touched upon acts of violence, which had been committed, and asked the question as to where the teachings of ma-terialism which had urged these acts had originated.

Where," he wrote, "is atheism where, he wrote, he with the greatest forcesand emphasis?" And in answering he points to the education of the day. "Those things which tion of the day. "Those things which are written in the books of savants and students, these it is and nothing else which are being preached aloud on the street corners. . . . The penalty for our sins now hovers above us and our times. It is the education of the nineteenth century which preaches its own destruction. As the education of the eighteenth century, so also does the education of the nineteenth century embryonic revolution within When this revolution has seen born, child of our present day philosophy and teachings, it will in its fury destroy its own mother upon whose very life-blood it has been nourished."

Maurice Carriere has emphasized the same facts in his refutation of the ideas of the well-known monist Hackel, whose eightieth birthday was celebrated with such great re-joinings in this country in 1914. Pointing to the fallacy of endeavoring to draw a dividing line between scientific and practical materialism, as Hackel strives to do, Carriere

says:
"But the petroleurs (those radicals who practiced violence), no less than the members of the cream of society conformed their lives to the ideas of debauchery and lust for pleasure which their knowledge had given them. When the theoretical brutalization of mankind has become part of the generally accepted conception of his nature, there inevitably fol-lows his brutalization in practice; as, on the other hand, when he rises above the merely sensual with the fuller recognition of mind, free will, and the image of the divine within him, the virtue of justice and humane

considerations are developed."

In his excellent book, "The World in Which We Live," the second part of his "Science of the Saints," the late Rev. Rudolf Meyer, S. J., has forcefully stated the same facts. page 75 he shows how "principles and practices, clearly subversive of faith and morality, are openly de-fended as essential to progress and civilization. Man it is asserted, has passed beyond the stage of minority and tutelage. . . His own will is the source and origin of all morality and law. And his will is that of the brute, which follows its instincts; for he is only a fully developed brute, whose paradise consists in satisfying, in a refined and civilized way, all the cravings of the heart." And when the refined and civilized ways fail, as he points out on page 144, revolu-

tion and violence offer a ready and legitimate" substitute.
The Chicago affair, it must be re

membered, is but one of similar evimembersd, is but one of similar evidences of desperate unconcern which the past few years have shown us in this country. The so called lower classes, steeped in the materialistic philosophy which has seeped down to them from the high places of wealth and learning, wishing, too, for the good things of the earth which the good things of the earth which they regard as the all of their life's career, turn to the implements of destruction for their relief and victory. Is it not time that those responsible for the teachings which have caused these actions, should be brought to task? Can we cry out in alarm only when poison and dynamite are invoked against the so-called higher classes as long as our professors calmly go on inoculating their pupils with iconcelastic ideas, and our rich continue to regard themselves as responsible in their lives only to themselves? Truly it is time for an awakening of the public conscience on this score. C. B. of C. V.

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