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THE TONGUE

By Rev. D. P. Lawton, S. J.

We grieve for the valliant moved down by war's sythe, Their high hopes all blighted, their fame all unsung; But what of the stricken who hopelessly writhe, Cut down by that dasdardly weapon, the Tongue?

The dreadnought is sunk by the small submarine,
In trench, the intrepid, by gas, meet defeat;
But the shot of the slanders, speed unseen,
From the rifle of malice, with death, 's more replete.

The Tongue of the insolent, aunching the jibe, Engenders resentment, pay, deadly affrays; The Tongue of the traitor, allured by a bribe, The innocent murders, he worthy betrays.

The Tongue of detraction is amity's bane, Man's foibles revealing, which hidden should be. The Tongue, as her weapon, has calumny slain The millions who, otherwise, honored would be.

The Tongue of suspicion, wrong motive assigns,
Distrustfulness throning, where confidence reigned,
The Tongue of the tempter, with hellish designs,
Has, souls unsuspecting, all ruthless, sin-stained.

Then be it remembered, by age and by youth,
That the Tongue is a weapon of fearfullest force;
Uncurbed by discretion, unguided by truth,
A plague decimating mankind in its course

It Is Never a Mark of Charity to Withhold Truth

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Dearly Beloved Son: Heasis and Apostolic Benediction: There are two things which, among others, commend to us the Catholic paper Our Sunday Visitor, in editing which you have for many years entirely devoted yourself; the first is the task proposed by you so to spread and explain Catholic doctrins that you might with over non-Catholica; and secondly, the lightly commendatory tastimony which we are told this same paper received from Our Predecessor of happy memory, Plus X, and also from other personages of high and indisputable authority.

The one shows you to be a good dispenser of God's mysteries, the other proves that in pursuing this hely undertaking you are following the right path and are laboring with abundant fruit.

Why, therefore, to the praises you have already received should not also be added Our commendation? Indeed, it pleases us to do so in order, if need be, to assument you in the race you are running. We bestow upon you the Apostolic Benediction to strengthen by the help of Divine grace your archer zeal and those whom you have as helpers in this work.

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With best wishes I am, sincerely yours in Xto., Helfens, Apostolic Delegats.

Dear Rev. Father:

Fort Wayne, Indiana, March 29, 1912.

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To furnish a weekly paper, for an annual subscription of 500, appears to me to

Devotedly yours in Domino.

H. J. ALERDING, Bishop of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Our readers will probably have noticed a more condensed appearance of the type on the first page of this issue. In the language of the printer, this type is set in 8-point solid, while hitherto it was our custom to set the same in 8-point leaded. While we are able to get more reading matter on the page as it is now set. we are not sure that our readers prefer it. Any comments on this proposed innovation will be gratefully

Those who are interested in a short but very declsive answer to the charge made against the Catholic Church at the Luther celebrations, now being held in different parts of the country, will do well to order a booklet of sixty-four pages published by the America Press, 59 E. Eighty-third St., New York, N. Y. This pamphlet, entitled "What Luther Taught", and which sells for 15c, also snows the reformer (?) in his true character, under the following heads:

I Luther and Freedom of Thought.

Luther and the State. Ш Luther and Religion. Luther and Education. Luther and Social Life.

Luther, Slaves and Peasants.

VII Luther and Woman.

Readers of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR write us quite frequently for an address to which they might send copies of Catholic papers and magazines after they have finished reading the same. The Interna-tional Catholic Truth Society, Bergen St., Brooklyn, N. Y., supplies names and addresses upon request.

A WORD TO THE WISE

By Rev. Joseph Husslein, Associate Editor of AMERICA

SCIENCE AND FAITH.

Time was when the world was mad with the new wine of evolution. Much which it then accepted with childish credulity, in the thin-spun theories of the day, is now rejected disdainfully by the highest scientific authorities, as equally false and unscientific.

When the lightning has passed the thunder-clap is heard. The farther away men are from the flash that rends the air. the longer the interval of silence before the distant reverberations are re-echoed to them and multiply themselves in dving.

So the men farthest away from the source of scientific thought are the last to relinquish the theories rejected in the scientific world. Though the flash has ended in darkness, the distant reverberations are still re-echoed, with endless insistence, from popular journals and Sunday supplements and the street orations of the day.

So it has been with many of the discredited theories of evolution, in so far as they were based upon hypotheses alone. So it has been in particular with the grotesque fable of man's descent from the ape. While leading scientists freely acknowledge that it stands without a vestige of proof, yet the popular repetition still continues in rationalistic publications that have foolishly sought to make of it the basis for the rejection of God.

What was sound and true in science, and based upon incontestable fact, has always stood in striking conformity with the Sacred Scriptures.

Genuine discoveries in nature, history or antiquities have alike attested, in a wonderful way, the truth of the Inspired Text. Constantly it is receiving new confirmations from the laborious researches of the delvers into the past. Like noble art and faithful history, the place of true science must ever be to stand as a handmaid at the feet of God.

Nature and Holy Writ are but two different books coming to us from the hand of the same Divine Author. They cannot therefore contradict each other. The one is written in the heavens and the earth, with the visible things of creation for its words and letters, plainly legible to man; the other was composed with the man-invented signs of human language. At the head of both is written the one great name of Jahveh, the ineffable name of God.

Catholic Organizations

By Edw. F. Garesche, S. J., Editor "The Queen's Work," St. Louis, Mo.

LITERATURE FOR THE CAMPS.

Those of us who have visited the recreation buildings at the training camps must have been impressed by the opportunity offered there for getting our boys interested in Catholic literature and supplying them with good reading. The men drift into these buildings to while away their leisure hours, and anything that is at hand will be caught up and read. Not only will the Knights of Columbus' buildings, when they are erected, welcome contributions of Catholic books and magazines, but the libraries in the Y. M. C. A. buildings we are informed are also open to Catholic magazines, papers, and books.

Here is an excellent way to spend that limited perhaps but heartilygiven contribution which you wish to invest to the best interest of our soldier boys. In this connection it would be an excellent idea to have some of the later bound volumes of our leading Catholic magazines placed in these libraries. The Queen's Work has a number of sets ready for binding, which it will gladly bind and send to the camps providing

party which concluded these six af-fairs, was a fitting finale for the series. At all of these affairs, the decorations and favors were in keepng with the occasion.

The Children Christmas party for the pleasure of the 5,000 parochial school children of Dayton was also an unusual gathering. All the children were admitted without charge at this afternoon affair, and at the conclusion of the entertainment each child was given, upon leaving the hall, a bag of candy. Representative Catholic women of

the city acted as hostesses at the midwinter affairs. A Snow Party, a Bal-leon Party, Lincoln Party and a Valen-tine Party each in turn attracted thousands of Dayton Catholics. Besides the leading Catholic women of the city who headed the list of pa-tronesses for each of these affairs, the personell of the patronesses commit-tee included members of every parish and from all walks of life,—the rich and the poor, the high and the low.
All federation socials are strictly informal and the crowds are cosmopolitan and democratic. The patronesses themselves set the good example of simple and informal dress Leading Catholic young men "declared war on wall flowers" and promoted friendship and acquaintanceship by in-

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The Mothers' Party held Thursday evening, May 10, 1917, was the final gathering of the season. Mrs. Frank A. Hahne was the originator of the idea of the Mother's Party and chair-man of the patronesses at that affair, which attracted the largest crowd that which attracted the largest crowd that ever filled the Memorial Hall at a so-cial gathering. Some three thousand persons were in attendance. Mother persons were in attendance. Mother was the partner in the grand march in which more than one thousand persons were in line. Tottering old mothers, beaming with smiles, supported upon the strong arm of their beloved son as they moved through the figures of the grand march. The young matrons had their sons as partners. In families in which there was no son, a daughtar took mother in the grand march. Those whose mother was not living took some old kind lady in the grand march who had was not living took some old kind lady in the grand march who had "mothered" them on some other occasion. Old ladies who had no som living were; escorted by some kind neighbor. Mrs. Peter Kunts, Sr., herself the mother of nine children, led that grand march with her son as partner. The little orphans of the St. Joseph's Orphans Home played the grand march music.

A white flower was worn by each

grand march music.

A white flower was worn by each person present if mother was dead and colored flowers if she was living. In the grand march handsome Madonna pictures suitably framed were given each mother. Handsome silver loving cups were awarded to the oldest mother present in the grand march, from each of the sixteen parishes of the city. The pastors were present, and made the presentation to the winner from each parish. During the dancing which concluded the entertainment mother songs were played exclusively. Leading Catholic singers of Dayton accompanied the orchastra, and the dancers and entire assemblage joined in the chorus of a number of these mother songs when the hell was darkened and the words.

the hall was darkened and the words of the chorus thrown upon a screen with a stereopticon. There was many a tear-filled eye occasioned by the singing of these mother songs which brought back memories of mothers

absent and present.

George F. Burba, editor of the Daily News, in an editorial on the Mothers' Party, said: "The Federation is to be congratulated along with the congratulations due the mothers.

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In his "The Path of Rome" Mr. Hilaire Belloc, it will be remembered, onfirms the testimony of the "Lisener's" gold-hearted Irishman, for he ives four causes for "The pleasing ensation of order and accomplishent which attaches to a day one has pened by Mass."-America.

THE WINNER: A CATHOLIC.

A Louisville daily offered a prize the person having the best record ad them sit up and take notice came om Lawrence Smith, a Catholic. It and:

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What application has the number 666 to Pope Benedict XV?

None whatever. Such an interpretation of Chapter XIII, Verse 18, of the Apocalypse is entirely unfounded and is nothing more than a display of malignant hatred. It is the effervescense of vacuous minds. Earlier commentators spent considerable time in trying to determine the personality of the beast, and they referred it to Nero Caesar; for by supplying the numerals for the Hebrew characters in his name, the number 666 was obtained. During the period of the so-called Reforor church attendance. Numerous an- mation and for years after, the wers were received, but the one that Apocalypse furnished the basis of much political and religious incrimination. In later years, really reliable commentators have ceased the silly prattle about the Popes, Napoleon, bligation since I was four years old Rome, and subjecting the Book to the Rules of exegesis see a m a member of St. Louis Bertrand reference to conditions existing atholic Church, Sixth street, and at the time of St. John. (This ever miss Mass on Sunday. If I am interpretation, of course, does not include the Resurrection, the millenium, and the plagues preceding the consummation of the world, as referring to principal events in the first century). In a "Dictionary of the Bible" edited by William Schmidt, a Protestant author, page 1038. will be found the following: "Ebrard reckons that not less than eighty systematic commentaries are worthy of note, and states that the less valuable writings on this inexhaustible subject are unnumbered if not innumerable. Fanaticism, theological hatred, and vain curiosity may have largely influenced their composition." Also on

Always direct quest Hull is Anti-Christ, or the Beast of the Apocalypse!"

> Since the war fanatical "prithe number 666 refer to the Kaiser; others even to President

> How did fasting before receiving Holy Communion originate?

In the thirteenth session of the Council of Constance, held in the year 1415, we find the following decree: "The authority of the sacred canons and the approved custom of the Church has prescribed and does prescribe that the Blessed Sacrament should not be received by the faithful, not fasting, except in case of infirmity or of any necessity approved or conceded by law or by the Church." It is well to note that the Council of Constance does not establish the law but cites the universal practice of the Church: if impresses upon the minds of all the faithful the ecclesiastical law and points out the necessity of its observance. Tertullian, a writer of the second and third centuries, refers to the practice of fasting, as a preparation for the worthy reception of Holy Communion, as being universally observed. St. Augustine, the great genius and defender of the Church, in the fourth and fifth centuries, says: "The natural fast is observed throughout the whole world." St. John Chrysostom supposes this observance to be universal. Sozomen, an historical writer of the fifth century, describing the customs of the Egyptian and Oriental churches, shows that the custom of fasting was most universal. Indeed so numerous are the testimonies upon the subject that Pope Benedict XIV declared: "Nor are there wanting those who maintain that this custom had its beginning in Apostolic

What does the law of fasting

Can you pray or offer the Mass for the conversion of a non-Catholic friend?

This would be most pleasing to our Lord, since He desires that there be but "one fold and one Shepherd."

Doubtful-Why not ask permission to send the extra copies to your friends?

Worried-Forget the ailments vate interpreters" have made of the past. They have no bearing upon the present question. If the young man comes to you with such a request, there is no reason why you should not con-

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Besides, if present-day writers are so anxious to see the fulfill ment in the person of the Pope, why not be consistent? Such interpreters have never shown that the title "Vicarius Fili Dei" is really inscribed upon the Pope's tiara. Moreover, the passage states that the number refers to a man, in other words the numerals represented by the letters in his name, which total the sum 666. The words Vicarius Filii Dei are not the name of the Pope, they do not even constitute his official title. The name of our President is Woodrow Wilson. His title is President of the United States. If we take the name Benedict XV and follow out the same numerical ad dition, we find that his number instead of being 666 would be 1123.

This question was submitted to Rev. Ernest R. Hull, and answered in the following manner: "Almost every eminent man in Christendom, who has enjoyed the privilege of possessing enemies, has had his name turned and twisted till they could get the number 666 out of it. In past history there have been numberless beasts or Anti-Christs, all of whose names counted up to 666. I fancy that my own name, especially in Latin form, might give the number of the beast:

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times."

What does the law of fasting require?

The law of fasting, as a worthy preparation for the reception of the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, - prescribes that one abstain from all food and drink from the previous midnight.

Is any one allowed to receive Holy Communion when unable

Those who are in danger of death by sickness are permitted to receive Holy Communion even though they are unable to fast. Likewise those who, being confined to their bed for the period of one month or more. and who are unable to observe the strict fast, are allowed to receive Holy Communion twice during the month provided they partake only of liquids and do not eat solid food. For any other exception to the general law, it would be necessary to seek a dispensation from the Pope. Since this is an ecclesiastical law, the Church, of which the Pope at Rome is the visible head, can make the exception to the law and she possesses the right to establish certain conditions which must be fulfilled.

Why do Catholics fast before Communion?

In order to show honor and respect to the Savior. Whom they are about to receive. It is fitting that no other food be taken before "the bread of angels."

How long should one remain in church after receiving Holy Communion?

In Holy Communion we receive the real, true, substantial, glorified Body of Christ. This age, height, weight, nationality, and being true, one should spend Our Sunday Visitor. those precious moments when Our Redeemer is within him, in true devotion and fervent thanksgiving. We believe that Christ remains as long as the consecrated species Though no strict time definitely established, unless ur-Add these together and the gent necessity demands it, one ATTENTION! Catholic Landscekers result will be 666.

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What application has the number 666 to Pope Benedict XV?

None whatever. Such an interpretation of Chapter XIII, Verse 18 of the Apocalypse is entirely unfounded and is nothing more than a display of malignant hatred. It is the effervescense of vacuous minds. Earlier commentators spent considerable time in trying to determine the personality of the beast, and they referred it to Nero Caesar; for by supplying the numerals for the Hebrew characters in his name, the number 666 was obtained. During the period of the Reformation and for years after, the Apocalypse furnished the basis of much political and religious incrimination. In later years, really reliable commentators have ceased the silly prattle about the Popes, Napoleon, Rome and subjecting the Book to the Rules of exegesis see a reference to conditions existing at the time of St. John. (This interpretation, of course, does not include the Resurrection, the millennium, and the plagues preceding the consummation of the world, as referring to principle events in the first century). In a "Dictionary of the Bible" edited by William Schmidt, a Protestant author, page 1038, will be found the following; "Ebrard reckons that not less than eighty systematic commentaries are worthy of note, and states the less valuable writings on this inexhaustible subject are unnumbered if not innumerable. Fanaticism, theological hatred, and vain curiosity may have largely influenced their composition." Also on page 1039 we find the following: "Against the Historical scheme it is urged, that its advocates differ very widely among themselves; that they assume without any authority that the 1260 days are so many years; that several of its applications—e.g., of the symbol of the ten-horned beast to be the Popes, and the sixth seal to the conversion of Constantine—are inconsistent with the context; that attempts by some of this school to predict future events by the help of Revelation have ended in repeated failures."

Besides, if present-day writers are so anxious to see the fulfillment in the person of the Pope, why not be consistent? Such interpreters have never shown that the title "Vicarius Filii Dei" is really inscribed upon the Pope's tiara. Moreover, the passage states that the number refers to a man, in other words the numerals represented by the letters in his name, which total the sum 666. The words Vicarius Filii Dei are not the name of the Pope, they do not even constitute his official title. The name of our President is Woodrow Wilson. His title is President of the United States. If we take the name Benedict XV and follow out the same numerical addition, we find that his number instead of being 666 would be 1123.

This question was submitted to Rev. Earnest R. Hull and answered in the following manner: "Almost every eminent man in Christendom, who has enjoyed the privilege of possessing enemies, has had his name turned and twisted till they could get the number 666 out of it. In past history there have been numberless beasts or Anti-Christs, all of whose names counted up to 666. I fancy that *my own name*, especially in Latin form, might give the number of the beast:"

Add these together and the result will be 666. *Quod erat demonstrandum*, namely, that Rev. Ernest R. Hull is Anti-Christ, or the Beast of the Apocalypse!"

Since the war fanatical "private interpreters" have made the number 666 refer to the Kaiser; others even to President Wilson.