

## QUESTION AND ANSWER

In this department questions of general interest in regard to religion will be answered each week in the order in which they are received. All communications must be signed, though the name will not be published. Address "Questions and Answers," care The Catholic Bulletin, 315 Newton Bldg., St. Paul.

Do blessed candles hold the blessing over one year?  
Yes.

How long does Easter water hold its blessing?  
Until used up or it becomes corrupt.

How is the Pope elected?  
When one Pope dies the sacred college of cardinals meets in conclave and chooses a successor.

What is the original meaning of the word, Hell?

This word seems to have more than one source, but the earliest meaning is to designate something dark or hidden.

Can a Catholic girl marry her dead sister's husband?

Yes, provided a dispensation from the impediment of affinity is obtained and there is no other impediment in the case.

Are the various species of plants and animals fixed?

They are fixed in the sense that each is a separate species. See Hill's "The Catholic's Ready Answer," for a popular explanation of evolution.

Have the various species of plants and animals preserved their identity

through all time or have they undergone changes?

All the species of animals and plants have not remained static and there have been changes, that is, development.

What does the Bible teach about this, namely, change in forms of creation?

If we read the first chapters of the book of Genesis there will find a statement of the fact of creation. The Bible tells of the fact of creation, but it does not tell us the primitive forms and in no way excludes development. We must believe that God created the world, but the Bible tells no more than that about the early types of creatures. In certain cases species can be crossed with others and thus produce a new form. There is considerable confusion as to the exact meaning of the word, species. The old idea was that a species remains ever fixed and unchangeable; others hold that only a few species were created and that these produced later varieties. Both beliefs are found among Catholic writers. In no case, however, can we exclude the creation of the first species; nor can we include the human soul in this development process. It is these two false theories of evolution that the Catholic Church condemns.

In the land should strive to put his sentiments into practice. And yet, on the other hand, what a pity it would be, if with our earnest adherence to the teachings of our own creed, we should combine hatred of those professing another creed! This would be a flagrant violation of the law of universal love which Christ made the very cornerstone of Christianity: "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Should this hatred flare up into action in politics, it would violate the sixth article of the constitution of the United States: "No religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." Should this hatred dominate the halls of legislation, it would make void the first amendment of the constitution: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." And since religious liberty is more precious than civil liberty and more conducive even to temporal happiness, hatred of the religion of our fellows at the polls or in legislative halls would be an attack on the very Declaration of Independence which lays down "Liberty and the pursuit of happiness" as among the "unalienable rights" of every man. President Harding recently addressing a Bible class in Washington, said: "In the experience of a year in the presidency there has come to me no other such unwelcome impression as the manifest religious intolerance which exists among many of our citizens. I hold it to be a menace to the very liberty we boast and cherish." Referring to the members of the "Invisible Empire," one of our papers said last week: "They operate in defiance of the law; they give the lie to their own professions of Americanism by violating the American principle of religious tolerance, usurping lawful authority and ignoring civilized methods for the administration of justice!"

Neither these nor any other sowers of hatred and religious bigotry, can thrive in the free atmosphere of America. They will die of anemia. Our boys, Protestant and Catholic, fought shoulder to shoulder in the great war. They are going to work together in peace. The problems of reconstruction are big enough to occupy our whole attention. We shall leave quarrels and bickerings to our very small groups of ignorant, intolerant, willful men. With us in the cause of civil and religious liberty are enlisted the men and women of superior education—the students and graduates of our high schools, colleges and universities. Aristocrats of the mind, they are also aristocrats of good will, and it is men of good will that create and foster peace on earth.

Education and Religion.

Now, if religion is needed for life, religion in education is necessary; for education is a preparation for life. Chief Justice Taft, former president of the United States, in a recent lecture at the University of Rochester, said: "Not only is education necessary, but even more essential is moral training—a sense of responsibility for what we do, a standard of action which satisfies conscience. It can hardly be separated from religion. It is unfortunate that we cannot well unite religion and moral training in the instruction in public schools. Religion is the great stay of morality." All intelligent citizens who have the welfare of their country at heart share the regret of Mr. Taft. Catholics at the cost of great sacrifice have tried to remedy this defect by establishing schools of their own. Protestants, realizing the insufficiency of religious instruction in the home and the Sunday school, are quite generally trying to put it back into the public school—from which they now see it was unwisely banished. The fact that, according to recent religious census, about two-thirds of the American people are not admitted by all to be due in some measure, if not in great part, to the absence of religion from the public schools. Until some plan can be agreed upon by which all the children of the republic can receive the religious instruction of their choice in the schools of the state, the churches must do their best, says Mr. Taft again, "to stimulate religion and its practices. Every university," he continues, "should encourage its students to the worship of God. As long as the United States remains a religious nation, there is no danger of the corrosion of bolshevism, communism or any destructive and cruel cult. Christian civilization rests ultimately on the inspiration of the religious spirit. It is that which will render innocuous, and neutralize the evil effect of selfishness, which is necessary to give energy and thrift and industry to material progress. It is that spirit which sweetens life with the love of family, of country and of God. It is the preservation of the spirit of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man upon which we must depend for the maintenance of useful constitutional government."

Taft on Toleration.

Beautiful, patriotic and religious are these words of Chief Justice Taft! Every school, college and university

## O'NEILL RANKS FIRST

A CATHOLIC CHOSEN AS MOST GALLANT SOLDIER IN NEW YORK.

Sergeant Richard W. O'Neill, of New York, was chosen as the most conspicuous world war hero of New York state at the convention of Disabled American Veterans held in Syracuse, N. Y.

Immediately after, the unanimous vote honoring him, a telegram was sent to Governor Miller asking that he appoint Sergeant O'Neill to represent the state at the dedication of the Hall of Fame of California at San Francisco on June 26. California is erecting a monument for the name and record of the greatest hero in each state. O'Neill has received several war crosses for bravery, including the Medal Militaire, the French Croix de Guerre, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Belgian Croix de Guerre, the Italian War Cross, the Montenegrin War Cross and the conspicuous Service Cross.

O'Neill, who is only twenty-six years old, is one of eleven children of an unusually religious Catholic family.

## STUDENTS STAND HIGH

400 K. OF C. SCHOLARSHIPS WON BY FORMER SERVICE MEN.

That military discipline makes ex-service men better students than those who did not see service in the war, is demonstrated in the reports received by the Knights of Columbus national education bureau from forty colleges and universities throughout the country, including such institutions as Yale, Fordham, Notre Dame, Massachusetts Tech. and Georgetown, where K. of C. free scholarships for ex-service men are maintained.

More than 400 of the K. of C. scholarships were won by veterans of all denominations. The reports state that the veterans have maintained an unusually high rating for proficiency in studies, a higher average, all around, than that of men who did not see service with the army or navy during the war. This fact is generally ascribed to the benefits of military and naval discipline in regulating habits conducive to serious study.

## CARDINAL IS ILL

Cardinal Valfre Di Bonzo, Archbishop of Treviso, who has been suffering from nervous prostration for the last three weeks, is in a grave condition. During the war the Cardinal, who was serving as Nuncio at Vienna, underwent many hardships, among them insufficient nourishment, and after the war the conditions of existence were worse. Cardinal Valfre Di Bonzo was created a Cardinal in 1919.

## STATUE OF SAINT WINS

The grand medal of gold of the Paris Salon was awarded this year to a religious work, a statue of Saint Francis de Sales, by the sculptor Descaudre. This statue was selected by the judges over 820 works exhibited. The monument will later be placed on the shore of Lake Annecy by the town of Annecy where the remains of the illustrious Bishop are guarded.

## ART TREASURES LOST

DUNKIRK CHURCH AND FAMOUS PICTURE ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The parish church of Saint John the Baptist, at Dunkirk, which contained some admirable paintings and magnificent art treasures, was destroyed in one hour by fire. Nothing but the charred walls remain.

About half past five in the evening, a priest and a non-commissioned officer who were passing the church, noticed smoke rising from the roof. They immediately turned in an alarm. They were able to save the famous "Jesus Crowned," by Van Dyck; the "Death of Saint Mary the Egyptian," by Gaspard de Creyer, and the "Flight into Egypt," by Guido Reni. By this time, however, the roof began to cave in, and further efforts had to be abandoned until the arrival of the firemen.

The church was built in 1772 on the site of the old convent of the Recollects, the cloisters of which have been preserved and were not damaged by the fire.

## CZECHS ARE GRATEFUL

AMERICAN CATHOLIC DELEGATION GREETED IN LAND OF BIRTH.

Two hundred Catholic men and women of the United States, who formed a body to pay an official visit to the country of their birth, have just arrived in Prague, and their coming has been a triumphant march from the time that they reached the borders of Bohemia up to the time that they landed in Prague, the capital city of the Czechoslovak republic.

Not only the Catholics of Bohemia, but likewise fairminded men of various political groups, acknowledged the great services that the Bohemian Catholics of the United States have rendered to the cause of the independence of Bohemia, and especially the great material help given to the suffering millions after the war. For that reason even the government officially welcomed these guests from across the sea, and thanked them for the great services rendered to Bohemia in its hour of need.

## IN GERMANY TOO

DISTRACTED COUNTRY OBLIGED TO SUFFER FROM TIRADES OF BIGOTS — THEY HAVE THEIR TOM WATSONS IN RHINELAND.

Serious discord has been created among the different religious groups in the area formerly occupied by American troops as a consequence of an anti-Catholic speech delivered by Rev. Dr. Hermann Kramers at a meeting of the united evangelical unions of Newuid.

The secular newspapers as well as the Catholic press have deprecated Dr. Kramers' violent utterances, and meetings of protest have been held. Catholic speakers have appeared at public assemblies to refute the charges leveled at the Catholics by Dr. Kramers. All the Protestant organizations of Newuid have given their approval to the minister's statements.

Dr. Kramers declared that Catholics regard the defeat of Germany as a delivery from the Prussian despotism. Pope Benedict, the speaker asserted, was Germany's worst enemy. To this he added the charge that "German Catholics were profiteers during the war and winners in the revolution."

Rome rejoiced at the downfall of Germany, and received it as a "retribution for the Reformation," Dr. Kramers said. "Plus XI is a Welsh Pope," Dr. Kramers told his hearers, and followed this with a statement that the "Roman Nuncio in Berlin is the symbol of lurking Catholicism." The Nuncio's appearance in Germany was the beginning of the Pope's domination in Germany, he said. The German Catholics will fall into Papal slavery, and Popery threatens even the Protestants, he continued.

"All Germany will be filled with monasteries," declared Dr. Kramers, in a particularly passionate outburst of horror.

## MOTHER OF PELLETIER DIES AT BOSTON

Mrs. Catherine Pelletier, mother of Joseph C. Pelletier, supreme advocate of the Knights of Columbus, died in Boston last Monday. A large number of Knights of Columbus, including several supreme officers, attended the funeral.

Mrs. Pelletier was the oldest American to receive a decoration from the French government, which bestowed on her the Medaille Reconnaissance, the official certificate of which reached her only a few days before her death.

## RULES ON ALTAR WINE

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDS CLERGY MUST CARE FOR DISTRIBUTION—CHANGES IN LAW TO BE ANNOUNCED.

New regulations governing the distribution of wine for sacramental purposes, placing the control and responsibility for the distribution on official representatives of the churches, will shortly be promulgated by the treasury department as a result of an opinion just rendered to Secretary of the Treasury Mellon by Attorney General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty's ruling not only sustains the view of his predecessor, former Attorney General Palmer, that liquor dealers may not as such engage in the distribution of sacramental wines, but further holds that dealers in altar and other ecclesiastical supplies may not deal in sacramental wines.

The attorney general does hold, however, that a rabbi, minister or priest appointed by the official head of a diocese or other ecclesiastical jurisdiction, has the right, under the prohibition enforcement act, to "care for the distribution of sacramental wine within the particular territory of the diocese, conference or other ecclesiastical jurisdiction, subject to the regulations and supervision of the commissioner of internal revenue," and that the commissioner may issue to such designated individual a permit for the distribution of sacramental wine within a specified territory.

## CATHOLICS PROMOTE SPORTS

FRENCH OFFICIALS PRAISE CATHOLIC STADIUM HIGHLY.

The High Commissioner of the Government for Physical Education and Sports, M. Henri Pate, went last Sunday to visit the model stadium established near Paris by the parish of Saint-Honore d'Eylau for the young men of its community centers.

Surrounded by high hedges, and bordered by two large ponds, are football fields, tennis courts, a rifle range, a skating rink, etc. A boy scout camp, a restaurant, an installation for a vacation colony, a library, and a rustic chapel also form part of the establishment.

Some of the most prominent persons in the sporting world, in particular Baron Coubertin, president of the International Olympic Committee, accompanied the High Commissioner on his inspection and echoed his congratulations.

Cardinal Dubois, who was also present, blessed the monument erected in the memory of the young men of the parish who gave their lives for their country.

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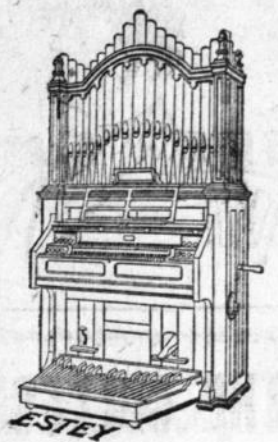
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