



WHY I LOVE THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

"I want to tell you in a very simple way why I love the Roman Catholic Church, and why I believe it is the duty of every Christian to love that Church sincerely," says the Rev. Edwin F. Snell (Cong.) Winnetka, Ill.

"First, I love the Roman Catholic Church because of what she has been. It is the old mother church. Let me emphasize that. Our churches are all the offspring of that church. A few ultra Protestants will try to claim that they trace their genealogy through some stray erratic movements back to the Apostles, without touching the Church of Rome, but this is largely imaginary.

"For more than a thousand years Rome preserved the integrity and transmitted the vitality of the Christian gospel before ever anything like Protestant secession was dreamed of; and when the Protestant movement came it was made possible as a branch made possible on the vine; it grew out of the strong vitality of the mother church.

"Now I hold that it is a matter of simple decency to be loyal to one's mother. I could not respect myself if I could forget that as a Protestant I owe my very being as a Christian, I owe all the light and joy and liberty in Christ I enjoy, to the mother church. To her I owe the very existence of that Bible which I love; to her I owe the sacraments which

are the symbols of our faith; to her I owe the lives of saints whose footsteps have pressed the earth making it a holier and happier place because they have lived here. I should be a sad and vile ingrate not to love a church that has done all that and much more for me as a Christian. For fifteen hundred years the preachers and pastors, the hymn writers and the church builders, the social reformers and the mystics, the theologians and the poets of all Europe west of Russia were Roman Catholics. All our spiritual wealth as Protestants is an inherited wealth: inherited through the Roman Catholic Church.

"Secondly, I love the Roman Catholic Church for what she is. We do not know what beautiful Christians there are among the Catholics, because we do not know them, and they do not know how sincerely Protestants are trying to be followers of the same Christ whom they serve.

"But it is not true that the Roman Catholic Church is un-American, and is seeking to overthrow our government, and all that? I hesitate not to say that I believe it is a foul and hateful calumny. The people who say these things have not one solid fact upon which to base their monstrous indictment. It is an utterly unworthy frame of mind for brethren in Christ to have towards each other. We must get this miserable slander out of our minds. By every test which can be fairly applied, the Catholic citizen stands on a par with his Protestant brother."



FAITH REVIVED IN TEXAS MISSION.

Rev. J. B. Muesleppen, C. S. S. R., the pastor of St. Gerard's Church, on a Texas mission had to go to the trouble of learning Spanish in order to minister to the people placed in his charge. Although Father Muesleppen is over 60 years of age, he went at the matter with a vim, and it was not long before he was able to preach to his Mexicans in their own tongue. The work achieved by Father Muesleppen among the Mexicans is really wonderful. A large sum was sent him by the Catholic Church Extension Society for the building of a school on his mission.

"There are now about 137 children attending the school," he said, "and much good has been accomplished through these very children in bringing their elders to the practice of their faith. The children are indeed the best missionaries. Through the endeavors of these little ones many who have not been to the Sacraments for thirty and more years come back again. The Protestants working among the Mexicans do incalculable harm. One of the sad results of the Protestant propaganda is that the Mexicans, who have once been infected with the blight of Protestant proselytism, cherish a bitter anti-Catholic sentiment. It is a sad reflection upon our American Catholics that they are allowing Protestants to outdo them in zeal. The great worry in my mind is now how the school is to be maintained. Our very Reverend Father Provincial has promised to pay the salary of the teachers until the end of this term, but what about the future? I hope and pray that God in His goodness will inspire some generous soul to come forward. God would doubtless repay them a thousand-fold. Five or six hundred dollars would solve many a problem for the upkeep of this school which is very necessary if the Mexicans here are to be preserved to the Faith."

Father Muesleppen declares that our Holy Faith is gradually being revived in his missions. It would be a great pity if all the work performed thus far for the salvation of the souls of these people would have to fall through for the lack of funds. "Five or six hundred dollars would solve many a problem for the upkeep of this school," he says. Donations for Father Muesleppen may be sent to the offices of the Catholic Church Extension Society, which are located in the McCormick Building, Chicago, and they will be promptly forwarded to him.

ST. PETER CLAVER SODALITY.

From the annual report of the Sodality of St. Peter Claver, which has just appeared as a supplement in the Echo from Africa, we call the following items of interest:

The Propaganda by press consisted chiefly in the printing and distribution of periodicals, almanacs and pamphlets. The Echo from Africa, the Sodality's principal organ, reached in its nine editions a total of 46,000 copies a month, and the Negro Child, a publication for children, had in its six editions a combined monthly circulation of 32,000 copies. Beginning with last October the Sodality has gotten out a monthly leaflet called Katholische Missions - Propaganda, 20,000 copies of which are issued every month. Ten thousand of these are sold to regular subscribers and the rest distributed at church doors and placed in hospitals. The grand output of these three publications for the year 1914, amounted to about 1,000,

000 copies. In addition there was a great number of tracts and pamphlets printed and distributed.

The correspondence handled at the central and branch offices show the extent of the Sodality's administrative work. There were 53,022 pieces of incoming mail and 61,197 pieces of outgoing mail, not including the regular publications.

The propaganda by words consisted of seventy-nine sermons on the African Missions; seventy-three on the same subject, many of which were illustrated; and seven dramatic performances, not to mention minor items. Then there were two tours of propaganda undertaken by members of the Sodality; one to America where fifty-nine lectures were given in four different languages; and through the larger cities of Italy. These tours resulted in the establishment of many new centers of activity.

The spiritual results of the year's propaganda, such as awakening vocations and inciting to prayer for the African Missions, although invisible, must not be relegated to a secondary place. The material results are represented by \$79,404 in money and \$4,700 in church goods distributed to the Missions of Africa. Every one of the forty odd mission societies laboring on the Dark Continent received an allowance, the amount depending on the importance and the prospects of the given station. The largest recipients were the White Fathers of Lavignon with \$10,000; the Holy Ghost Fathers with \$11,500; the Missionaries of Lyons with \$6,400; the Oblates of Mary with \$4,400 and the Capuchins with \$2,700.

In considering the foregoing facts we naturally ask ourselves if the above figures will be reduced at the end of this year owing to the world wide war. The Directress General of the Sodality of St. Peter Claver thinks they will not be. She bases her opinion on the two fold fact that a universal war has made Catholics realize as never before the universality of the Church's mission and has deepened in them the spirit of Christian sacrifice. And nothing more is needed to double or even treble last year's figures. But an increase of work will mean that the Sodality of St. Peter Claver will need a corresponding increase in the number of capable workers, both intern and extern. And in view of this need there is an appeal in the June Echo addressed to those women readers who feel a general call to the religious life and who possess the necessary qualifications of an Auxiliary of the African Missions to rally to the banner of St. Peter Claver. The article declares no time is more favorable for answering such a call than now; since the one sacrifice can make the generous soul at one and the same time both a victim for peace and a victim for grace. The Sodality's American headquarters is Fullerton Building, St. Louis, Mo.

MOSLEMS HARD TO CONVERT.

Missionaries to Moslem lands find great difficulty in making converts. In fact, the followers of Islam are increasing rather than decreasing. The vast number of these people yet to be brought to the light is appalling. According to an authority, the Mohammedan world includes 201,000,000 of people. Of these, 90,500,000 are under British rule, 35,000,000 under Russian and French, and 41,500,000 under other governments, chiefly the Dutch. Of the remaining 34,000,000, about one-half, or 15,000,000, are subjects of the Ottoman Empire. The Allies (Great Britain, France and Russia) thus rule over a preponderant majority of the world's Moslems, 126,000,000.

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"Mr. Speaker, I am surprised that the gentleman from New York should rise and oppose the increase in chaplains. The son of a minister, as he proclaims himself, I had thought he would be one of the staunchest supporters of the movement to strengthen the spiritual life of the men in our army. Instead, he denounced it. He said he believed there were sinister influences behind it. He gave it as his opinion that to increase the number of chaplains would be to increase the danger of this country losing its liberty."

The House had roused itself. The usual buzz and hum had quieted down to dead silence. Absent members were hurrying in from the cloak-rooms; in the gallery a crowd was gathering rapidly. The brilliant Wilman was on his feet and going to answer Arnold!

"Mr. Speaker, I blush for shame!" The voice rose in anger. Tall, lithe, handsome, his eyes flashing fire, the young member strode down the aisle. Before one of the front benches he stopped.

"I blush for shame that this House should hold a member whose limit of credulity is so wide that he can believe this country is in danger of losing its liberty." He pointed an accusing hand at a small, scrawny figure on the bench before him.

The little man flushed hotly and jumped up.

"Mr. Speaker!" the other waved him aside, "I did not say that the gentleman does believe it. I do not think that he does. I said that he can believe it. He can believe it for the purpose of gaining the support of a vile, underhand, unpatriotic organization in his effort to perpetuate himself as a disgrace upon this House."

With a snarl the little man leaped at him. A dozen members interfered. There was a wild turmoil, while the Speaker pounded for order.

"Mr. Speaker, I have the floor."

The voice of the young member was calm; he stood his ground serenely.

The leader of the minority was on his feet.

"Mr. Speaker, I demand that the gentleman be taken down."

"I apologize to the House for any words of mine that may have seemed discourteous," said the young member. Then to prevent further interruption he took a step forward and spoke quickly.

"Mr. Speaker, it is about time the attention of this House was called to the devastating wave of religious bigotry that is sweeping across the land. Of course, in private we are all aware of its existence, but officially we seem absolutely to ignore it. Why is this so? Are we afraid of it? I, for one, am not. I, for one, believe the people of these United States are far beyond the stage where they will allow crass bigotry and crass ignorance to dominate them. The people sent Know-nothingism to oblivion sixty years ago.

"When one speaks of the people, one means the majority of the people, of course; and I realize that there is a small minority in this country still willing to believe the old tales. And the question resolves itself into this: Are we afraid of this minority or not? Are we going to allow it to rule us or not? So far, I am sorry to say, the answer seems to be in the affirmative. We have let this minority go on in its vile campaign of slandering pure lives, of stirring up rancor, of sowing broadcast a treasonable doctrine. We have allowed them to hitch the very Government itself to their filthy business; and every day in the year the paid servants of all the fair-minded people of the country deliver hundreds of thousands of papers that cry aloud for villainess. The white of the flag seems no longer white."

Shaking his fist in a fierce wrath, the young congressman walked back and forth, up and down the aisle. The House hung breathless on his words. Shocked at his boldness, none of his colleagues applauded.

"The climax," he continued, "of this business was reached to-day, when a member of this House rose and with a straight face declared he believed that if we put more priests in the army the country would be in danger of losing its liberty. I know the gentleman lives up State."

"Mr. Speaker!"

Little Arnold was on his feet, red with anger.

"Does the gentleman yield?"

"I would like to yield, Mr. Speaker," replied the young member, "but I have not the time. The gentleman refused to yield to me."

"The gentleman refuses to yield."

"I say, the gentleman lives up State, and therefore much may be forgiven him. But when the gentleman impugns the patriotism of Catholics, he must answer to more than the people of his district."

"He must answer the voice of Jack Barry, ringing with repudiation of British gold; he must answer the click-click of Sheridan's horse, beating on its way to Winchester; he must answer the shouts and cheers of Meagher's green battalions climbing the heights of Fredericksburg; he must answer all the cries from our past, from every battlefield of our history - cries from Catholics, shedding their blood for their country!"

"The gentleman's time has expired," said the Speaker; but he was not heard. His voice was drowned in a roar of applause. A demonstration such as few orators are privileged to inspire followed the peroration of the young congressman. Women in the gallery waved handkerchiefs; his colleagues rushed forward to grasp his hand.

"John, I'm proud of you!" His friend, the bluff old Withington, took his arm and helped him through the crush.

"But I'm sorry for you too, boy," he added, when they reached a rear bench.

"Oh, I don't think it will hurt me," laughed the younger man, as he

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wiped the perspiration from his brow.

"Hurt? I should say it will! From this minute you are marked for slaughter."

Another member laughed.

"Oh, no; you're wrong; Bob. Wilman is a Catholic district, I'll wager."

"Not ten thousand Catholics in his district," snorted Withington.

"Then, what in blazes possessed you?" The man looked at Wilman in amazement.

"I don't know," Wilman replied, smiling rather shyly. "That fellow getting up there and disgracing the House by his vile unscrupulousness made me so mad I just couldn't help it. That's all."

"What do you know about it?" demanded a veteran wheel-horse of the group after Wilman had left. "Two months from election, and the fellow gets up here and makes a speech like that! Either he is tired of Washington or he is headed for a padded cell."

"The court will come to order. This meeting of the Guardians has been called for the purpose of considering and taking whatever action may be agreed to upon the recent speech of Congressman Wilman of this district, in the House of Representatives. All formal procedure is suspended and the secretary will read the speech at once."

"Whoopie! That's the ticket!" shouted a loud-voiced member in the rear of the dimly-lighted hall.

The secretary read the speech, which was received with jeers and angry exclamations.

"And," added the secretary, "I have to report that up until now Wilman has not answered any of our letters."

"Suggestions are now in order," said the chairman.

"I move you," shouted the loud-mouthed member, "that we have printed five thousand copies of the speech and pass them out at every one of Wilman's meetings. We got to beat this traitor who would hand over our liberties to the Pope of Rome!"

Loud applause answered him. A lanky individual, with a retreating chin, in his enthusiasm leaped to his feet; and then to his terror found he had the floor. They were waiting for him to speak.

"I-I heard tell," he stammered, "that just before he made his speech Wilman was talking to a cardinal of the Roman Church."

"Get paid for it!"

"Traitor!"

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