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Christianus mihi nomen est Catholicus vero Cognomen.—(Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname)—St. Paclian, 4th Century.

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THE LAYMAN

In every parish there are many men who take little if any interest in parochial matters. They pay their pew rent, assist at Mass, but they are chary of sympathy and encouragement to the things that could make the parish more efficient, and a more potent factor in the dissemination of truth.

which they hold in trust. But from everyone who has leisure or who can make it; from everyone who admits that intemperance and irreligion are crying evils; from everyone who, in a higher station, can influence those under his charge, personal service is demanded.

as a rule, a lecture course by the Protestant ministers and occasionally a talk about things pious when the lectures are finished. The plea is made that the Y. M. C. A. welcomes all creeds, and that its atmosphere is a large minded liberalism.

and in us all. As you all, he says, worship one God, and not many gods; as you acknowledge the same Divine Mediator, as you are sanctified by the same Divine Spirit, and not by many spirits; as you all hope for the same heaven, and not different heavens, so must you all profess the same faith.

Christ preached on the Mount; the same doctrine that St. Peter preached at Antioch and Epaphras at Ephesus; St. John Chrysostom at Constantinople; St. Augustine in Hippo; St. Ambrose in Milan; St. Remigius in France; St. Boniface in Germany; St. Athanasius in Alexandria; the same doctrine that St. Patrick introduced into Ireland, that St. Augustine brought into England, and St. Pelagius into Scotland, and which Columbus took with him to the New World is ever preached in the Catholic Church throughout the globe, from January till December; Jesus Christ yesterday, and to-day, and the same forever.

President Taft, by his nomination of Justice White of the Supreme Court of the United States to the Chief Justiceship of that tribunal, regardless of the claim of partisan politics, or the dictate of religious prejudice, has done the nation a signal service.

In Kansas City, Kans., recently, four-teen missions were conducted simultaneously in the fourteen churches of the city. It was a great Catholic revival work for the entire city.

One of the largest and most beautiful cities of Nicaragua, in Central America, is Leon. It contains the Cathedral of St. Peter, which was built at a cost of five million dollars when labor was valued at twenty-five cents a day.

OUR BROTHERS

Hard by the homes of the comfortable and the rich are the homes of the poor tenanted by hundreds of children. It will not do to say that they are poor because of intemperance or of untrinitarianism. The poor man is not always intemperate; and we venture to say that in the matter of economy he can give lessons to his critics.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL The society of St. Vincent de Paul is not over-manned. Appeals are made to the young men to join this society, but the response is not calculated to please even the most sanguine.

THE TIDE IS TURNING Time was when Foxe, in his "Book of Martyrs," and Burnet and Froude were regarded as impartial chroniclers of the Reformation in England. They told the story which was treasured as history by generations of Englishmen.

THE CARDINAL ON CHRISTIAN UNITY CAN ONLY BE ATTAINED WHEN ALL SHALL RECOGNIZE ONE CHIEF PASTOR In a recent sermon in the Cathedral of Baltimore, Cardinal Gibbons praised the sentiment favorable to Christian unity expressed by the recent triennial convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church held in Cincinnati.

IRISH PROTESTANTS AND HOME RULE Mr. Ian Malcolm, says the Catholic Times, who has gained notoriety but has not furthered his candidature for Parliament by his hostility to the demand for Irish autonomy, suggested in a letter to Friday's Times that if devolution on a large scale "he thought desirable, the Protestants of Ulster should have a Parliament of their own."

OUR ANGEL GUARDIAN There is no Catholic child but is taught from its earliest years to lip a short prayer, morning and evening, to its Guardian Angel, and this as a duty of gratitude as well as of devotion and reverence.

BEYOND COMPREHENSION We are unable to understand why some Catholics are in the ranks of the Y. M. C. A. We know that this organization has well-equipped gymnasiums; that its welcome to Catholics is of the sunniest and oiliest character. It has,

There is at Graymour-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., a refuge for wayfarers known as Brother Christophers' Inn. It was established by that Graymour Community formerly Anglican but now Catholic, of which Father Paul James Francis is the head. The inn, situated at \$1,250,000. It is given whatever the place affords free of charge. Nor are they dubbed "tramps" or "hoboes" by the community. They are given the name of "Brother Christophers."

KEEPING WATCH ON THE YOUNG

One great work is the safe-guarding of the young. That young lads roam the streets, learning its ways and jargon, and are spoiled physically and morally, is a fact that cannot escape even the unobservant. The priest does what he can, but it oftentimes happens that, owing to the many demands on him, he cannot give the necessary time to this work. But laymen are also bound to live for their brethren. They may ignore these lads, but if they do they are recreant to their trust and are pitiable soldiers.

A WORD IN TIME

We believe that the Canadian editor is as a rule a fair-minded man. We are of the opinion that he does not wish his paper to be a propagation of prejudice. However, it happens now and then that misleading reports about things Catholic find a place in the columns of his paper, due, we presume, to want of supervision. Whenever his "blue pencil" is not working, a strong protest from Catholics would remind him of his duty. We have a right to demand that news items connected by the bitter-minded and anti-Catholic shall not be given to the public. All we ask is fair play. And we think that the atmosphere of this country is not conducive to the rank growths of bigotry.

WHAT CHRISTIANS DESIRE

It was manifestly the desire of Christ that all His disciples should be united in the profession of one faith. His admirable prayer before His passion He says: "I pray for them also who through their word shall believe in Me, that they all may be one, as Thou, Father, in Me and I in Thee; that the world may also be one in Us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me—because the unity of the Church is the most luminous evidence of the divine mission of Christ."

SAME DOCTRINE EVERYWHERE

How sublime and consoling is the thought that whithersoever a Catholic goes over the broad world, whether he enters his church in Peking or in Melbourne, in London, or Dublin, or Paris, or Rome, or New York, or San Francisco, he is sure to hear the same doctrine preached, to assist at the same sacrifice and to partake of the same sacraments. "This is not all. Her creed is no dead and outworn system, but yet shuts God out and lives an empty life.—Phillips Brooks.

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