





a great crucifix and, before he extinguished the lights, Bernard knelt a moment in front of it.

"power," in the political sense, but a deepening of the spiritual life of her own people and the winning of more and more of those outside the fold to the one faith, for the greater glory of God and the happiness and salvation of mankind.—Catholic Transcript.

THE STORY OF CHRIST

BY GIOVANNI PAPINI

PAPINI'S PRAYER TO CHRIST

TRANSLATED BY VERONICA DWIGHT From the Italian of Papini's "Life of Christ," With the Author's Consent and Approval. American Press, New York.

The bestial love of every man for himself, of every class for itself, of every people for itself alone, is even more blind and gigantic after the years wherein hate covered the earth with fire, with smoke, with trenches and with bones.

Everywhere a chaos in commotion, a murmur without hope, a swarm that makes the foul air stink, a restlessness discontented with everything and above all, with its own discontent.

A NON-CATHOLIC THRILL

The Catholic News found an article recently in which it tells that a leading non-Catholic journalist, Frederick C. Spurr, contributor to both the British Weekly and the Christian World his impressions of a visit to Cologne.

For four whole years the world has been stained with blood in order to decide who shall have the largest flower garden, the greatest zoo.

In this foul filth all faiths perish and wither away. The world practices but one religion, that which recognizes the most high trinity of Wotan, Mammon, and Priapus.

There are no longer monarchies nor republics. Every order is but glitter and imitation. Plutocracy and Demagoguery, sisters in spirit and in aim, fight for domination over the seditious orders which are ill-served by salaried Mediocrity.

deserves either to be punished by a deluge of fire, or saved by Thine intercession. Alone Thy Church, the Church founded by Thee on the Rock of Peter, the only one that deserves the name of Church, the unique and universal Church which speaks from Rome with the infallible word of Thy Vicar, emerges once more, strengthened by assaults, made greater by schisms, rejuvenated by the ages, from the furious and muddy sea of the world.

Thou didst say once: "If one is alone, I am with him. Roll back the stone and thou wilt find me there. Cut into the wood and here am I." But to find Thee in the stone and in the wood there must be the will to seek Thee and the power to see Thee.

A trolley car is a good place in which to study men. The other day a young fellow, dressed in the latest fashion and fitted out in the latest tonorial style, with sideboard trimmings, next to a middle-aged working man on a trolley car in Washington.

More than once Thou didst appear to the living after the Resurrection. To them that believed that they hated Thee, to them that would have loved Thee even hadst Thou not been the Son of God, Thou hast shown Thy face, and hast spoken with Thy voice.

THE END.

TRIFLING WITH FAITH

Too many Catholics hold their faith too lightly, and do not appreciate at anything like its true value this most precious of all gifts.

Dublin, Ireland.—Many American visitors have flocked into Dublin for the great Dublin Horse Show.

constituted authority in the Church, have a faith that is rapidly dying and that needs a miracle to save and restore it. Men live and men die, but the Church remains. You cannot sever faith from the Church.

A LESSON FOR CATHOLICS

The incident cited tells its own story. It reminded us of another incident which had been told to us a few days before.

There was a traveling salesman who had been selling goods for his firm in the South for many years. His name was not a typically Catholic one and he had never discussed religion with any of his customers.

"Haven't you any Catholics in all in this town?" he asked the merchant.

After the merchant had gone over the short, but respectable, list of Catholics, the salesman said:

AMERICANS AT DUBLIN HORSE SHOW

The name of the event gives no idea of its range, for it covers every phase of Irish life, industrial, social and artistic. This year the artistic section is especially important.

the chief national patron of art. Father Conroy of Killoe, County Longford, is at the show with a model village of Irish peasants who unconcernedly go through their ordinary day's work and then amuse themselves singing and dancing—all in the presence of the sight-seers.

The famous Irish outside cars have been a vanishing curiosity in latter years, but the show has tried to give them new life.

SAVES CATHOLIC PAPER

Paris, France.—About one month ago the Courier du Pas-de-Calais, a Catholic paper published in Arras, found itself in serious financial straits as a result of the increased cost of labor and paper.

Although the population to which he addressed his appeal was not rich, every heart was touched. Abbe Laroche writes as follows of the result of his energetic action:

"Only a few of them," replied the merchant.

"Are they pretty decent fellows or are they a worthless lot?"

"Well, I must say," answered the merchant, "they are a pretty decent lot. There's Dr. Doe; he's a fine fellow. He's a good citizen of splendid character. Everybody likes him."

"The merchant thought of some few others in town who were Catholics, and he gave a good name to each of them."

The traveling salesman still counts the merchant among his best customers. No more anti-Catholic lecturers are invited to the merchant's town.

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FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE NEEDS OF MAN

There are two needs to be supplied in man: there is the necessary need and there is the need of taste. The necessary need includes many things. Some of these are mentioned in the text—food to keep life, clothing to cover the body. Many of these needs are absolutely necessary, others are essential but not absolutely so.

God recognizes these needs existing in man; and, in the Gospel of this Sunday, mention is made of some of them. The intention of Our Lord, in these passages of the Gospel, is to teach us to be more solicitous about the welfare of our soul than the care of our body.

God does not make mention of the need which we have termed "of taste," though we may find a distant allusion made to it when He speaks of the beauty in which the lilies of the field are arrayed—a beauty surpassing that of Solomon decked in the most beautiful of his robes.

Now, we are wont to lament the fact that there is so much misery among men; that there is so much dishonesty; that there is so much pretense. It would appear that much of this evil is due to the fact that people are endeavoring to satisfy a need that is not necessary.

But, to come down to more simple things in life: What is ordinary society in this country demanding of people today? Are its requirements such as they always can satisfy justly and honestly? Far from it. We need only mention a few. Every season or every half season will bring its new styles. It is practically necessary that people conform to them.

Some may be inclined to think that these conditions have come about naturally; but this can not be true. God created a world abounding in all things necessary to sustain life, and, while He said there always would be poor, He never intended nor had He any intention of saying, that some were to starve.

such conditions as will lessen the number of the poor, and will provide for the destitute who still remain. Fortunately, America can offer the world a great example in this respect. It is a fact that within the limits of our great country, practically all who make an effort can be more or less comfortable.

The Christian may feel sure that his real needs will, with his cooperation, be provided for by God, if he serves Him properly. Needs other than the real ones, however, man has no assurance he will be able to satisfy.

THE CHOICE OF A VOCATION

For many at this time of the year the doors of the school close permanently and an entirely new situation confronts them. They step out of one world and are ushered into another. They are to seek for themselves a place in life and carve for themselves a position among their fellow-men.

Too many enter on life without any definite plan. They allow themselves to drift and, misunderstanding the counsel of the Gospel, take no thought of tomorrow. They slip into the first position that presents itself and later to their great sorrow discover that they have run into a blind alley.

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healthy work suited to your peculiar capacities and adapted to your individual tastes and you have found the essentials of happiness. There is a wide range to select from; choose with a discriminating eye. There would be fewer misfits in this world and less discontent, if men selected their life work with a view to their natural endowments and their inborn tastes.

Life need not be a monotonous grind. It need not be a routine of uninteresting tasks done only because there is no escape from them. It can be made keenly and absorbingly interesting, paying us not merely in monetary returns but rewarding us with a full measure of joy, rest and happiness.

A TOUCHING ACT OF LOVE

A touching incident occurred during the audience of the Boston pilgrims with the Holy Father. As the Holy Father passed between the ranks of the kneeling pilgrims he noticed among them a ten year old boy on crutches.

The incident made a profound impression upon the pilgrims and upon all who read about it in the reports cabled by the daily press. It illustrated in a striking manner the qualities that have endeared Pope Pius XI. to all Catholics.

Like His Divine Master, whose representative he is, the Holy Father loves little children. The sight of this crippled boy touched his heart, as the sight of afflicted childhood always touched the heart of Our Lord, when He was on earth.

Such incidents, with which, by the way, the Boston pilgrims have been filled, manifest a remarkable spirit of faith and devotion, that seems like a breath from the ages of faith, rather than a product of the twentieth century.

A PROTESTANT ON THE PAPACY

The late Dr. Briggs, of Union Protestant Seminary, New York, in his work, "Church Unity," has a chapter on the Papacy in which occurs the following: "The Papacy is one of the greatest institutions that ever existed in the world; it looks forward with calm assurance to a still greater future.

"Protestant controversialists have minimized the importance of these texts and emptied them of their true meaning. Jesus, in His vision of His kingdom, when St. Peter recognized Him as the Messiah, said: 'Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church (house) and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.'"

the acknowledged chief of the apostolic community down to the Council of Jerusalem. If we had the continuation of the narrative of St. Peter's work in Antioch, Western Asia, and finally Rome, in all probability the same undisputed leadership would appear.

"All the evidence sifted, the statement of Irenaeus stands firm: 'Since it would be tedious in such a volume as this, to reckon up the successions of all the Churches, we do put to confusion all those who in whatever manner, whether by an evil self pleasure, or vain-glory, or by blindness or pervers opinion, assemble in unauthorized meetings; (we do this, I say) by indicating that tradition derived from the Apostles, of the very great, the very ancient and universally known Church, founded and organized at Rome by the two most glorious Apostles, Peter and Paul.'"

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

In one of his luminous and instructive encyclicals Pope Leo XIII. deplored the fact that perhaps "there are still to be found, even nowadays, some who, if asked, as were those of old by St. Paul, the Apostle, whether they have received the Holy Ghost, might answer in like manner: 'We have not so much heard, whether there be a Holy Ghost.'"

Our Lord came into the world ultimately to put men in possession of the eternal life of glory, and proximately to secure to them the life of divine grace in this world that is destined to blossom into the life of Heaven.

A second way to cultivate this devotion is to avoid displeasing the Holy Ghost. Indifference to Him, neglect of His warnings, and lack of appreciation of His graces displeases Him.

THE TRUE PERSPECTIVE

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Yes, a little gentleness, a little thoughtfulness, and a little tact will sometimes make even good people—"nice" and better.—The Pilot.



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