

the American people's chief agents of deception. Shall they continue to be so?

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The Real Source.

Those shallow sciolists who constantly boast of the "progress" of the Protestant world, and say that the Catholic ages were ignorant backward, forget that they owe the very foundations and beginnings of all that progress to the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church was a wise mother and protector of the peoples. After the fall of the Roman Empire she lent all her energies to the herculean task of abolishing the institution of slavery and helotage. When this was done she kept up a constant struggle to preserve the rights of the people against the predatory tyranny of the feudal nobility. In English History we have the Bishops joining hands with the people at Runnymede, and forcing the unwilling King John to sign the Magna Charta, the very palladium of English liberty. In the Middle Ages it was no uncommon spectacle to see a warrior Cardinal or Bishop taking the field at the head of an army of the people to teach tyranny a lesson at the point of the sword! Many a time they were insultingly dubbed "proud prelate," and "proud priest," but they did not get this name from the people whom they defended, but from the rapacious barons whose plunderings they foiled and whose oppressive measures they frustrated! True history gives us a view of the great-heartedness of those priestly champions of the people, that is not to be had from the biased pages of Protestant "historians" and novelists. Professor William A. S. Hewins, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, was speaking on this subject at London, England, lately.

"If the British people would take their minds back, the Colonial Under-Secretary said, to the origin of many of the principles which governed the economic and social life of the British Empire, especially on the labor side, they might very naturally ask whence they came. If they went back to the ages when the Catholic Faith was the Faith of England, they would find the stamp of that Faith upon every typical institution. The British Constitution, which had been imitated by every civilized country in the world, was almost a transcript from the ancient Benedictine constitutions. The English universities were founded by Catholics, as also were the great endowed Public Schools.

No one could read through the ancient ordinances of the Guilds, the regulations of the Municipalities, and the Statute Law of the Realm up to the time of the Reformation without the obvious application, to all the details of ordinary life, and the principles of the Catholic religion, almost hitting him in the face. When in this war they said they were fighting for Western civilization, what they were fighting for was what remained of what their Catholic ancestors gave them.

As a field that has been carefully tilled and cultivated for centuries will continue to grow good crops for a long time after a new and careless owner has taken possession of it, so it is that the "Reformation" is not entirely barren of good results.

It will become the "Reformers," therefore, to decry and to defame that ancient and glorious institution from which their civilization and laws and liberties have had their origin!

IT IS A MISTAKE

to set up your own standard of right and wrong, and judge people accordingly.

CLERGY VICTIMS OF THE EPIDEMIC

Priests who in the Discharge of the Priestly Functions Have Fallen during the last few Weeks in the Eastern Provinces

The following is a list, although not complete, of the priests of Canada who have passed away during the epidemic, giving the diocese to which they belonged:

Rev. C. A. Collet, Quebec.
Rev. Conrad Raymond, Quebec.
Rev. Joseph Lavoie, Quebec.
Rev. Omer Coulombe, Quebec.
Rev. J. A. Narcisse Dufresne, Quebec.
Rev. Stanislas-Irene Lecours, Quebec.
Rev. Edmond Dallaire, Quebec.
Rev. Antonio Courchesne, Quebec.
Rev. C. A. Leclerc, Quebec.
Rev. Alfred Carrier, Quebec.
Rev. W. Proulx, Quebec.
Rev. Raphael Legris, C.S.S.R., Quebec.
Rev. Jos. Rene William, Montreal.
Rev. Henri Geoffet, Montreal.
Rev. Arthur Guilbert, Montreal.
Rev. Albert Leduc, Montreal.
Rev. Joseph Gaudette, Montreal.
Rev. Honore Lavigne, Nicolet.
Rev. Odilon Ducharme, Nicolet.
Rev. Jos. Arthur Descoteaux, Nicolet.
Rev. Radolphe Belcourt, Nicolet.
Rev. Victor Charlier, St. Hyacinthe.
Rev. Elphège Proulx, St. Hyacinthe.
Rev. Amedee Goyette, St. Hyacinthe.
Rev. Thomas Boylan, Toronto.
Rev. William Norbert, Toronto.
Rev. Francis Corrigan, C.S.S.R., Toronto.
Rev. William Dermody, Hamilton.
Rev. Father Culliton, Hamilton.
Rev. Rodolphe Marion, Ottawa.
Rev. Eugene Coursol, Ottawa.
Rev. Joseph Origene Beaudry, Pembroke.
Rev. Charles Sudre, Pembroke.
Rev. M. F. Finn, Kingston.
Rev. R. S. Halligan, Kingston.
Rev. Arthur Thibodeau, Valleyfield.
Rev. H. Quesnel, Valleyfield.
Rev. Joseph Paquin, Three Rivers.
Rev. Wilbrod Perreault, O. M. I. Three Rivers.
Rev. Mgr. F. X. Piette, Joliette.
Rev. John A. McDonald, Alexandria.
Rev. J. E. Dutoit, Chatham.
Rev. Onesime Tremblay, Chicoutimi.
Rev. Ronald Angus McDonald, Antigonish.
Rev. B. Kingsley, Peterboro.
Rev. H. L. Vachon, O.M.I., Prince Albert.
Rev. Joseph Boivin, Regina.
Rev. Augustine Suffa, O.M.I., Regina.
Rev. Dr. Joseph McNeill, Vancouver.
Rev. George Lataille, Sault Ste. Marie.
Rev. J. J. Purcell, London.
R. I. P.

Queries and Answers

Can a young man who has asked a girl to marry him and told her he could not live without her, after she has made all preparations for the marriage go back on his word and enter the priesthood?

The vocation to the priesthood is of a higher order than the vocation to marriage. Both vocations come from God. If a young man finds that he was mistaken in thinking himself called to marriage, when he was really called to a higher state, he is right to follow the higher call. His vocation will be tested in the seminary. If it be found true and genuine, he will be admitted to Holy Orders. The admission to Holy Orders cancels any previous engagement. It is the duty of a good Catholic girl to sacrifice her own hopes in such a case, and to offer up what was so dear to her to Almighty God, who in His own sweet way will know how to compensate her loss.

Why does the priest at Holy Mass bless the water and not the wine; and why does he not bless the water at Masses for the dead?

The priest blesses the water and not the wine at Mass, because the mixture of wine and water in the chalice signifies the union of Christ with his people—the wine signifying Christ, and therefore requiring no blessing; the water, however, signifying the people, who are not free from stain, and therefore need a blessing. In masses for the dead the priest is more concerned with the relief of the suffering souls, and therefore omits the blessing of the water, symbolical of the people, as he omits the final blessing of the people at the end of Mass.

Can a communion be offered in honor of two saints at one time, e.g., while making a novena to the Blessed Virgin and offering up communion each day in her honor can one on a Tuesday offer up this communion also in honor of St. Anthony?

Yes, this can be done, the fact that you intend to honor both does not detract from the honor of either one.

Could a Catholic young lady have Masses read for a non-Catholic friend of hers, who died just recently, as he intended to join the Church?

Yes!

APPENDICITIS.

No one knows the exact cause of appendicitis. No one knows how to prevent it.

The disease hits people who are apparently in perfect health as well as those who are run down. It is more common in young people and affects men more often than it does women.

There is a pretty good reason to believe that some cases of appendicitis, if not all, are caused by a streptococcus. This is the same germ that causes tonsillitis and is responsible for so much heart disease and kidney disorders. Very often appendicitis follows tonsillitis. Young people are more apt to be affected by all streptococcus diseases.

Even the layman who knows nothing of the anatomy knows that the appendix is half way down an imaginary line drawn from the navel to the hip bone. The middle of that line is the base of the appendix. The earliest pain in appendicitis is usually in the pit of the stomach, and is often unrecognized.

All pains in this region, though, do not mean appendicitis. They may be caused by constipation, muscular strain and other slight indispositions. Only those pains are serious that are accompanied by tenderness, slight fever, rapid pulse and usually changes in the blood that can be determined by microscopic examination.

Acute Appendicitis must be distinguished from the so-called chronic appendicitis, whose very existence is doubted by some surgeons. It has none of the symptoms of the acute case, and it is poorly understood, if it does exist.

People who cannot be operated upon at once for acute appendicitis may get through by starving themselves in the attack. Other than operation the essentials in treatment are starving and rest in bed. Starvation is necessary because every mouthful of food further inflames the appendix.

A purgative, which is often given in case of a stomach ache, is the worst possible thing in case the real trouble is appendicitis. A trifling case is often made serious or even made fatal by ill-timed purgation.

Surgeons as a rule do not like to operate at the height of an attack. If things are getting better, he waits; if worse, he operates. Anybody who has had more than one attack of acute appendicitis ought to have his appendix out.

Dampness and Disease.

Most disease germs thrive best in moist places.

Cold, damp houses, houses where the wallpaper loosens and peels off the walls on account of the moisture, gradually lower and wear away the resistance of their occupants so that they frequently fall easy victims to any one of a number of diseases—pneumonia and tuberculosis in particular.

Exposure of the outer surface of the body to cold and dampness, especially the feet, soon lowers the body's resistance to disease. So does the exposure of the inner surfaces to alcoholic dampness.

But perhaps the most dangerous of dampness is that caused by careless coughing, sneezing and spitting. Undoubtedly the careless spitter is the greatest spreader of disease.

Even where the spray or the saliva does not immediately reach the throat of some person, it may dry in dust or get on the clothing, and eventually cause disease in some healthy person.

Some of the most dangerous germs are long lived and persist in their power to cause disease—that is, in virulence—for many, many months.

Here are a few simple rules for practical protection, against the spread of diseases:

1. Cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief or bow your head whenever you cough or sneeze.
2. Never spit anywhere except in a cuspidor.
3. Keep your fingers from your mouth and keep from your mouth everything that can possibly have come, directly or indirectly, from the mouth or body of any other person.

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

(Special for St. Peters Bote.)

The Saskatoon Daily Star's repeated attacks on the foreign born population and on foreign languages has some similarity with the tactics of the blackbird in spring who, in order to hide its nest, will distract the attention of the passerby. It flies around him, scolds him roundly, and feigns to dart at his head as if about to peck out his eyes. Clever trick, eh?

People in glass houses should not throw stones. It's risky.

If you blow your neighbor's fire, don't complain if the sparks fly in your face.

A lunatic is a specialist. He thinks about one thing at all times.

Canadian life is real and vital, and, for the most part, clean and sane. It is worth writing about and worth reading about.

The spread of juvenile crime cannot be counteracted except by correcting its primary cause. Its primary cause is the failure to inculcate moral and religious training in conjunction with secular education.

Wit and Humor

BETCHYOURBOOTS!

"Nonetheless" as one word is an excellent example of war economy in space and its appearance in our daily papers should be welcomed by all who deplore unnecessary expenditure, remarks the London Chronicle. While we have such forms as "nevertheless" and "notwithstanding," regard for consistency justifies its use. "All the more" should follow suit, and perhaps we may hope to see "intheeventualities," "hythebye," "undertheconditions," and why not "whatthe-deuce?" Thus will more room be found in the paper to supply mental pabulum for the voracious reader.

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WANTED—a man to take care of horses of a religious turn of mind.

LOST—near Main Street bridge, an umbrella belonging to a lady with a bent rib.

FOUND

The laziest boy in the United States. He spells photograph as "4tograf," Leavenworth as "11-worth," Tennessee as "10ac," Wyandotte as "Y&c."

LOST

Yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward offered, for they are lost forever!

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"Sure he will, especially if he is drowning his sorrows."

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