

real democracy. The modern representative assembly reflects, not so much the wishes of the voters, as the interests of those who hold economic power.

"The present social system is virtually an economic dictatorship of the minority. Under its operation a few have much, a number little and the majority nothing; yet, the disinherited proletariat, though possessing the power of the vote, see their condition grow worse from year to year.

"As the only possible way out of this morass, Marxians recommend the turning of the tables on the propertied classes by the establishment of the dictatorship of the Proletariat. The workers should take advantage of any and every circumstance to seize power, dispossess the capitalists and give them a taste of their own medicine.

"This system no doubt would have some advantages in theory, but in practice, in the only country, Russia, where we have a working model, the proletarian dictatorship is not attractive. The franchise there as elsewhere, seems powerless to enforce the wishes of the masses.

"If it be true that the ultimate object of the Labor movement is the welfare and happiness of its members, then Labor in Ireland must get ready to re-export Karl Marx to Palestine or Russia and to take its place in the Irish community on terms. While it is fiddling with fallacies, and turning its back on its responsibilities its members are dying of hunger in a sterile land.

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proletarian dictatorship practically impossible. In 20 years time, with industrial development and the increase in the proletarian working-class, it might conceivably be otherwise.

"The social gospel of the great German Jew, Karl Marx, is however installed here in Ireland in the place of honor and in possession of the Labor field. The modern Irish labor movement owes all its vigor and achievements to Marxian leaders, and its success to the prudence with which Marxism has been applied to the Irish conditions.

"Officially the Irish Labor movement has no connection with Communism and in fact the test question of affiliation with Moscow has never even been raised. Actually the strategic plan of the Labor Party's actions can only be explained by a reference to the Marxian doctrine of the proletarian dictatorship. The tactics adopted are negative and obstructive. There is a persistent refusal to accept responsibility for anything constructive or helpful and a constant readiness to attack the proposals of others.

"Where then shall a beginning be made? Every democratic advance, help, self-government, franchise, education, etc., but in order to proceed to the legislative measures necessary for the creation of a true democracy, certain knowledge must be ready to hand, which is not now readily available. So as to broaden the seat of economic power on the masses of the people, we must have data authoritatively determined which can be referred to with confidence by all the elements concerned.

"I therefore suggest that the Government be requested to appoint a Commission on which the Government, Labor and the Church would be represented, whose function would be to carry out a social survey to get and collate information on the following points among others:

Occupations of the people, Income, Property held, Living conditions, Physical and educational fitness, Charitable institutions and benefit societies, Total value of their transactions, Social and industrial organizations, Natural resources and possibilities of immediate development.

"The work of such a Commission would be carried on afterwards by a Government Department of Statistics which would deal with the cost of living, etc.

"If this work were done there might be an end to vague generalizations in social matters, and social workers would have a grip of the salient facts of the situation they proposed to handle. With the facts thus determined, the country could be taught to see Ireland as she really is from year to year, the Ireland of fact, and this knowledge would give the maximum chance of success to remedial legislation.

"Community rule will mean government of the people, for the people, by the people. But government by the people will mean the rule of the demagogue and the mischief, unless deliberate measures are taken to prevent it. Community rule would then involve a process of selection for office and responsibility, by which those functionally best fitted for authority or service would be so employed.

"It is the present system that is wrong and not so much the people who run it. Capitalism is taken for granted by some as if it were sacred, by others it is blindly attacked as if it were so wholly evil that everything pertaining to it must be destroyed outright and the world begin its history over again from the hear of ruins.

"This latter would mean the creation of fresh injustices and thereby prevent a permanent solution or any solution at all.

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every Christian in and outside of the Labor movement to see that the purely disruptive programme of Karl Marx as expounded today by his coreligionists Trotsky and Lenin, does not make the Irish worker the instrument of his own undoing.

GENERAL INTENTION FOR JANUARY RECOMMENDED AND BLESSED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS XI. SAINTLY PRIESTS

A few months ago, the Director General of the Apostleship of Prayer went to the Vatican for the purpose of asking the Holy Father to bless the General Intentions for 1923. Hoping to touch what seemed to respond to the needs of the present age, our Director General had set down for the January intention, "An increase in the number of saints."

"An increase in the number of saints" is the phrase that it read. "An increase in the number of saintly priests." The incident is significant and shows what at the beginning of his reign was uppermost in the mind of the Pontiff. The burden that had been recently placed on his shoulders was being vividly felt, and it was his wish that those who would share his work with him should be strong of heart and soul.

"In the first place, we should ask for them the spirit of perfect detachment. In a generation that esteems everything in gold and in what can be bought for gold, lofty examples of disinterestedness are needed to influence mankind. The less the world is able to understand this virtue the greater should be our efforts to force the world to believe that it may exist. Not an easy task, since we should force it to believe what seems to it impossible. Notwithstanding the examples that are before their eyes in their own cities and villages, the people of our age—and Catholics among them—are too often unwilling to believe in the disinterestedness of the clergy. Their worldly and critical spirit can distinguish in the pastoral ministry only a profession like any other, and until some evidence to the contrary dazzles them they will persist in believing that a priest, like other professional men, is caught by the bait of worldly and personal interests. But when examples of the contrary are put before their eyes, this striking proof overcomes their prejudices, and they are forced to admire not merely the man who teaches, but the doctrines that can produce such effects. If the living word has lost its influence, living examples have not. A spirit of detachment has an eloquence all its own.

Secondly, we should ask God to keep up in our priests a spirit of zeal and devotedness; for just as detachment and unworldliness can gain over a generation enslaved by avarice and love of worldly things, so will charity, which flowers forth in zeal and devotedness, conquer souls given over to selfishness. Never did men feel so greatly the need of this charity. It has been driven from its rightful place in many a heart, into which worldliness and love of luxury have penetrated; and many a Christian home has ceased to give it a refuge. Charity and self-sacrifice are words whose meanings are quite forgotten nowadays, and there should be some people in the Commonwealth brave enough to recall them to memory. Who other than members of the Christian priesthood can do this? None more fittingly surely than they who are called upon to continue Christ's work upon earth, and Christ was a God of love. After the example of the Good Shepherd our priests must be all things to all men, and prove that they are so by their devotedness and zeal which are the offspring of their charity. Pastors who strengthened by these virtues will exercise a powerful influence over their flocks; all the more easily will they find under many a thick crust of vice and prejudice some forgotten spark of faith and good will. Their charity for souls and their zeal will give them the patience required to revive this spark. In view of the eternal interests that are at stake, is not the trouble worth the cost? And are not such victories the result of the saintliness that our Holy Father asks us to pray for during the present month?

We have here consequently an object worthy of our prayers, namely, detachment, self-sacrifice, the flames of envy and hatred that were sure to arise? If there was no priest to kneel near the bed of the sick, to point out the way to heaven or to fortify the dying for the dread passage, what other real consolator could brighten the dark perspective of the tomb and the still darker perspective of eternity?

What we owe to the ministry of the priest from the font of baptism to the side of the grave can never be reckoned in terms of gold or silver; our debt can be paid to them only in the coin that counts in heaven, namely, prayer. Through the priest the work of Christ is carried on in the world, and both the world and those who live in it are the better for it. We should, therefore, pray for our priests that God may give them all the graces necessary for success in their lofty ministry, especially the grace which the Holy Father asks for them, namely, saintliness, which means the reproduction in their souls of the character and the virtues of Christ; among other gifts, a perfection of detachment and entire devotedness and zeal in their life-work.

zeal and devotedness in our priests, and we, their faithful children, should ask nothing better than to see them equipped with these virtues; for their struggles are ours as well as theirs; through our prayers their victories become ours as well as theirs; and in the end our cooperation gives us a right to share their reward. If we are devoted to our priests, and wish to see them working in God's vineyard, we can do nothing that should be more welcome to them than to remember them in our prayers. Let us, therefore, ask the Heart of Jesus to give them all the graces needed to become saintly men. Their saintliness will be the magnet which will draw others to them, whom they may instruct and edify unto salvation.

E. J. DEVINE, S. J. NEW YEARS EVE Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light, The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow; The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind, For those that here we see no more; Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause, And ancient forms of party strife; Ring in the nobler modes of life, With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out, my mournful rhymes, But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood, The civic slander and the spite; Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring out the narrowing lust of gold; Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free, The larger heart, the kinder hand; Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

GOD BE WITH YOU ALL THE YEAR God be with you in the springtime, When the violets unfold, And the buttercups and cowslips Fill the fields with yellow gold, In the time of apple blossoms, When the happy bluebirds sing, Filling all the world with gladness—God be with you in the spring!

God be with you in the summer, When the sweet June roses blow, When the bobolinks are laughing, And the brooks with music flow, When the fields are white with daisies, And the days are glad and long, God be with you in the summer, Filling all your world with song.

God be with you in the autumn, When the birds and flowers have fled, And along the woodland pathways Leaves are falling, gold and red; When the summer lies behind you, In the evening of the year, God be with you in the autumn, Then to fill your heart with cheer.

God be with you in the winter, When the snow lies deep and white, When the sleeping fields are silent, And the stars gleam cold and bright, When the hands and hearts are tired, With life's long and weary quest, God be with you in the winter, Just to guide you into rest.

Remember your failures are but your stepping stones to success. Under all the false and over-loud and glittering masquerade there is in every man a noble nature.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

A NEW YEAR'S WISH
God bless the work that lies before you hand!
God's blessing be on all that you have done!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS
The ease and light-heartedness with which people talk about making New Year's resolutions force one to conclude that they do not realize the full significance of what might otherwise be a very salutary practice.

lived an exceedingly original and fastidious man who had become so tired of hearing from his friends "familiar quotations" that he took a solemn resolution on New Year's Day to abstain altogether, during the coming twelve months, from the conscious use of overworked phrases, threadbare expressions and familiar quotations.

for dogs."
Paler than usual, but not at all shy, Jackie went toward the house, with the dog in his arms. He rang the bell, and when a maid answered it, asked to see the lady of the house.

1923
The beginning of the new year is impressive for those who know the worth of time, and the great work Christian Faith teaches must be done in the brief days allowed us.

alleviate the suffering which is foreseen during the coming winter because of the poverty stricken condition of the country. A pastoral letter issued by the Cardinal orders collections held in all the churches in the diocese for the benefit of the monasteries and other religious institutions.

Justice to Small Depositors
THE Province of Ontario Savings Office is organized to do full justice to the small depositor, who cannot afford to take any risks.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

RESOLUTIONS
I mean to be all through the year as good as good can be. And I listen to the voice inside that softly speaks to me.

THE PRICE OF DUDE AND ROWDY

Early in the afternoon of the last day of the year Mrs. Grady and Margaret were seated close to the kitchen stove, talking earnestly and anxiously, but in a very low tone.

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GERMAN PRIESTS HELPED

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine
The plight of the Catholic clergy in Germany has aroused the charity of the clergy in Holland and steps are now being taken for the relief of the German priests.

The Economy of Mutual Life Insurance

The gross operating expenses of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada in 1921 were only 18.6% of the total income for the year.

LORDS OF LANGUAGE

Shakespeare has been adequately described as "a dramatist of note; he lived by writing things to quote." It is also recorded that an otherwise well-read man who chanced to pick up for the first time a copy of that great poet's complete works, exclaimed with delighted surprise as he turned the pages: "How singularly rich this author is in familiar quotations!"

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