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ESSENTIALS IN FAITH. We hear people outside the Church, and even occasionally within, speak of essentials and non-essentials in faith. What they mean exactly or upon what principle they draw the distinction we candidly admit that we do not know. Strong objections might be taken against non-Catholics using the term, essential, at all. They have ridiculed it in every form-driven it out of their theology, mocked at scholastics for using it, laughed it out of the intellectual court; and after all that they speak to us in all seriousness of the essentials and non-essentials of faith. The division is the clear-cut contradictory, between which there is no medium. Everything is or is not. The truths of faith must be essential. Truths of faith are not multiplied at the arbitrary will of any one. If the division be taken as coinciding with the division in Catholic theology of matters of faith and matters of opinion, we have merely to say that the division is not well expressed. There are other distinctions made as to what is called the theological value of propositions. All propositions defined by the Church are of faith. These cannot be divided into essential and non-essential. Other propositions may vary; some ally from the division mentioned at osity in dealing with present condiour start. There is a language which tions. And it would be well that our its the name of life. And these in a against religion. The instability of P. Hartnett and J. Bulger. R.I.P. is Catholic, a mode of thought and individual citizens should second the vast proportion depend for their pos- his wages is a worry to him, for it expression touching these matters, efforts of our city fathers. the memory of saints and doctors. say: "I pay my taxes to the city They wrought them out and shaped to look after the poor. It has a rethem in the forges of the schools. Au- lief office, a House of Industry, and thority took them and put its stamp similar machinery to attend to these upon them that faith might be pro- cases. It can also provide work on tected and liberty prevented from its streets and parks and sewers for going astray! There is a proper use, those needing employment." Ordinarily ments. Here certain forms and mat- the present abnormal conditions. The

### lidity are non-essentials. INDEX EXPURGATORIUS.

established by the Church are so ill understood and so ill appreciated as the Index Expurgatorius or the Congregation upon prohibited books. The danger of bad books was recognized from the very time of the Apostles. In the Acts of the Apostles we read that many of the converts of Ephesus "who had followed curious arts burnt them before them all." of the Apostolic canons orders the deposition of any one in the ranks of the clergy who should publish in the Church as holy "the falsely inscribed books of the impious." The practice of condemning and suppressing heretical and dangerous works was uniform in the primitive and mediae- cies and instalment plan dealers a theologian, but his native penetraval Churches. Thus the erroneous should act as generously as possible tion enables him to expose in masterwritings of Origen were brought to during the few weeks intervening be- ly fashion the paltry shallowness of the Roman Pontiff to be condemned; tween this and the opening of spring, a right life co-existing with and conand Leo the Great prohibited in his when the grip of Jack Frost will be doning, a wrong creed. time certain heretical works. Anoth- relaxed, and there will be, it is to be er Leo in the eleventh century order- hoped, work for all. ed the writings of Berengarius upon After the present crisis is tided the Eucharist to be burned. When over, a rigid investigation should be printing was invented and communi- made into the underlying causes. It dered much easier, new methods had a few months ago to handle freight to be adopted if the influence of books because of shortage of rolling stock, was to be kept under control. In the with an unexampled material developmovement known as the Reformation ment still going on, with factories a deluge of books more or less errone- crying out last summer for labor and ous was pured over Europe. Forged declaring they had orders for many permissions upon title pages became months ahead, we find ourselves or buyers what they might read. The rushing from high noon into the

pleasure of the Pope, with a secretary and a certain number of consultors, the chief of whom is the Master ol the Apostolic Palace. He is the primary and official Consultor of the Congregation. The guidance under which the Congregation proceeds is given at length by Pope Benedict XIV. "Let them know," enjoins this learned Pontiff, "that they must judge of the various opinions and sentiments in any book that comes before them with minds absolutely free from prejudice. Let them simply keep before their eyes the decisions of Holy Church and the common doctrine of Catholics." They are to respect all those opinions which, however they are discussed in the schools have been permitted by the Holy See which leaves every particular opinion of this kind in its own degree of proba-

tion framed for the express purpose of attending to the proposition of books, the examination of them de-Congregation of the Holy Office. This heretical books. These are now examined by the Congregation of the Index, the other Congregation confining itself to those books in which passed to the Congregation of the when he wrote: Index for final endorsation. The initiative in the case of any suspected gation of the Index by a bishop or an ordinary of a diocese. If the objecof the Index. Each member marks upon the whole Church.

## THE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

being approximately of faith, others distress of a widespread and severe being certain, others again being quite character exists in Toronto at the and cer- known to all interested in succoring All these divisions guard of the suffering which endures internal acts of moral man are his the lines of thought, our re- in silence and seeks rather to hide tions, his sympathies or repulsions the evils -how continued work has gard being had to the security of the than to reveal itself. Our City Coun- of heart. Now these thoughts tinc- made the laborer dull and his heart low They differ radic- cil has shown a commendable gener- tured subtly with the perfume and sick-how it is embittering his soul

strong in defence of truth, rich in the Unfortunately there is a disposition treasures of faith and hallowed by on the part of the overage citizen to when applied to the validity of sacra- this is true, but it is not so under ter are essential to the validity of City Council cannot at present prothe sacrament. The rest of the acts vide work for more than a fraction of a law-abiding citizen. A man can or words not contributing to the va- the unemployed. The houses of refuge are overwhelmed by numbers for which they have not accommedation. The slackness in labor renders many externally well-behaved, and yet blas-Few of the disciplinary institutions who have little homes unable for the moment to meet their payments.

sary at the present crises. First, a man's creed is deliberately wrong the individual citizen should realize this is just what he is likely to do. that his assistance is necessary. The If on the other hand a man's creed is city cannot give employment to all in wrong without any fault on his part, need. The city will not let anyone he is like a sea captain whose chart starve. Therefore if the individual is false. His knowledge of the heacitizen does not try to find something vens, his good judgment, his knowto do for the unemployed, the demor- ledge of the sea may pull him through; alizing spectacle of food without work but he owes his success to these and for those able to work will be the re- not to his treacherous chart. sult. Even if the job be merely a panegvrists of "dependence matter of a few hours, it will help; life life rather than creed" would and nothing that can be done now spend time profitably in reading De should be postponed.

Second, landlords, collecting agen- great writer does not pretend to be

cation between state and state ren- is strange that, with railroads unable strength and weakness stand out in countless other evils following in the common. Booksellers did not know plunged into hard times with almost with certainty what they might sell the suddenness of a railroad train Council of Trent took up the ques- gloom of a tunnel. It is of the tion, appointed a commission, but highest moment that the extent to finding the details of the report too which hostility between labor organ- great evil of the day is not in the then be far worse. It would be concomplicated, ultimately referred the izations and combinations of capital, tyranux of political power as such. fusion worse confounded. Much as we whole matter to the Pope. Upon this misdirected emigration, and such like It is in the heart of the people and sympathize with labor we cannot decree as a basis St. Pius V. erected are responsible for prevailing condi- the industrial order. There is the without dread witness the discontent the Sacred Congregation of the Index tions, should be thoroughly investi- mournful fact that there is no cer- of the class or the instability under with the provision that the Secretary gated. Such action will suggest the tainty of the born worker obtaining which their lives are passed. As long should be a Dominican. This Congre precautions to be taken against the always work suited to his wants as as capital supplies the sky is not gation consists of a competent num- recurrence of crises such as the pres- a human being. We do not attri- too gloomy. Even prosperity with ber of Cardinals, according to the ent.

## COMPOUND INTEREST

The earning power of compound interest is not as generally understood and appreciated as it should be. It may be illustrated by the following news item which recently appeared in the press:

#### A FIVE-DOLLAR BILL AT INTEREST

Mr. L. C. St. John of this city has a curiosity in hispossession in a fivedollar bill which is 125 years old. He has just gained possession of it, although it was left to him by his mother, who died some twelve years ago. The bill was given her when a child by a relative.

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CREED AND CONDUCT.

tion on religious topics.

devotions, magic or spiritualism. his usual epigrammatic clearness and and labor-that divorce which has de-

lots fight;

the right." These lines are subjected to a severe proachable on a human scale of ap-These points are discussed at a se- opinion, or theory. But this schism cond meeting-upon which the first between the moral life of a man and his moral faith can wear a mo-But the answer is . . . that his life, according to any adequate idea of life thoughts, his yearnings, his aspira-

sibilities of truth upon the degree of leaves him and his dear ones to the approach which the thinker makes to the appropriation of a true faith." To talk about a right life and a wrong creed is, as this great master of English prose points out, to understand life in the shallowest sense of the word. A man's creed is a most important factor in his life. If a man's creed be deliberately wrong, then his life cannot be in the right, even though he pays his debts and behaves in general ofter the manner of the civil law, and yet violate most sacred duties to God, to himself and his fellowmen. He can be pheme God, laugh at virtue, ridicule truth, jest at woman's purity and Two things are imperatively neces- man's honesty, in his heart. And if

Quincey's Essay on Pope.

## CAPITAL AND LABOR.

bute this to the fault of the employer. the busy wheels of industry all turn-

His power of affording work is regu-In a recent article one of Toronto's lated by the unwritten law of supply daily papers, in the course of its edi- and demand. If the supply exceeds Whilst this is the official Congrega- torial, comments on the alleged fall- the demand, or if the demand from ing off of religion as an element in some other reasons is diminished, then familiar conversation, explained this work stops. Employers even upon occurrence on the ground that selfish grounds ought to be too glad volves upon another Congregation, the "creeds" were losing their hold, "De- to have work to give. With every pendence on life rather than creed" depression of trade workmen must be latter Congregation occupied itself was, if not advocated, at least fa- thrown out of employment, even supspecially with the condemnation of vorably suggested as an explanation posing the employer is the most benof the growing neglect of conversa- evolent of men. The evil is deeper than the mere individual or indivi-Now this sentiment of "dependence duals forming capitalists on the one on life rather than creed" is not par- hand and laborers on the other. It there is question of revelation, new ticularly new. It was set forth with lies in that divorce between capital Even the decrees upon these books are terseness by Alexander Pope long ago vastated homes and industry during the last three hundred years. We mean "For modes of faith let graceless zea- by this divorce the readiness for capital and labor to enter into mutual rebook is introduced before the Congre- His can't be wrong whose life is in lations or to dissolve them just according to trade. Something higher ing away of one of the patriarchal and masterly criticism by De Quin- and more durable than mere supply figures of Guelph, in the person of tion is sent by a priest no notice is cey, in his Essay on Pope, in a pas- and demand is required if capital is Mr. Jas. Higgins, aged 84 years. Seltaken of it. A copy of the book is sage marked by his subtle penetration to fulfil its trust and labor its duty. dom does it fall to our lot to chroncarefully read by the first counsultor. and marvellous beauty of style. "In Capital and labor are standing apart icle a death which cast such a deep Then upon his report a copy is given this couplet," he writes, "what Pope as if they were two armies arrayed gloom over the community. Deceasto each member of the Congregation says is that a life which is irrepreciation, neutralizes and practically shound combine for mutual strength ness, as up till a week before, alwhat he considers to be objectionable. cancels all possible errors of creed, and support. It is the evil of mod- though such a venerable age, he was ern society that the distinction be- in perfect health. Truly it can be tween capital and labor is so dread- said "As a man lives so shall he die." consultor is to report at a third ment's plausibility only by under-fully real. It is a distinction of Mr. Higgins was a staunch Catholic meeting which is generally final. This standing life in so limited a sense as classes. The same class is not capi- and a straightforward and consciendecree is submitted to the Pope for the sum of a man's external actions tal-owner and labor-owner. One class the rites of Holy Church and clasping signature when it becomes obligatory is in the right says Pone cannot in any sense calling for blame have a class is compelled to perform the la- ried on his person for over forty wrong faith, that is, if his life were bor of production. The consequence years. Coming from County Tyright, his creed might be disregarded. is that owners of capital enrich themselves at the expense of the owners death called him away. in a moral creature, comnot be in the of labor. Capital will always com-There is unhappily no doubt that right unless insofar as it bends to the mand the lion's share of the proceeds. who assisted at the funeral showed influences of a true faith. How fee- The whole class of simple laborers are the esteem they held for the dead. ble a conception must that man have poor. Capital buys labor in the The funeral obsequies were grand and credited quarterly. No one can be held guilty of present time. Our charitable organNo one can be held guilty of present time. Our charitable organNo one can be held guilty of present time. Our charitable organNo one can be held guilty of present time. Our charitable organMan spirit, who can persuade himCheapest market. And as a conseHigh Mass was sung by Rev. Father Offices in Toronto: formal heresy unless he denies one or izations have not had for many years self that its total capacities of life quence the wages of the laborer pro- Donovan, S.J., and services at the more of the propositions which are so much misery clamoring for relief. are exhaustible by the few gross acts vide him with only bare necessities. grave were conducted by Rev. Father defined. Concerning the propositions which are so much inserv clamoring for relief.

And the unpleasant truth is well incident to social relations or open Poor men may become rich, but it is Caul, of Toronto; R. P. of Chinot by their mere labor. No doubt tain, whilst their denial would not distress, that the misery which cla- out opening for variety, may involve the evils are more extensive and deep-

> ists making away over ten per cent. profit; whilst his little savings will bring him only three per cent. He sees the lavish expenditure and the extravagant indulgence of people with whom he claims an equality which the state recognizes. Everything, commercial activity and social functions, tends to aggravate the separation between capital and labor. These are the evils, or at least some of them; where are the remedies? Let it not be thought that we take industry back to feudal times. Neither can we go back to a system against which for weal or woe we have set our face. Nor let it be thought that we are advocating socialism. For from it. If the evils are to be cured religion must apply the oil and wine for the wounds. The poor must see that their lot is blessed-that labor is the take up the cross. Neither labor nor capital will see these truths without the light of faith or fulfil them without the grace of religion. Capital and labor cannot do without each

menace to society. The wage-system as at present constituted is increasingly unstable. Money becomes dearthis vast district must be abandoned. er and necessities of life increase in There is a strange dualism in this price. Nor do the wages of labor world of human life and nature. Vir- increase in proportion. What, theretue and vice, light and shade, fore, is the remedy for these and bold contrast or blend together in ef- train of material civilization? Not ficient harmony. What is true of the Socialism. For Socialism under preindividual is more evident in the tence of being generous to labor, does various degrees of the social order. a grievous injustice not to capital This dualism when united contri- merely, but also to labor itself and butes to the store of wealth-be it to society in general. Even though the generations of men or the gather- capital be selfish it has rights which ing of external goods. Capital and must be respected. It cannot be labor are in many respects the dual- proven that labor is the coly deterists most urgent in the attention mining cause of value in the system. they both command to-day: Their Nor would it be practical to recon-

other. The problem to be solved lies

in the more equitable and more sta-

tions. Instability is a danger and a

relations are not satisfactory. In struct society upon such a basis. Unfact they are essentially vicious. The stable as things are now they would

ing has its dangerous hardships as well as adversity with its depression of trade and lack of work. The system is wrong; and will grow worse as long as capital and labor stand apart. They must draw together; they must wed, if there is to be peace and continued prosperity and heirs to progressive civilization.

## **Hope Hides The Cross!**

(For the Catholic Register.)

"It is a good and wholesome thing to watch how brave souls bear themselves in the battle of life."-Mrs. Craven.

Times there are when life is dreary,-Ours a bondage land of tears!-Marcid, nay, our hearts and weary; Cloud-dimmed, perhaps, our path with fears!

Times, again, when soul-met pleasure Bids us lift our hearts on high; Yea, when e'en in cheering measure, Gentle hours are passing by.

Christ's loved story yet would tell Grief-fraught days are not in vain; Onward e'er His woes compell us; None like joy that's born of pain!

Never; no; in soul's behavior, Earth's with Heaven's bliss com-

Let us, like our thorn-crowned Sa-Love the cross we have to bear.

-R. H. Fitz-Henry. Feast of St. Agnes, 1908.

### Death of Mr. James Higgins

Saturday, Jan. 11th, saw the pass-Higgins lived in Guelph until

grandchildren of Toronto. bearers were Ald. J. McAleer, H.

Disquiet not yourself regarding what the world may say of anything, but frequently consider what God may say of it .- Flowers of Mary.

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## IT RESTS WITH YOU

All my hopes of success are in your co-operation. Will you not then extend a co-operating hand? Surely you will not refuse? You may not be able to help much, indeed. But you can help a little, and a multitude of "littles" means a great

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