
Father O'Donnell Needs Many More Prayers.

An unfavorable turn in Father O'Donnell's condition yesterday has caused considerable anxiety. The infection has spread to the bronchial tubes, and there is some danger that the lungs may become involved. He is receiving excellent medical care, but there is great need for prayers and Holy Communions.

Bravo!

The following item from The Ave Maria should be placed in the hands of every public librarian in the United States:

"A number of public libraries in England have refused to place Mr. Bernard Shaw's latest book on their shelves for the reason that it might taint the minds of their readers whose welfare they have truly at heart. Mr. Cowles, public librarian of Pendlebury, Manchester, discusses the matter in his monthly Bulletin in the following words:

"Those public libraries that have refused to place this volume on their shelves are acting properly and fairly. The majority of our readers profess a belief in God, and it is not the function of a public institution to spend public money on circulating literature that will outrage the feelings of the average borrower. The public library has to consider the feelings of the general public, and we know that this book would do more harm than good, for it is a direct attack upon an institution which has civilized the world, fostered the arts, and still remains a potent force in the affairs of today. No question of individual religious belief enters in, for Mr. Shaw's attack is upon the whole fabric of the Christian Faith and practice."

The moral stricture placed by Mr. Cowles on the activities of public librarians applies with equal force to the directors of tax-supported schools. When the president of a state university keeps on his staff professors who of set purpose destroy the faith of their students, he is violating the confidence of tax-payers who, although they may have ceased to go to church, are, and want to be, fundamentally Christian.

The Modern Girl (A.D. 250).

St. Cyprian of Carthage, Bishop and Martyr, wrote some trenchant religious bulletins, according to a Bulletin fan who lives in the deserts of Arizona. From his solitude he sends us a few extracts:

".... and on this point (dress and ornaments) in the fear which faith suggests to me and the love which brotherhood demands, not virgins and widows only, but all females ought to be cautioned that what God has formed... ought in no wise to be tampered with, whether with yellow dye or black powder or rouge or any other preparation at all, which undoes the lineaments of nature..."

"If an artist were to paint in admirable coloring the countenance... of anyone, and having at length done so, and given the portrait its last strokes... and then another put forth his hand and, as if with better experience, added fresh finish to that which was finished and painted already, the former artist would suffer heavy injustice and show great displeasure. Think you that your adventurous boldness will carry no penalty where the injustice is against God as an Artificer?"

Addressing himself to those who pencil their eyebrows, he says: "Are you not afraid that after death God will say: 'This is not my handiwork; I do not know you'?"

PRAYERS: Deceased - an aunt of Phidell and Stewart Osborn; three friends (one a victim of the AKRON disaster). Ill - Frank Kopczak's sister; an aunt of Walter Kennedy (accident victim). Three special intentions; a thanksgiving.