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country, perhaps two hundred miles distant. She wanted her mother to come to her, and kept asking us to send for her, and we did not know how to tell her that her husband had received news of the mother's sudden death; but she worried so much that at last I was obliged to tell her. I felt sure, in her weak state, that she would not fully realize her loss.

After her first grief was over she said almost joyfully, "Baby is with mother!" and seemed wonderfully comforted. She would talk so much about it and tell us how plainly she could imagine them always together, and her poor young husband would have to leave the room to hide his tears.

Father Ryan had taken a very warm interest in the young couple as soon as he heard their story. You know what a tender heart he has, and how closely he follows in his Master's footsteps. Many is the poor storm-tossed soul to whom he has brought peace. The chapel of Our Lady was being renovated and repainted, and through the Father's influence the young man obtained work there, and he could be near the hospital, too. I was so thankful that he had found a friend in the good priest. He was not of our faith; but that did not matter; he seemed to have no particular faith of his own. That was the chief cause of his trouble. Nothing to anchor him; nothing to hold him back.

In spite of her illness and his anxiety, I think they had never known such peaceful days. After all, peace oftenest comes through affliction, though it takes years to make us believe it.

Hour by hour she grew weaker, and one morning, just at sunrise, closed her eyes like a weary child to open them on "Mother and baby." I missed the care of her, for I had grown to love her in these few weeks, but it was best as it was. Undoubtedly, her death was his salvation.

What became of him? Come with me to the chapel this evening and I will show him to you. He is a priest now—Father Francis.

SOME FURTHER PROOFS

That the Catholic Church is the One True Church Founded by Jesus Christ.

Michigan Catholic.

Another immense congregation listened to Rev. Father Hallisey's discourse in St. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, last Sunday evening. As on the preceding Sunday evenings a considerable portion of the assemblage was made up of non-Catholics.

Taking his text from John XV, 18: "If the world hate you, know ye it hath hated Me before you." Father Hallisey spoke substantially as follows:

"I have presented to you during the course of these conferences, a few of the many proofs which can be brought forward to show that the Roman Catholic Church is the one true church founded by Jesus Christ. It would take more than one series of instructions to exhaust this important subject upon which volumes have been written. There are other proofs then, just as strong and as convincing as the ones I have given, which can be advanced did time permit. For example, we might show that distinctive mark of Catholicity which has been looked upon by the early Fathers as a univocal sign whereby the world could recognize the Church of Christ. And so desirous are they, who are not of the household of faith, to lay claim to this title, because they know from the history of the early Church that the Christians gloried in the name of Catholic, that every effort is made to force the world to acknowledge their Church as the Catholic Church. But the world will not do it. When they say we are Catholics they must add their distinction, but not Roman Catholics, whereas we who have always been known by that name, simply say we are Catholics, and people accept us for just what we are.

"This attempt within recent years to foist upon a people doctrines and practices and a name, which have always been found in the Roman Catholic Church alone, is becoming more and more earnest, intelligent men, who will not be trifled with in regard to a subject so serious and vital as religion. Or again, we might show the divinity of the Catholic Church from her doctrines, which are identical with those taught by Christ and His apostles. Or further, we might attack the principles of Protestantism, and show how unstable and illogical they are; for instance, the Protestant Rule of Faith: all truth is contained in the Scriptures, and each one must interpret them according to his best judgment. The faith that is built upon such a foundation is built on shifting sand. It starts out with an assumption that the Bible is the word of God, but how can it be proven?

"Can it not be stated also that some of the works of Marcus Aurelius, or the Koran, or the Imitation of Christ is inspired? Every Catholic believes the Bible to be the Word of God, but grounds his faith in this belief on his Church, which was before the Bible and which fixed the canon of Scripture, declaring to him which books were inspired and which not. But inasmuch as they are delaying too long on these matters, interesting and instructive as they are, and must come to the subject which will claim our attention this evening.

"It is often asked: 'If as you claim, the Catholic Church is the one true Church founded by Jesus Christ, how does it happen that many are outside of her communion and repudiate her?'

"The answer to this question is reduced to four heads: Prejudice, ignorance of her doctrines, human respect and self-indulgence. Destroy these and Protestantism is destroyed. Nay, more, remove the prejudice existing against us, let the people understand our doctrines and our practices, and the world will be Catholic.

"A system is attacked, not individuals, for honest convictions must be respected. It is the duty of the minister of Christ to combat error, otherwise he would be unfaithful to his mission.

"Prejudice is the life of Protestantism. It began, continues and will be destroyed by prejudice. From it has come most of the charges waged against the Church, which enlightened men to-day repudiate. On account of it history has been distorted, in order to make out a case against the Church to justify the revolt of the sixteenth century. The world is at war with the Catholic Church because she is of God and must suffer the same fate as the things of God. 'The disciple is not greater than his master.' The cry went forth in the age of Luther, Henry VIII. and Elizabeth: 'The Catholic Church must be destroyed: any weapon used against her is lawful. Trump up every charge, no matter how ridiculous; lay every evil at her door. Are there found Catholics recreant to duty, enemies of society, inmates of prisons and houses of correction, blame the Church, although many of these have not assisted at a service or come in contact with a priest for years. Is there a government cruel and oppressive, whose subjects are mostly Catholic, put this down against the Church, although her preachings and teachings are to the contrary. Are there many ignorant and unlettered among her members, charge this to the Church, she is the fosterer of ignorance, the foe of education, although she saved literature in past ages, supports schools, builds colleges and universities and does all in her power to enlighten her people. The idolatry and superstitions of Rome must be combated, for that reason organize societies against Catholics, give it out to the people that they are plotting the overthrow of this Republic. You will not be believed, but what matter as long as you add your portion to the effort made to destroy her. Do not allow a Catholic to hold an office in the government; his faith unfit him, this country has no use for him, he is a menace to it. But stay, I am wrong, there is a time when Catholics are sought after and looked upon as necessary. Does danger threaten our borders? Does the country need defenders? Then bring out your Sheridans and your Rosesans, your Corcorans and your O'Rorkeys. Your brave Catholic soldier, who never flinched before a bayonet or a bullet, because, fortified by the absolution of his priest, he was not afraid to meet death. Bring to our battle-fields and our hospitals your devoted Sisters of Charity and of Mercy to care for our wounded and our dying. And if small pox or yellow fever breaks out in any portion of our land, send to the infected districts your self-sacrificing priests, your fearless nuns; humanity needs their care and consolation. They have long ago learned, from the teachings of that Church which you despise, how to lay down their lives for their brethren, whether of their faith or not. But when danger has passed and peace reigns, begin again your work of vilification. If you remain silent it will appear that you are conquered.

"Such is the work of prejudice. Someone has said: 'The mind of a prejudiced man is like the eye of the owl, the more light there is let in on it the smaller it gets.'

"Prejudice is our greatest foe. Ignorance is next, though not as dangerous or treacherous. We would rather deal with a man ignorant of our doctrines than with a prejudiced one. The former is capable of enlightenment, the latter never.

"It is amazing to know the ignorance of those outside the Catholic Church concerning our doctrines and worship. They are not to blame; they have been taught it from their childhood. Priests are monsters, who exercise great tyranny over their people, never allowing them to think for themselves; practicing crimes and iniquities that deserve state prison or hanging. Catholics never hear of Christ or His saving truths; never read the Bible; worship the Virgin Mary and the Saints. None but the ignorant belong to the Church, and if an intelligent person becomes a Catholic they shake their heads and say: 'You wouldn't blame him if he wasn't educated, but that so bright a man should do such a stupid thing as to accept all that superstition and humbug, cannot be explained except perhaps he has lost his mind or been under some strong influence, or it is another instance of priestcraft.

"To such as judge us and condemn us on the testimony of our enemies, or those who have no knowledge or little knowledge of us, the advice is given to consult Catholic books explaining the articles of faith or the authorized practices; or, better, call upon some priest and find out what Catholics really do believe. It is impossible for any honest searcher after truth, who examines into the doctrines of the Catholic Church, and makes this examination a subject of earnest, fervent prayer, not to end by becoming a Catholic. For this reason many will not look into her history. They fear the result. They hesitate and ask, 'What will the world say of me?' We know that the social position of Catholics is inferior to that of non-Catholics, not that they are not able to cope with their fellows, but because of their religion they will not be permitted to enter certain circles. Give them the opportunity, whether in society, in politics or in education, and they are able to hold their own with even the best. The number is not few who are outside the Catholic Church for fear of what people will say, or because their social or business position will be affected.

"It is the same now as in the days of Christ. We read in the Holy Scripture that 'many of the chief men also believed in Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, that they might not be cast out of the synagogue. For they loved the glory of man, more than the glory of God.' To such come home the words of condemnation uttered by Jesus Christ: 'Whoever shall deny Me before men I will deny before My Father who is in heaven.'

"It is urged, also, that it is a hard thing to be a Catholic; that this religion demands great sacrifices from its adherents. That is true, for 'we preach Christ and Him crucified.' He made sacrifices, and demands them of those who would be His followers. This Church would not be the Church of Christ if it did not require great sacrifices. It was Christ who said: 'If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me.' It was Christ who said: 'Unless you do penance you will all likewise perish.' 'Not every one that saith Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father, he shall enter the kingdom of heaven; 'Narrow is the way that leads to eternal life.' It was Christ, again, who said: 'He that believeth not shall be condemned.'

"Yes, the Catholic Church does demand sacrifices of her children because Christ demands them. Sacrifices of the intellect and of the will—surrender of the intellect whereby we surrender this highest gift of God to man, to faith in Jesus Christ's infallible words; sacrifices of the will, doing violence to our own passions, and evil inclinations, to accept the sweet will of God which is our sanctification. Therefore we must be children of prayer, of mortification, of deep, solid faith. But these sacrifices bring with them their own reward since to the man who keepeth his faith in God and follows after justice, comes peace here and peace hereafter. All these things answer the question why so many are outside the communion of the Catholic Church or repudiate her.

"What, then, is our duty as Catholics in the presence of these existing circumstances? 'You say the labor is hard and our resources few. Shall we then sit idly with our arms folded and keep this faith for ourselves, and be contented with saving our own souls? Shall the talent be folded in the napkin and buried, or the light hidden under a bushel? Take care that you fulfill your duties as Catholics. You are your brother's keeper; his soul is of some concern to you; the same blood that purchased yours purchased his; the same God loves him as tenderly as He does you; we are the children of the same Father who watches over all.

"Tell of your faith to your neighbor, not in a controversial spirit, for you can gain nothing by this, but tell of its certainty and that there is no wavering or questioning in the mind of a good Catholic. He knows in Whom he believes. Tell of the peace, the joy that comes to the sinner, repentant and humble who kneels and confesses his sins to that other Christ, the priest of God; tell of the strength, the happiness of that soul that comes to the feet of the Saviour, and there eats of that Body that nourishes, and drinks of that Blood that inebriates; tell, above all, of that hope found in him, who, after having lived as a devoted Catholic, true to his faith and consequently true to Christ, closes his life in the Church Militant on earth, to begin an eternal one in the Church Triumphant in heaven.

"To work, then! Around you are hundreds of God-fearing men and women, filled with doubts and perplexities, tossed about by every wind of doctrine, seeking for rest and something stable in faith. Bring to them the knowledge you possess; win them over to the faith of Christ.

"America must be Catholic. Her people are too fair minded, too desirous for truth to stop short at anything except its complete possession. America will be Catholic as England is becoming today, where converts are counted by the hundreds in the month. The work here is not as difficult as in England. We have not the same amount of prejudice or the Establishment against us. We must succeed for our own work is not of man but of God. For this reason prayer is necessary. The preacher's words are as nothing without it; they are heard, they pass and are gone forever. It is Christ that giveth the increase. Pray, and work for souls. Bring at least one to the knowledge of the truth you possess, that he may stand at your judgment as an angel by your side, for in the words of a poet: 'Heaven's gates are closed to him who comes alone, Save but one soul and thou shalt save thine own.'

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Happily the brave Miss Carney did not perish. Through the scorching flames and the blinding, choking smoke, she made her way down the burning stairs and reached the street in safety, where she was greeted by the shouts and cheers of the excited multitude. Her act of heroic virtue did not go unrewarded, and she escaped with some painful but fortunately not serious burns.

Kate Carney is a heroine if ever there was one. We know nothing of her personally, but it is safe to say that the strength to perform this great act of courage came to her from the faithful practice of her religion. It is only people who live well that can look undaunted into the face of death. Miss Kate Carney, of Chicago, deserves to be ranked even her distinguished nameake "who lived by the Lakes of Killarney."—Ave Maria.

A STREET CAR VISION.

One morning last week two Sisters of Charity got on a surface car going down town. No very unusual incident is this. And yet they brought a kind of sacred strangeness into the atmosphere of that rushing, jumping, grinding, jarring car.

What was the quality, the essence of that strangeness? Was it the solemn religion of which they are the humble servants? Not entirely—not exactly. Apart from the sense of their holy vocation of self-abnegation and ministrations to the miserable of all creeds, the curious contrast of their serene countenances with those of the worldly folk about them was in itself a lesson and a sermon.

Lining both sides of the car were eager, fretful, mean or careworn faces, and amidst them, placid and pure as Easter lilies, the faces of the Sisters.

One does not need to be a subscriber to the creed they hold in order to appreciate the value of this kind of a vision now and then, or oftener, as a softener of the rude spectacular drama of daily business strife and as a bright set-off for a gentle defiance to the theory of the practical.

So ceaseless in this world is the competitive struggle—so keen the conflict for success, that one would verily have to be made of adamant in order to endure life's countless trials and constant disappointments without some marks or scars upon the face.

Well, indeed, if one can keep the heart unscarred, the fount of feelings unembittered, though the visage may tell tales of many a fight, many a defeat or perhaps, of many a victory even more costly.

But the serenity generally observable on the faces of Sisters of Charity makes a sign, gives a hint, to all who can pause to think that the greatest success in life may not be after all, in material ways.

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