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## Echoes and Remarks.

If La Verité should succeed in annihilating the Knights of Columbus, where in the world would its compositor go for copy?

One would think all the Irish came over to Canada, in the years of the Ship Fever, were we to listen to what fools say.

For the first time in our lives, we were told the other day that Walter Lecky is a Father McDermott; whereas, we know that Father McDermott wrote "Billy Buttons."

If strangers helped the sick Irish at Grosse Isle, the Irish did ten times more for their own than the strangers did (See "Tragedy of Grosse Isle," Daily Telegraph, Quebec).

La Presse tells its readers that it always made it a duty to help in the anti-alcoholic movement, and to confirm it, prints a beautiful silhouette of a gin bottle on the fourth page of the same issue.

Some of the scribblers who have so much to say about the help offered to the Irish have never given even a five cent piece to any home or orphanage. It's an old habit, with us, however, to be generous.

In his latest "pastoral letter," Matthew Cummings expresses his anger at what honest men have said about his Irish pilgrimage. Why doesn't he resign like a good nigger?

Our thanks to the Montreal Daily Star for their beautiful serial story by Miss Katharine Tynan. The Star can be relied upon for clean and clever stories, long or short.

And still all the hoodlums of England and Europe are up in arms against King Alfonso. The daily press, which, as a rule, is ready for anything from murder up, is conscientiously reporting the misdeeds and blackguardism of their friends.

La Verité's latest is an objection against the reciting of a "Hail Mary" in English for His Excellency the Delegate. A column and a half of good space is devoted to abuse of the Knights of Columbus in last week's issue. Judging from this the society in question must be doing well.

It is no tribute to Ontario to have to say that it holds first rank for its number of female murderers. But, then, Ontario's population is big, and there is a tremendous majority of good people there. Manitoba, with its school system, will soon provide us with the scoundrels of the United States courts. They are in the footsteps.

Just think of an Anglican bishop deposing a man from the priesthood (!?) on account of heresy! What a hideous farce! We know that Pope's Elizabeth's Thirty-nine Articles stand; but what, in the name of goodness, becomes of free interpretation of Scripture, if a man is told to look, and then slain when he finds! Heresy of all kinds is essentially ridiculous. It is easier to be logically an atheist than to be a heretic.

Of all the "frocks" in existence, the champions among them are assuredly three-quarters of the "returned" foreign heretical missionaries. What do the fellows do, when they are abroad? Eat opium? At least, when they arrive among us they seem to know nothing of the countries where they are supposed to have labored. One cheerful provocation of them says Catholics of some place or other worship an ass. Jealousy, jealousy again!

Keir Hardie, the Socialist quack, while in the British House of Commons, the other day, spoke as sensibly as any other madman would, if placed in a like position. He is angry because Spain is trying to

keep itself clean! He and Emma Goldman, with another called Thorne (British M.P.) are now talking wildly, just because Prof. Ferrer was punished as he deserved to be. It is no compliment to England to see some of the stubble she can gather into Parliament. It is all the result of misrule on the part of brainless dukes and princess, however!

The Rev. Duncan Standfast, in the course of his sermon last Sunday, said that the indifference of parents resulted in the poverty of spirit which was apparent in his church. With a little of the usual Bible thimble-rigging, the Rev. gentleman can conciliate this statement with one of the beatitudes and make out that there is not an unhappy soul in the bunch.

Many of the big schools in the United States are practically emancipated from the duty and necessity of producing scholars and gentlemen; hazing, drinking, dissipation, and ignorance are now deemed most worthy of the students' care and efforts. For one successful professional man they turn out, eleven are failures. In fact, there is no true scholarship in the United States; but there is football, baseball, Easter Monday dances, and craze and impudence beyond measure. We are still under the spell of European ideals, here in Canada. Give us still more of Oxford, but nothing of either Yale or Harvard.

The Reverend Joseph Sullivan (save the mark) told his congregation of Baptists on a recent Sunday that drink caused the downfall of Rome. He, of course, meant the Rome of the Caesars, but he might have said so. It may be that the few intelligent members of his congregation understood aright, but the others might take it as a bit of contemporary news, that is, if they are accustomed to getting this information from the pulpit. He says that he is ready to range himself with any man, Roman Catholic, Hebrew, or man of no religion—that is to say, Chicanos, Anglican, Presbyterian, Hornerite, and so on. Catholics and Hebrews will undoubtedly appreciate this honorable mention, for it is not so long since a Protestant judge took a Baptist minister to task because he made a distinction between a Catholic and a Christian.

Mr. Matthew Cummings, who, outside of his "Shinn-Fane" notions, is a most charming man, need not in any other "pastoral letter," undertake to prove to his followers that their fight is his, unless they want it to be such. We, personally, rank the A.O.H. first among our Irish-Catholic organizations; but we truthfully declare that the real enemies of Hibernicism are Mr. Cummings and his privy council, who have undertaken to fight John Redmond, the leader of our race, and a man leagues above Mr. Cummings and of his lieutenants or fellow delegates to Ireland, as far as talent, genius, and capacity for work are concerned. We are for the A.O.H., but against Mr. Cummings's methods and the whole ignoble tribe of "Shinn-Fanes." We have had enough disunion, enough nonsense all around. We are staunchly for Redmond and shall staunchly remain so, in spite of Mr. C.'s mock-pastorals.

One of the poorest services any so-called Catholic paper can do religion is to use the moral failure of any unfortunate non-Catholic minister of religion as an argument against his sect, except in the case, perhaps, of a bigot doubled with a calumniator. We believe in attacking heresy, and in crying down the blasphemous utterances of anti-Christian preachers to Christians. One thing is to "scorch" a preacher for his ridiculous methods of church conduct and procedure; another thing to rake up a minister's failings, when the like altogether concerns his private or family life. We lately came across a piece of the scandal news we denounce in a so-

called Catholic paper, one no bishop could or would stand for; and, in that selfsame paper, there is never an editorial worth the price of a cat's supply of milk for one breakfast, even if the money-maker in charge once declared that he is not in favor of warrior methods, just simply, we suppose, to escape the necessity of parading his ignorance. He just simply resorts to scandal, that is all; and shows a man up in lines altogether independent of doctrine. We'll come back to him.

It is unfortunate that so many of our boys are turned out of school with no love for reading. Many of the others, who feel such a love, are forced to be their own guides in the literary field. Why has the good old system of circulating libraries been done away with? We remember that in our younger days, at the fine old Brother's school to which we first went, you could get some of the best books to read, by paying only two cents each time you wanted a new book. And that old school, like all the Brother's schools, has turned out a legion of thoroughly clever and successful young men. Back to the old ideals! But, then, the pupil must notice that his teacher is a well-read man. The daily newspaper can never make up for literature. The Brothers have done more for good reading than any others we know; of course, or priests excepted. Why shouldn't every parochial school have a good little library? If you do not teach the boys to read Father Finn or Canon Sheehan, they will teach themselves how to read Nick Carter!

There are many reasons why the Church uses Latin as her official language, and they are all reducible to the plea of common sense. That is why so much objection is taken to her stand, in some minds and around some corners. Let us give but one of the reasons. There is such a thing in the Church as a General, or Oecumenical, Council, made up of Bishops and priests, with the Holy Father at their head, from all the nations of the world. It is the greatest of all parliaments, and parliamentary members must have a common tongue. Thus when the Bishops of France, England, Ireland, Canada, Germany, Italy, Spain, etc., etc., etc., meet together to discuss questions that are freighted with eternal significance, they must understand, and speak a common tongue. For insular churches, such as the Church of England, and for the sectional or provincial joke-sects, which bodies may easily do without any claim to universality, there is no need of Latin: the one tongue spoken by all the members of the narrow little fold or denomination more than suffices. Europe's diplomats are agreed on a common tongue, the French, Europe's best and most chastened language; common sense calls for the like, and so does it explain why the Church speaks, reads, and writes Latin. The Baptists, the Hornerites, and the Holy Rollers do not need to be over-particular.

## Important Instructions to Clergy.

### Archbishop Issues Timely Circular Letter.

As this is the time when saloon license petitions are presented, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, in the midst of the busy session of the Plenary Council at Quebec, sent the following letter to all the pastors of city churches, which was read and commented upon on Sunday last. First Plenary Council of Canada. Quebec, Oct. 27, 1909.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—With a view to promote more and more efficiently the cause of temperance, I pray you to request your parishioners not to sign inconsiderately petitions on behalf of hotels. Invite them rather to sign the counter petitions that may be presented to them for the removal of such or such hotel considered injurious, or to prevent the establishment of such or such other hotel. It is from November 1 that such petitions or counter petitions will be presented to the authorities in the city of Montreal.

I also invite you to help in every way the praiseworthy initiative of the temperance committee of the National Federation of Women. The ladies who compose that committee have organized a bureau of supervision which, I believe, will render valuable service.

Believe me, Rev. and Dear Sir, Yours most devotedly, PAUL, Arch. of Montreal.

The signatures of four hundred of the townfolk of Portrush have been appended to a protest against the playing of golf on Sunday on the links of the Royal Portrush Golf Club.

## General News.

A bomb was discovered in the church of the Irish Dominicans in Lisbon, Portugal. The sacristan extinguished the fuse. Two suspicious persons were arrested.

Rev. Adrain Van Hulst, S.J., one of the oldest and best known Jesuits in the United States, was accidentally asphyxiated in his room at St. Ignatius College, Chicago, Tuesday. He was ninety-two years old.

De Sanctis, the Socialist municipal councillor of Montebretti, Italy, has been sentenced to four months in jail and a fine of 100 lire for insulting His Eminence Cardinal Casati, while the latter was praying in church.

Of the large capitals of the world, the most unchristian is probably Berlin. Only nine per cent. of the Berliners are churchgoers, and the nine per cent. is largely made up of Catholics. The Catholic body of Berlin is an admirable one.

Speculation has begun about the next Consistory. It may be taken as almost certain that one will be held before the close of the present year, and that many new cardinals will be created.

The death has occurred at St. Albans, aged eighty-two, of Mrs. Emma Le Clair, daughter of Mr. William Brown of St. Albans, who was a descendant of John Bunyan. She was a convert to the Catholic Church.

A noteworthy incident in connection with the reception of their First Communion of a class of seventy-nine in the little church at Cherie Dedaux Settlement, near De Lisle, Miss., was the fact that one of the first communicants was seventy years old and walked seven miles fasting to attend the services. This was Mrs. Leonie Ladner.

Miss Eleanor Colgan, instructor in the Brooklyn Training School for Teachers, has been conferred upon by Pope Pius X. the Order of Knighthood of the Church and Papacy, and is the first woman in America to wear the gold cross of that order.

That two men could constitute a congregation seems impossible, yet the judges of the court of Puy, France, have declared they can. Two fathers of the Order of St. Francis, who were living in Puy, were haled into court on the charge of reorganizing a congregation. The court decided that they were guilty, and liable under the law directed against congregations.

A progressive novelty is the work of Rev. Thomas F. Conlon, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Tiffin, Ohio, who has started a right commercial school in his parish. Stenography and typewriting, grammar, arithmetic, reading, writing, etc., will be taught. Father Conlon has personally taken up the labor of teaching several of the classes.

During the past decade the International Truth Society of Brooklyn distributed over 250,000 pamphlets dealing with Catholic topics. The purpose of the society is to spread a knowledge of the Church, and to correct misstatements or calumnies against the Church.

The German Catholic Journeymen's Society is one of the most prosperous in the world. It is divided into diocesan groups. That of Rottenburg has 2800 members, and owns property to the amount of \$200,000. Its 52 local branches have established libraries which aggregate in all twenty thousand books, with \$10,000 deposited in their savings banks.

## Spanish Sisters

### Take an Action for Libel Against a French Newspaper.

A short time ago a newspaper in Toulouse—"La Depeche de Toulouse"—in one of its issues made the statement that during the recent disorders in Barcelona numbers of murdered victims and many instruments of torture were discovered by the gentlemen who entered the convents to free the nuns from their thralldom by cutting their throats, and saving them from too much worldly wealth by stealing what could be carried away and putting in flames all irretrievable.

But the good Sisters of Barcelona are not going to sit quietly under this grave charge. Under the direction of the Right Rev. Mgr. Santol, vicar capitular of Barcelona, etc., the whole of the twenty-six religious communities have entered a case of libel in the law courts of Toulouse against the "Depeche." The Bishop of Barcelona furnished Mgr. Santol with a full list of the convents, asylums and schools of the Sisters that were entered by the incendiaries during the riots. The whole of the nuns—664 in number—have signed the requisition for the action of slander, and they are all prepared to appear in court in defense of the good name of their convents. Thus the newspaper will not be able to evade the issue. It made general statements against all the religious of a city, and they all in general, as well as in particular, are calling upon the journal to substantiate its statements or pay the penalties of the law.

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## What Other Editors Say.

### ACTED IN BAD FAITH.

Again comes the obviously false despatch from Paris that the Vatican permitted a second religious ceremony of marriage in that city lately. Arturo de Heeran and Miss Fernanda Wanamaker, it is reported, had a civil and two religious ceremonies before their marriage was complete. In these days of loosening matrimonial bonds, the proverbial triple bond seems necessary to make the bond strong. Again, too, our Ambassador at Paris persists in misrepresenting the action of the Church authorities. It is perfectly well known that such permissions are never given. Indeed, before granting dispensations for marriages between Catholics and non-Catholics, the express stipulation is made that there be but one religious ceremony and that this take place before a priest for witnesses. Whenever this stipulation is not kept, the parties are acting in bad faith to conceal or condone which it is useless as well as unjust to talk about Vatican favoritism or inconsistency. In No. 3 of America, page 73, we showed how egregiously Mr. White shied on this point at the time of his daughter's marriage, confirming our statement by special cable information from the Archbishop of Paris. The Vatican does not interfere in these matters; they only promulgate the law regulating them. The Ordinaries of the diocese apply the law, and the Vatican authorities invariably support them. The Catholic who, after marriage before a priest, chooses to go through a ceremony before a minister, knows very well the guilt and the serious penalty of the act—America.

### "TREATING."

The American habit of "treating" is ridiculous and harmful. Many who fully intend merely to "take a drink and then let it alone," find that some acquaintances are in the saloon and feel it incumbent upon them to treat. Then the "treated" want to "treat," and the rounds are so multiplied that men get drunk. Then they are not able to find their way home.

If men, meet in a grocery store they do not insist on buying each other sugar, tea, coffee and groceries. Were that done the implied insult would be resented, but it is accepted before the saloon bar.

The best and highest resolve is to stay out of the saloon. If in it, resolve at least not to treat—not to spread the evil. No man is benefited in name or in his social or business standing by frequenting the saloon. A word to the wise should be sufficient.—Catholic Universe.

## THE PRESS HYSTERIA OVER FERRER.

Notable among the events of the past week is the hysterical attitude of the press abroad and at home to the Spanish Government for the anarchist's death. In general, it is admitted that he was a revolutionary propagandist, that he was intimately connected with the enemies of his Government, and that he had been frequently under suspicion of having instigated or taken part in the use of bombs, particularly on the occasion of the attempted assassination of the King and Queen. Incriminating documents were found in his possession, among them a program for the overthrow of the Government and the seizure of bank deposits and funds for the benefit of the revolutionary forces, with handbills calling on the people to rise against the Council of War was that he had actively instigated and taken part in the Barcelona riots. There is no reason to believe that he did not receive a fair trial. It was not held in secret, nor was it conducted with undue haste. Still with few exceptions French, English and American newspapers denounce the Spanish authorities as unjust, cruel, medieval, priest-ridden. Editors who never heard of Ferrer before the Barcelona riots, and who cannot to-day give the details of his career, have memorialized him and denounced the Spanish Government in press despatches manufactured in Paris and its edito-

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rials as rabid as anarchists would wish. A significant communication from the Paris correspondent, dated as early as October 1, exposes the scheme of utilizing Ferrer's death as another Dreyfus affair; but this is considered futile by the very men who suggest it. Ferrer was not a Jew, and Spaniards have a keen sense of proportion, which works for proper submission to authority. There has been no commotion in Spain, and the press is fully growing less hysterical.—America.

## THE WANAMAKER WEDDING.

Catholics well-grounded and well-instructed in the Faith are so used to the one-sided accounts of things Catholic they read in the daily press, that they pay no attention to reports such as that of the triple wedding ceremony. Civil, Catholic and Protestant, that united John Wanamaker's granddaughter to the son of a noble house.

Despite the rejoicings of Ambassador White, whose conscience this time permitted him to attend all three ceremonies because the Vatican had in this case permitted the Protestant ceremony as well as the Catholic one!—we know that the Vatican permitted nothing of the kind. We know furthermore that if it were known to the Catholic authorities that a Protestant ceremony would succeed the Catholic ceremony—there never would have been a Catholic ceremony.

The Catholic authorities who granted the dispensation were deceived—that is all. We know it without being told; for that is the law; and no person is important enough, no reason is grave enough to depart from it.

We state this only for the benefit of weak-minded Catholics who believe and quote all they read in their daily papers. It is always easy to get things into the papers. It is seldom possible to correct them. Hence the harm such reports do. Catholics should always consider the source of their information before they draw conclusions.—The Monitor (N.J.)

## THE FERRER EPISODE.

Why is it that in every American newspaper the Church is being dragged into the question? It is well known, and has been reported the world over, that the authorities of the Church were the first to petition for clemency towards Ferrer. We have yet to learn that any official of the Church figured in the whole proceeding. Why this deliberate falsification of the truth? Why is it copied from paper to paper without a question being asked or answered? That the anarchists all over the world would destroy every church in christendom we know very well, but that reputable journals should ascribe every evil that comes upon the earth to the Church, or at least echo these sentiments of anarchy, when they must know that they are absolutely false if they use their reason at all, is a cause of profound wonderment.

This attitude of the secular press can be explained only on one supposition; that, whether they know it or not, they are controlled by the same influences which create socialism, anarchism and anarchy in Spain and in France and in Italy.—Boston Pilot.