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THE MARRIED STATE.

Sermon by Rev. J. F. X. Coleman In Frederick.

NO SENSATIONALISM IN IT.

A Plain Exposition of Sanctity of Marriage Relation in Accordance With Catholic Church Teachings.

Notwithstanding the excessive heat of 90°, St. John's Catholic Church was well filled on Sunday night to hear the promised discourse of Rev. J. F. X. Coleman on the momentous and all-absorbing question of matrimony. Last Sunday night he announced that he was surprised at the small number of marriages in his parish and said something was wrong and he was going to endeavor to rectify it, incidentally remarking that he was going to establish a matrimonial bureau. This naturally excited comment and created quite a sensation in the community and had the effect of drawing the largest crowd to church on Sunday that had been there for years. The reverend gentleman was somewhat embarrassed by the notoriety he has achieved from the jocular remarks he has made, but readily disabused the minds of many who thought they would hear any sensational plans evolved. He ignored the practical and every-day features of the question and devoted himself to expounding the question from a religious point of view.

THE SERMON.

Father Coleman said:

"My dear friends, a jocular remark which I made here last Sunday evening apropos of my subject of matrimony has created quite a sensation. I regret this, inasmuch as sensations are unhealthy things and altogether foreign to God's church and priests, too. However, perhaps, though this sensation may prove an exception to the rule, since it may call attention to a deplorable state of affairs which exists not only in Frederick, but in other parts of the country also—I mean the decrease in the number who contract Christian marriage. If this publicity will in any way tend to lessen what I look upon as a growing evil I shall not deplore the notoriety given my remark.

"For a long time I have been much exercised to see so many young people of both sexes living lives so little conducive to the glory of God, good of society and for their own temporal and spiritual welfare. I feel that if they knew and understood their duties and responsibilities to their God and their country there would be more marriages and happy ones. God forbid that I, a priest of God, should advocate hasty and sensational marriages or that I should urge people to enter upon this holy state without due knowledge and preparation. The more we know about a good thing the more we appreciate it.

"I need not say that among my plans on this subject that of establishing a 'matrimonial bureau' is not included. Such an institution is, I think, in any form undesirable, and, conducted by a clergyman, altogether improper and unworthy his sacred calling. The chief plan I have in view is a clear and thorough explanation of the doctrine of the Catholic church upon the sacrament of marriage, its nature, its dignity, its sacredness, its absolute indissolubility and its likeness to the union between Christ and His church; the obstacles to domestic happiness and consolation of married life: the intentions, dispositions, duties and obligations of the contracting parties.

"We are in this world to serve God and to save our souls. The surest guarantee we have for saving our souls is the worthy reception of the sacraments during life. One of these sacraments St. Paul calls a great sacrament in Christ and in the church—the sacrament of matrimony. Indeed, it is a great sacrament, for on it depends the welfare of civil society, and on its worthy reception depends much of the happiness which should follow every christian marriage, and yet this great sacrament is little understood and so open to abuses, irreverence and disrespect. This is one of the deplorable results of the Reformation. It has lowered the dignity and sanctity of this sacrament and has made marriage a simple contract to be entered into and broken again at the mere whim or fancy of the contracting parties.

"The Catholic church has always, and by every means in her power, both civil and religious, upheld the sanctity of marriage. History tells us of the battles she has fought and the losses she has suffered sooner than violate the strict command 'What God has joined let no man put asunder.' Loyal christians of the church, practical christians will love and venerate this great sacrament, but let me warn the disloyal ones. There is among our young people, owing to culpable ignorance, two much levity and too little reverence for this sacrament. They receive it thoughtlessly with wrong intentions and unworthy motives, or they abstain from it through an exaggerated idea of its trials and bad examples of some married people. Ignorance of the dignity and sanctity of this sacrament is the cause of the many great evils of our day. Therefore we have unhappy unions and family scandals, children neglected, seperations, divorces, polygamy and free love.

"How much better would society be today if marriage as the catholic Church teaches it were faithfully observed. If the family is the basis of society it is evident that the sacrament which forms the family is the base of the social edifice. In raising marriage to the dignity of a sacrament our Lord raised society. Unity and indissolubility were the distinctive marks of the primitive family, but, alas, we have changed all that. Take away the sacrament of matrimony and society is degrated. We have only a base contract, buying and selling and countless crimes. And the remedy? Prayer, sacraments and study.

"I hope with the help of God to check or lessen these evils and to increase the number of happy unions, at least in our little parish."

SUBJECT OF GENERAL TALK

Father Coleman's remarks have awakened more interest and created more goodnatured discussion in the quaint old city than perhaps anything that has occurred before. Even the Schley-Sampson controversy sinks into insignificance before it, for this is a question in which the ladies are individually concerned, and talk of it they will, but woe to him who would dare to reproduce any of their chance remarks. The whole community, however, is talking about it, both seriously and humorously. It is the subject at the table, in the sitting rooms, in the stores, in the counting rooms and in the shops among the mechanics. Though the young may talk of it facetiously, the vast majority of the people consider it a serious question, and one of the problems of the twentieth century.

The young girls are glad the matter has been brought up for discussion, but many of the bachelors seem to regret it very much. One young lady said she hoped it would result in some good; if none other, she hoped it would put to shame some of the old bachelors who had been consuming many years of attention from the young girls so they would stop monopolizing their evenings and give other and younger men a chance to spend some evenings in their company.

Rev. Mr. Coleman has received a number of applications from men in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, D. C., and other States, asking him to procure them good wives. Some of them give their age, health and occupation, and not a few say they are widowers with one, two, three or four children. The reverend gentleman was much annoyed and embarrassed at the manner in which his remarks had been distorted and perverted.

King Chicken.

"Corn has been dethroned in Missouri. The chicken is king!" proclaims the Columbia Herald. "During the last 12 months the total shipment of poultry and eggs from Missouri has been $12,571,467,83. This is almost an inrease of $500,000 over the previous year. The State Labor Bureau has made comparisons with these figures as a basis. Aggregating the shipments of wheat, corn, oats, flaxseed, rye, barley, timothyseed, cloverseed, millletseed, canesseed, castor beans, broomcorn, hay, straw and apples, and the Missouri hen beats the aggregation $75,000. Take all the products of forest and diary and the barn yard is still ahead. Combine the values of the products of all the coal mines, the nurseries and the orchards, and the hen is nearly $500,000 ahead. Poultry and eggs equal in shipping value one-fifth the receipts from all the cattle, sheep, horses and mules. The drouth has not affected the hen. The hot weather has made her fruit scarce and hard to keep. But she is still very much alive and in earnest. The harvest of the barn yard will do much to offset the loss of the corn crop. Poultry has been regarded as one of the minor items in the farm products. The drouth may teach its importance and increasing value. If we cannot have roasting ears there is yet fried chicken, and it isn't bad.

Bishops Enjoyed a Joke.

Bishop Watterson, of Nebraska, was once mistaken for a traveling salesman by one who met him in a railway train.

"Do you represent a big house?" asked the traveler of the bishop.

"Biggest on earth," replied the bishop.

"What's the name of the firm?"

"Lord and Church."

"Hum! Lord and Church! Never heard of it. Got branch houses anywhere?"

"Branch houses all over the world."

"That's queer. Never heard of them. Is it boots and shoes?"

"No."

"Oh, dry goods I suppose?"

"Yes, they call my sermons that sometimes."

The Retort Courteous.

His head was thickly covered with a mass of very red hair. Near him sat a man with a shining bald pate. He playfully observed: "I suppose you weren't about when they dealt in hair?"

"Oh, yes, I was," replied the bald-pated gentleman, "only they offered me a lot of red hair, and I told 'em to throw it into the dust bin."

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Proclamation.

WHEREAS, at the January Session in the year nineteen hundred of the General Assembly of Maryland, bills were passed proposing amendments to the Constitution of the State:

First.—By amending section 9 of Article 5, of the Constitution of the State.

Second.—By amending section 4 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State.

Third.—By amending section 2 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State, which said bills and amendments are in words following, to wit:

CHAPTER 185.

AN ACT to amend section nine, of Article 5, of the Constitution of this State, and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of this State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring,) That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 5, of the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, herein and as by law provided, it shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of section nine of said Article.

SECTION 9. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions or salary not exceeding three thousand dollars, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; and if any State's Attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than such as is or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office; provided that the State's Attorney for Baltimore city shall receive an annual salary of forty-five hundred dollars, and shall have power to appoint one deputy, at an annual salary not exceeding three thousand dollars, and such other assistants at such annual salaries not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars each, as the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may authorize and approve; all of said salaries to be paid out of the fees of the said State's Attorney's office, as has heretofore been practiced.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, shall be, at the next general election for members of the General Assembly, to be held in this State, submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the direction contained in Article 14, of the Constitution; and at said election the vote on said proposed amendment shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voter shall elect, and immediately after said election one return shall be made to the Governor of the vote on said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution.

Approved April 5, 1900.

CHAPTER 432.

AN ACT to amend section four, of Article 3, of the Constitution of this State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (three-fifths of all the members of the two Houses concurring,) That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof as herein provided, said section shall supersede and stand in the place and instead of section four of Article 3, of said Constitution.

SECTION 4. As soon as may be after the taking and publishing of the National Census of 1900, or after the enumeration of the population of this State, under the authority thereof, there shall be an apportionment of representation in the House of Delegates, to be made on the following basis, to wit: Each of the several counties of the State, having a population of eighteen thousand souls or less, shall be entitled to two delegates; and every county having a population of over eighteen thousand and less than twenty-eight thousand souls, shall be entitled to three delegates; and every county having a population of twenty-eight thousand and less than forty thousand souls, shall be entitled to four delegates; and every county having a population of forty thousand and less than fifty-five thousand souls, shall be entitled to five delegates; and every county having a population of fifty-five thousand souls and upwards, shall be entitled to six delegates and no more; and each of the four legislative districts of the City of Baltimore shall be entitled to the number of delegates to which the largest county shall or may be entitled under the aforegoing apportionment, and the General Assembly shall have the power to provide by law, from time to time, for altering and changing the boundaries of the existing legislative districts of the City of Baltimore, so as to make them as near as may be of equal population; but said district shall always consist of contiguous territory.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, shall, at the next election for members of the General Assembly of this State, to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and one, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof, for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14, of the Constitution of this State; and at the said election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment," or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voter shall elect, and immediately after the said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Article 14, of the Constitution.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 469.

AN ACT to amend section two of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, (three-fifths of all the members of the two Houses concurring,) That the following section be and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of this State, and if adopted by the legal and qualified voters thereof, as herein provided, said section shall supersede and stand in the place and stead of section two of Article 3 of said Constitution.

2. The City of Baltimore shall be divided into four legislative districts as near as may be of equal population and of contiguous territory, and each of said legislative districts of Baltimore City, as they may from time to time be laid out, in accordance with the provisions hereof, and each county in the State, shall be entitled to one Senator, who shall be elected by the qualified voters of the said legislative districts of Baltimore City, and of the counties of the State, respectively, and shall serve for four years from the date of his election, subject to the classification of Senators hereafter provided for.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the said foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution shall at the next election for members of the General Assembly of this State, to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, nineteen hundred and one, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection, in pursuance of the directions contained in Article 14 of the Constitution of this State; and at the said election the vote on said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be written or printed the words, "For the Constitutional Amendment," or "Against the Constitutional Amendment," as the voter shall elect, and immediately after said election due returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by the said Fourteenth Article of the Constitution.

Approved April 7, 1900.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN WALTER SMITH, Governor of the State of Maryland, in pursuance of the provisions of section one of Article fourteen of the Constitution of the State, do hereby order and direct that a copy of said bills proposing said Constitutional Amendments be published in at least two newspapers in each county where so many may be published, and where not more than one may be published, then in that newspaper, and in three newspapers in the City of Baltimore, one of which shall be in the German language, once a week for at least three months preceding the next ensuing general election (which said general election will be held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, nineteen hundred and one), at which the said proposed amendments shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection, so that each amendment shall be voted on separately.

THE GREAT SEAL OF MARYLAND.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland. Done at the City of Annapolis on the 12th day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and one.

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