

(Written for the Monitor.)
THE ENEMIES OF CHRIST.

At all times, and even now, there are enemies of Christ. So that, we may well learn if we are truly Christ's friend, we shall endeavor, in this essay, to point out the true mark of an enemy of Christ. Who are the enemies of Christ? To this question the answer will be given in the following lines. First of all comes the indifferent in matters of faith and morals. They, from their doctrinal pulpit, teach that all religions are good before God and man. It matters not with them, whether a man be a Jew, a Mohammedan, a Protestant or a Catholic, provided he is honest in the world's appreciation, he shall surely reach heaven. To speak the truth, it is a very easy doctrine; but is it that of Christ.....?

Why then has God become Man? Why does he suffer and die on a Cross; and, lastly, why does He choose Apostles who are to preach His doctrine to all living creatures?

The Indifferent, it is self-evident, is in open rebellion against Christ; and to acknowledge his pseudo doctrine, as true, is to declare Christ a liar and impostor. No, we Catholics, friends of Christ, cast away far from our mind such a diabolical teaching; and wish to live and die in the bosom of Christ's Church; the only one that has the words of life everlasting; the only one, in which, the pilgrim of earth shall find the way that leads to heaven.

Now come the Reformers. What do they say?

The Church who is, according to the words of Christ, to last forever, is but an old edifice doomed to ruin; it does not suit the times; error and truth, according to them, must join hands together, and bring forth a new modern church. This erroneous doctrine of the 20th century is that of Modernism, lately condemned by Pius the Tenth. They seem to forget the sad results of the Reformation of the 16th century. They too, as enemies of the Church, had plotted against her; and what remains today of this turmoil, but a stronger proof in favor of the Catholic Church: "That the gates of Hell shall never prevail against her."

Otherwise, this Spirit of Truth destined to abide forever with the Church would exist no more; or where could He be found among hundreds of sects tossed to and fro, by the variable winds of human believers.

Then, come such as read bad books, and immoral papers, whom, fed by such an unwholesome food, seek to spread light, when they themselves, are walking in complete darkness. Such men are ever ready to speak against Bishops and priests. "With the Modernist they preach that a change must be made in the Church's teachings; nay, more, even the Gospel itself must be adapted to this electric century. Surely to them can be applied the following words of Holy Scripture: "If he does not hear the Church, let him be to thee as a heathen and a publican." With such men, we wish not to be friends; otherwise we would merit the fate of the blind leading the blind. Next comes the Rationalist. To follow them one must have enthroned reason; for according to them it is the only God. All that human reason cannot fathom is thrown aside; even Christ's teachings are considered by them as untrue. Therefore, as no man can serve two masters, we Catholics, have to shun such a doctrine, remembering always the following text: "He that heareth you, heareth me, and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth the One that sent me."

Now a word about the atheist; but as in the first pages of Holy Writ, he that saith, "there is no God, is called a fool," it would be altogether useless to spend more ink; and devote more time, concerning such a clown.

Next on the list comes the revolutionary. He is the most bitter enemy of both Church and State; his ideal programme is to walk in the blood of the victim of the victorious wars that he has himself planned and executed. All that is holy and truly patriotic is trampled under foot; whereas all that is unjust and immoral is admired, sanctioned and applauded.

At last comes upon the scene of life the Jew, the bitter enemy of the Christian; and therefore specially of the religion of Christ, whom he repudiates, in his pride and covetousness, as the Messiah.

In Europe they are more numerous

than in young America; but nevertheless they are gaining fast in number; and unless wise laws are enacted against such an import into our country, it is to be feared, that if allowed to grow, they will be, in a near future, worse than any other against the Canadian Christian.

My task has come to a close; I have tried to portray, very imperfectly, indeed, the different pictures of the enemies of Christ; and have tried to show you that the aim of them all is to war against Christ and His Church.

On our part, we Catholics and Christians friends of Christ; children of His Church, let us stand fast in the Faith, so that we may always bravely fight the good fight, against all these enemies of Christ.

SACERDOS.

IS HOME LIFE REALLY DISAPPEARING?

In a recent pastoral Bishop Shanahan of Harrisburg, Pa., deploras the dearth of real home life in America. "Now," he says, "young people do not care much for home. For many it has lost all the traditional sweetness that the word implies. The affections that made home ties and associations happy have been transferred to other scenes and surroundings and, judging by the results, the change seems to be a bad one. Fathers and mothers have not only lost control of their children, but the children themselves have lost that happy and gracious influence which Christian home life should ever exercise in the building up and development of true character. Evil associations have been formed, undesirable marriages entered into, troubles, sorrows, and scandals bred abroad, are brought home to sadden the hearts of aged parents whose closing days in life are thus made anything but happy and consoling. Hence it is that the Church appeals with all the tenderness of her motherly heart to the parents and children of today to respect the sacredness of home life clinging to its best Catholic traditions, and make what the ancient home of Nazareth was, poor and humble, it is true, but nevertheless, the sacred abode of faith and piety, peace and love."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G., chaplain of the St. John Council, K. of C., performed the ceremony of blessing the new home of the Council, on Coburg street on Sunday evening in the presence of a large number of the members.

A despatch to the Globe from Chattanooga says: Upwards of two hundred and fifty knights, including members of the local council, are attending the Knights of Columbus meetings here and more are expected today. The attendance at the state convention on Tuesday will be the largest since the order was started in the province. Yesterday afternoon and evening was given up to degree work and the candidates initiated in Miramichi Council were large in number. The Charlestown team exemplified the third degree in the evening. The first and second degrees were given in the afternoon. Among those present are: State Deputy W. J. Mahoney, St. John, District Deputy for P. E. Island, John M. Hughes; District Deputy for Northern New Brunswick, Hon. John Morrissey; state secretary, C. Gavin Duffy, Charlottetown; state treasurer, A. E. Chisholm, Antigonish; state warden M. A. O'Brien, Harbor Grace, Nfld.; state advocate, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, M. P. P., Moncton; District Deputy for Nova Scotia, J. J. Martin; Messrs. Alexander McDonald, William Moran, Charlottetown; F. J. Cragg, N. J. Quinn, Halifax; Charles A. Owens, Past Grand Knight and Robert J. Murphy, Deputy Grand Knight, St. John; Dr. Bourque, E. A. Melanson, Moncton. This afternoon the members will enjoy a sail on the steamer Miramichi.

SWITZERLAND'S WATER-POWER.

It is estimated that Switzerland now utilizes a greater proportion of its available water-power than any other country. The total estimated power available from streams in the Swiss part of the Alps is 1,200,000 horse-power. Of this 400,000 was employed at the end of 1908, and early in the present year the amount will, it is believed, have risen to 700,000, or nearly 60 per cent. of the whole.

WEDDING BELLS.

New York, May 9.—Margaret Anglin, the Canadian actress, formerly of St. John, N. B., was married to Howard Hull, a magazine writer, at St. Patrick's Cathedral last night. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Gleason, assisted by Rev. Dr. Sinnott.

The wedding party had a quiet supper after the ceremony at the home of Mrs. Anglin in West 28th street.

Miss Anglin met Mr. Hull last summer, when he went to California to assist in the production of "Antigone," in which she played at the University of California.

The couple will leave for France on the steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm today for a honeymoon automobile tour in the Austrian Tyrol. Miss Anglin closed her season in "Green Stockings" at Wilkesbarre, Pa., last Saturday, and announced her intention of going to Europe but kept her intention of being married a secret.

(Special to Globe.)

New York, May 9.—Margaret Anglin was married last evening in St. Patrick's Cathedral to Howard Hull, a writer connected with Everybody's Magazine. They leave for Europe today, the first vacation Miss Anglin has had in two years. The marriage will not interfere with the bride's stage work. She will play in New York all next winter, opening in September next.

A marriage of much interest to the people of Johnville was solemnized by Rev. R. J. Coughlan, April 26th, when Miss Margaret E. Keenan, daughter of James Keenan, was united in matrimony to Mr. Louis P. Boyd, eldest son of Edward Boyd, also of Johnville. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Alice Boyd, while the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Joseph Boyd.

The happy couple are two of the most popular young people of Johnville, and a large number of their friends were present in the church to witness the ceremony. Nuptial High Mass was celebrated. Many beautiful presents were received, and as they are so deservedly held in his esteem by all their acquaintances many good wishes go out to them for their future happiness.

The groom is one of the most prosperous farmers of Johnville, and they will reside on the South Johnville road.

AN INTERPRETER NEEDED.

The following story, from Harper's Magazine, furnishes a rare instance of that devotion to a foreign language which has caused one to forget for the moment that he speaks his own tongue.

An Englishman, who spent his time adapting plays from the French for the British stage, was dining once in an English hotel, when, after he had eaten, he was seized with a desire to smoke. He called the waiter and said to him:

"Pent-on fumer, si?"

The man looked blank. "I don't understand a word of French, sir," he said.

The adapter was in despair. "Then for pity's sake send me some one who does!" he exclaimed.

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A NEW BIBLE CHARACTER.

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