

## Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan  
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### MAN'S DEPENDENCE

Tomorrow, the feast of Pentecost, is the feast of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles recounts the historical fact very graphically, if simply:

"And when the days of the Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming; and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them parted tongues, as if it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost; and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak."

Perhaps in the contemplation of the work of the Holy Spirit in the souls of the Apostles, we of the Twentieth century might well realize what it is that we need from Him to fulfill our own vocation in this tortured time. The first gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles was truth. Christ Himself had declared that He came to give testimony to the truth; had proclaimed, indeed, that He was the Truth, and, on His leaving them, had promised the Paraclete to preserve and quicken His truth in them.

Nor is the world less in need of truth today — particularly God's Truth — than in those days. Contemporary society has a need and, indeed, a certain right, to the truth which only Christianity can give to it. It needs, and needs desperately, that vision of reality which possesses the peculiar completion and integration which Revelation alone can give.

Too often the world greets the word "Truth" with a certain cynicism, yet the very soul and dignity of man dies for the lack of it. Christians who believe in the

truth, and those whose lives are shaped by it, are vital instruments in the work of ransoming our times. "Come, Holy Spirit, beam forth from Heaven a ray of Thy light." But this possession of truth was not enough by itself for the Apostles, and so the Holy Spirit filled them with love. And the world needs this Divine love of charity no less today. Supernatural union with love and holiness — as at once the foundation and crown of the Christian and of his contribution to his brother.

As Jacques Maritain has said: "The first thing which the world needs is the contemplation and love of the saints, for it causes the gifts of divine life and love to inundate the world." If the truth in possession of the Christian is to bear its full fruit, it must be shared with love and be shared out of a love not awayed by emotion but rooted in the single-minded pursuit of God and His Will. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful. Enkindle in them the fire of Thy love."

But to live according to the truth in love is not always easy — indeed, it rarely is. And so the Holy Spirit filled the Apostles with fortitude, that they might be uncompromising in their proclamation of Divine Truth, generous in their charity. We need this fortitude of God, even as did St. Peter. On the night of Christ's passion he had denied his Master, confirming his denial with an oath. But, on the day of Pentecost, full of the strength of the Holy Spirit, he announced Christ fearlessly to the multitudes, and reproached them for having crucified Jesus.

The Spirit of God is still among us, working in the souls of men. If He appears to work more in secret, His presence is none the less a fact. It remains for us to remove the obstacles to His power in our lives. The world needs this presence, for it needs truth and love and fortitude. As a modern spiritual writer has summarized it, "Because He is the Spirit of truth, this Consoler assuages the needs of our intelligence; because He is the Spirit of love, He satisfies the desires of our heart; because He is the Spirit of strength, He sustains us in our trials, trials and tears."

### LOT 65 C.W.L.

The June meeting of St. Anns, Lot 65, sub-division of the C.W.L., held on June 6 with an attendance of 21 members.

The president opened the meeting by reviewing the reports of the secretary and treasurer. The correspondence consisted of an appeal from North Rustico for funds to aid in the erection of a new school. Ten dollars was voted for this cause. It was also decided to send \$10 to St. Vincent's Orphanage to aid in their annual picnic.

Thank-you letters were read from the Sisters of the Precious Blood for donation received, and another for donation to Catholic Girls Scholarship. Mrs. Thomas Carragher was appointed on the sick committee for this year. A Mass is to be offered for the repose of the soul of the late Bishop Boyle. Members were asked to make candy for the Indian River Play. It was decided to get a man to repair the hall doors. A lawn party was planned for early in July.

## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Frightened out of her wits, Mrs. M. Moezler lay in her bed in her home, in Durban, South Africa, while a burglar began looting the place at night.

"Hello, there, came a harsh voice. 'Morning coffee. Come and get it.' The burglar fled empty handed. The harsh voice was that of Joey. The pet parrot owned by Mrs. Moezler.

At any wedding it's safe to assume. The innocent bystander is always the groom!

There's a post office at 12th and Market streets in Philadelphia that can be reached by water, air or rail.

Since real education should be practical enough to prepare students to make a life as well as a living, it is not surprising that many educators have tried for years to change the patterns of teaching so that pupils will get more than just the general education which has been given perhaps too exclusively in the past. To this end, manual or vocational education, as well as religious and character-building training, are becoming a part of some school systems.

Such courses have played a major role in helping students to find their best suited life work and to prepare them for it by giving them actual experience in the use of their hands. Also religious and character training have brought about fine results wherever such courses have been taught.

For example, back in 1923, a perplexed group of Birmingham, Alabama, citizens got together for the purpose of trying to stem a very strong tide of juvenile delinquency. During the meeting somebody made the suggestion that their public schools should devote some time to character education.

The suggestion was acted upon, and a school program was built around 12 character development factors, namely: thrift, work, health, sportsmanship, service, beauty, courtesy, self-reliance, love of nature, scientific curiosity, co-operation, and the worthy use of leisure. Each of the 12 factors was singled out for special emphasis, both in and out of classrooms, for a period of one year.

Newspaper editors, clergymen, and parent-teacher groups in the city did what they could to keep the venture green.

In connection with the character-building program, the students were requested and encouraged to help their parents and neighbors about their homes. They were asked to work together in keeping the school rooms and grounds in apple order.

Banking and budgeting groups were organized by students as a part of the thrift-teaching project, and as a result during 5 depression years school bank deposits were doubled.

Indeed, the scheme has worked so well that the whole city of Birmingham has now become character-minded. In 15 years Juvenile crime dropped 30%.

If character building courses could be introduced into our educational system it should bring very worthwhile results. A leading scientist now tells us that the world or rather the earth is a vast dynamo, made up of electric currents and magnetic energy. "These currents," says the learned Dr. Bullard, are produced by the motion of the molten earth's core. He regards the core as being radio-active and generating enough heat to produce motion in the form of convection currents. Perhaps Dr. Bullard's theory fits

## W.C.T.U. Notes

### THE CHURCH AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

By W. T. F. Johnston  
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In the past few years, the consumption of liquor has been growing by leaps and bounds and very little is being done to control it; for under our democratic system the majority say they want it — and they get it. If we could edu-

cate our people into seeing the error of their choice, then, under the same form of government we could bring about a change for the better.

Some time ago I heard a speaker emphasizing the importance of a certain international society. In his opinion, it took but second place to the Christian Church in its power for good. This was a fine tribute paid to the Church and establishes the greatness of her responsibility. So, if the Church is to hold her position at the top and assert herself in the affairs that concern her, more time and effort must be given to the fight against alcoholic beverages.

Unfortunately, our ranks have been invaded by two trends of thought — temperate drinking and total abstinence. Some say that there is no harm in taking a social drink, or drinking in moderation; others believe that total abstinence is the only answer. The temperate drinker could list many reasons supporting his actions and prove to his own satisfaction that he is doing no harm to himself or to others. The other fellow never touches it, and we believe is a saucer plane would have to be flown at least at 65,000 feet, which would require that the cabin be pressurized. If this were not done no pilot could live for more than 15 seconds. His body would swell up like a sponge and his blood would soil like a witch's brew.

Very little is yet known about this strange machine. Indeed, it may never come to fruition. If it does everything now flying in the air would become obsolete and Canadian scientific prestige would be sparked to a new high.

There are huge waves under the ocean as well as near its surface. These are called "internal" waves. They occur at the boundary of two water layers of different temperatures and sometimes reach a height of 300 feet.

can tell us what alcohol will do to the body and mind. We hear from time to time its effects on home life, how it kills on the highways, fosters crime, leads to delinquency and imposes a tremendous burden on the economy of the nation.

But in the same breath, so to speak, we are told that the revenue from liquor sales is one of the greatest sources of pro- and a believer in God, and we fit for the running of the country. Does this mean that we stand for total abstinence? Christians who can refuse a cocktail, even if it means being ostracized from the drinking groups. We must not forget that Satan's venue from liquor sales is one of the greatest sources of pro- and a believer in God, and we fit for the running of the country. Does this mean that we stand for total abstinence? Christians who can refuse a cocktail, even if it means being ostracized from the drinking groups.

When studying the subtle methods are to go on wrecking the health of millions, corrupting morals and advertising of alcoholic beverages, perpetuating every form of mis-ages.

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