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of the employer to the peaceful pursuit of his calling.

Even when coercion is needful and allowable those striking must bear in mind that acts of violence are to be avoided. They are not at liberty to act like an invading army in a hostile territory; nor have they the right to destroy their former employer's property.

It is certain that the good effects to be obtained by the use of violence are practically never sufficient to outweigh the evil effects. The benefits which Labor would thus secure are insignificant compared with the social disorder and anarchy through which they are obtained.

A consoling feature in the history of strikes is the decrease in the number of embittered cessations from labor, for Labor is better organized. Ruthless attacks on persons and property are denounced by all Labor-leaders, save those who hold Bolshevistic principles.

"If you want to spoil your cause," says a well known leader of Labor, "and lose every sacrifice you have made for yourselves and families, give way to your temper and commit some violence. Just a few outbreaks and the public good-will, to which we must look in the last resort, will fail us, and we deserve to lose it."

A sympathetic strike is less easily justified than a primary one. It is one in which the strikers have no grievance of their own, but quit work in order to help on a strike by another set of workmen either under the same or different employers.

Strikes are as old as the world. Like war, they have been inevitable in the course of history. A strike, however, is not a war, for the latter is the extreme of measures used to attain human ends, and violence is its very essence.

There is no reason why Capital and Labor should become, as it were, two opposing forces, each bent on the subjugation of the other. They are rather two allies, the terms of whose compact from time to time need readjusting in view of changing conditions.

A strike has in it, of course, an element of hostility. Harm is done to the employer, and harm is intended. It is through the harm done to his business by the strike that the strikers hope to compel him to be just.

The fierce competitive system under which we live, forces capitalists to produce their commodities as cheaply as possible; which unfortunately is sometimes done by imposing on the workman conditions which mean untold hardships for himself and family.

Of course, a great difference exists between the case of a single workman withdrawing from the service of any particular employer and that of a combination of workmen doing the same.

when the Roman Empire was supreme, Latin naturally became the language of her missionaries; and when that great Empire became divided into various nationalities speaking diverse tongues, the Church still retained her primitive language and thus remained unchanged in her speech as well as her teachings.

Simultaneously with the drafting of troops into Ulster, comes the Government's order of suppression of the Sinn Fein, the Gaelic League, the Irish Volunteers and the Cumann Namban Society in Dublin and Cork.

Just what will be the result of the Government's determination to suppress Sinn Fein is difficult to forecast. Col. Arthur Lynch, ex-M.P. for Clare, who was last January associated with Sir Horace Plunkett in the now defunct London-made Centre Party for Ireland, recently stated that "many Unionists in Ireland are longing for an opportunity which will allow the Government under cover of legality to shoot down the Sinn Feiners wholesale, and so rid themselves of determined enemies, without a branch with America, by ostensibly outraging all public morality."

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beginning to realize the injustice of any system of government which endows an exclusive caste with the rights and franchises which belong to an entire people.

The use of Latin has yet another advantage. Latin is a dead language and hence free from all those changes inevitable to modern languages. In these latter, words are continually becoming obsolete and so change in meaning as to become unintelligible and ridiculous to the ears of succeeding generations.

Latin is then a preservative of the dignity and unchangeableness of the liturgy and its consecrated formulae and a guarantee of exactness in the understanding and interpretation of dogmatic decrees, so necessary in an unchanged and unchangeable Church.

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One of the strange phenomena of Ministerial Associations and Orange chaplains is the number of underground clergymen they register who devote so much of their lives to sparks and shocks. Being subject to nervous croaking, as well as having visions, and seeing things where there is nothing to be seen, they are naturally objects of great psychological interest to Catholics, who regard their Romaphobia as a vocational disease, as proper to this class of itinerants as lead colic is to painters.

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AN UNCATHOLIC MENTALITY

I have already referred in these columns to some of the causes that have led to a false attitude on public questions on the part of Catholics. To these may be added their environment and the influence of the daily press. There are two things that are very essential to the preservation of health, viz., pure air and good food.

The majority of the English speaking Catholics of Canada are associating daily with men and women who have lost all sense of the supernatural, who are moved not by reason and faith but by sentiment and emotion, and who form their consciences not by the laws of God but by the everchanging shibboleths of public opinion.

No such was ever able to give God the hot end of the poker. Is it any wonder that people living in such an environment and nourished with such pabulum should develop an uncatholic mentality? Is it any wonder that we meet with strange brands of Catholicity in some places?

There are at least three distinct heresies into which many of our Catholic people have unconsciously fallen. We have amongst us those who adhere to the old error of the Pharisees who taught that all sanctity consisted in the strict observance of the letter of the law and in maintaining outward respectability.

Others again are infected with the poison of Pelagianism, a heresy that denied the necessity of divine grace to overcome temptation and perform works meritorious of heaven, a heresy that would promote morality solely by means of human efforts and human laws.

The Manichaeans denounced manfully as a sin. Manly they considered an evil because "the propagation of the human race meant the continual reimpregnation of the light substance in matter and a retarding of the blissful consummation

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PART OF THE price which Canada is paying for its ill-conceived measure of Prohibition is an abnormal increase in the use of "dope." The police of its larger cities are finding that the problem of checking this evil has enormously increased within the past few years, and its tortuous ramifications past finding out. Difficult as it is to identify and restrain the unhappy victims, the greatest problem confronting the police is to trace their source of supply.

To our mind one of the strongest considerations that can be applied to the Veteran claim for increased gratuity is that had the War not turned against Germany we on this continent no less than the peoples of Europe would have been slaves. As it has been pointed out, Canada by reason of her participation in the conflict would have been mulcted in an indemnity beside which the sum required to pay \$2,000 to every soldier who has seen service in the field would have been the merest pittance.

BETTER known as Dr. Hensley Henson, whose elevation to the episcopate was viewed with much misgiving by a large section of Anglican churchmen, because of his extreme "comprehensiveness," has been laying special stress upon the national character of the Establishment. It never was anything but national, nor can it ever be otherwise.

A CERTAIN parish priest being annoyed by persons talking and giggling during his sermon paused and looking towards the disturbers said: "I am always indisposed to rebuke those who disturb public worship for this reason. Some years ago when I was preaching a young man who sat near the pulpit was laughing, talking and making uncouth grimaces. I paused and administered a severe rebuke. After Mass a gentleman came to me and intimated that the young man reproved was an idiot. Since then I have always been afraid to rebuke those who misbehave in church lest I should repeat my mistake and reproach another idiot." Needless to say there was no further disturbance during that sermon.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND German workers have, according to a Berlin authority, volunteered for the work of restoration in Northern France. In the event of this offer being accepted it would in the light of experience seem to be the part of ordinary prudence for France to maintain throughout a rigid system of inspection of the work of these men. France nor the world cannot afford a repetition of the past fifty years.

SEEK TO BANISH RELIGION FROM BELGIAN SCHOOLS

ANTI CLERICALS PLAN NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST CHURCH. C. P. A. Service. London, August 6.—A crisis is approaching the Church in Belgium, where an effort is being made by the anti-clericals to exclude religion entirely from education. The present Government is a coalition organization, consisting of Catholics, Socialists and Liberals. But there, as everywhere else, Socialism is making headway, at least for the moment.

Hitherto the Belgian clergy have played an active part in the life of their country; now an effort is to be made to force them to stand aside as spectators only, except in their church services. This will be a very difficult matter to accomplish, since religion enters so thoroughly into every action of this Catholic nation.

A PRESS despatch from Constantinople avers that in the person of an assassin with eighteen known victims to his account, Turkey undoubtedly possesses the champion murderer of the world. But what about the Turk himself? The blood of countless thousands of innocent victims among the Armenian and other subject peoples fills a catalogue which no individual or group of individuals can hope to rival. In the matter of murder and rapine Turkey stands alone in the annals of humanity.