

Cardinal Gibbons on Christian Unity.

For the October number of the American Catholic Quarterly Cardinal Gibbons has written an introduction to the Pope's encyclical on Unity. After pointing out the good that arose from the Congress of Religions at Chicago last year, His Eminence discusses the possibility of union upon some basis of agreement. This he sets aside because of the utter differences of belief that subsist. He then continues: "But what is the great Leo's principle of union; what his remedy for existing dissensions? What the nature of the invitation addressed to all princes and people? He advises reconciliation and union with the Church of Rome; not such a union that would be brought about by a certain kind of agreement in the tenets of belief and an intercourse of fraternal love. The true union between Christians is that which Jesus Christ, the author of the Church, instituted and desired, and which consists in a unity of faith and a unity of government. In his view, which is the only true view, the supremacy of the Roman Pontiff, the supreme jurisdiction of St. Peter and his successors, can alone unite us in the fellowship with our Redeemer. That has been the claim of the Catholic Church from the beginning. She has repeated and insisted on the necessity of submission to the centre of Christian truth and the bond of external union. The fathers and doctors have invariably taught that 'where Peter is, there is the Church,' and that on account of its superior power and primacy every particular church must adhere and be united to the Church of Rome where Blessed Peter erected his See for ever. His Holiness could not speak otherwise. He is conscious of what prerogatives Christ conferred on the Prince of the Apostles."

"The Catholic Church has been made to appear in a false light to those not of her communion. Specious arguments and erroneous statements on the part of enemies have too long kept well-disposed persons from seeing her as she is, and the fear of her so-called tyranny has driven many from studying her position. It is not presumptuous to say that the more she is known and studied and the more deeply we penetrate into her mysteries, and understand her teachings, the more radiantly will her charms shine forth, and the more strongly will numbers be drawn towards her and embrace her faith, saying, with St. Augustine: 'Too late have I known thee, too late have I loved thee.' That the recent letter of our Holy Father addressed to the princes and nations of the world, will interest men in this study, and compel ready assent to the truth he advocates, and submission to the divinely-instituted authority found only in the Roman Catholic Church, there can be no doubt. Some may read the letter and hear the invitation with scorn, some with ridicule; others will put it aside, as they have over done with similar appeals, and consider it an arrogant assumption and a folly to expect them to enter into communion with Roman corruption; but we are convinced that a ready response will be forthcoming from many quarters, and that acceptance of religious teaching from the Roman Pontiff will eventually conduce to their spiritual happiness."

A Telling Rebuke.

German Catholic papers publish the following anecdote: During the summer, at one of the German watering-places, the *table d'hôte* had just commenced. Amongst the assembled guests were seen two Catholic ecclesiastics, apparently secular priests. Both made the sign of the cross and said their grace. Several young fellows who were present began to laugh and

to make fun of the two priests in a very offensive manner.

The priests quietly finished their grace, and thereupon the elder of the two, tapping upon his glass to secure attention, turned to the company and addressed them in polite words:

"I am," he said, "a Catholic priest and Cardinal Prince Archbishop of Vienna; my companion in Canon N. We are both taught by our mother, as children, to say grace before meals, and according to the precepts of our mother the Church, we are accustomed to sign ourselves at our prayers with the sign of the Cross. I observe, however, that this does not find favor with several of the distinguished company present. Should the majority of the guests agree that our grace and the sign of the Cross are unsuitable in this company, we shall be glad to take our places at another table."

Nearly all present protested loud and energetically against the conduct of the young men, and "Out with them!" was the unanimous verdict.

Badly Mixed Relationship.

In a divorce case tried in Cleveland a few days ago things were a little mixed. Plaintiff and defendant are members of the same family, yet not related by blood. The father and mother of each were also their father-in-law and mother-in-law. Their child only has only one set of grandparents instead of two, which seems hardly fair. The child's father is also his uncle and his mother is his aunt; both by marriage, of course. Although no longer husband and wife, the parties to the suit are step brother and sister still. It all happened thus: Josephine Chalus' father married Frank Chalus' mother some years ago. The step brother and sister evidently appreciated their respective parents' taste. At any rate they fell in love and in due time were married. They had one child, but Frank did not seem to care for children. At any rate he studiously neglected his family and scarcely knew the baby when he saw him in court. As he declined to contribute anything toward the support of his wife and child she was granted a divorce.

Correct Weight.

It is pretty generally known that height should be considered if you would find out correct weight. Here is a simple table which will enable you to ascertain for yourselves if your weight and height observe the proper proportions. A woman of five feet should weigh about one hundred pound; five feet one inch, one hundred and six pounds; five feet two inches, one hundred and thirteen pounds; five feet three inches, one hundred and nineteen pounds; five feet four inches, one hundred and thirty pounds; five feet five inches, one hundred and thirty-eight pounds; five feet six inches, one hundred and forty-four pounds; five feet seven inches, one hundred and fifty pounds—two pounds more than a man of equal stature; five feet eight inches, one hundred and fifty-five pounds; five feet nine inches, one hundred and sixty-three pounds; five feet ten inches, one hundred and sixty-nine pounds; five feet eleven inches, one hundred and seventy-six pounds; six feet, one hundred and eighty pounds; while another inch in height adds six pounds to the weight.

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