

divorce in our divorce courts? The mandate of God is: "What God has joined let no man put asunder." The Catholic Church stands unalterably for the sacred institution of the home, for the support of the authority of the home.

If any of you are fathers of families, recognise that you are agents in God's hands in this divine institution, and that you have by that very fact a great responsibility. The authority you exercise is through God: you must not abuse that authority; you must exercise it in the interests of your children.* Many do misuse that authority. They do not make their children love them. They are not companionable with their children in their young years, and later when they have grown into years and old age, their children never approach them in a filial way. Unfortunately, so many fathers are kind, true providers in the house, but not lovable to wife and children. I do not mean by this that you must be weak in the exercise of your authority, but you must make wife and children love you, and you must make your sons and daughters respect the divine authority which you exercise.

I need not say much about your respect for the authority of the State. We believe and teach that the State is a divine institution and that its authority is given from above. The State, in its own order, is a perfect society, a perfect institution, and the authority it has in its own domain is from above. We Catholics respect that authority, and you Anzac heroes have stood as one man to prove your devotion and your love for your country and your country's authority.

Lastly, you recognise that there is a divine institution, the Catholic Church, which has received the divine commission to lead your souls to God. For that purpose she was founded. Christ said to His Church: "All power is given to Me in heaven and on earth, as the Father sent Me I also send you." That is the commission of Christ "teaching"—mark these words, "teaching all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Not "teaching whatever you please." Teaching "what I have commanded." That is the commission of the Church. The exercise of the authority of the Church is the carrying out of that commission, to lead men's souls to God by the teaching of the doctrines of Christ, and by requiring men to practise their religion in conformity with these teachings. Love the Church and, recognising her divine commission, as you do, make others as far as you can realise it. You all, as I have said, have missionary powers. Oh, what a consolation we Catholics have when we realise what the authority of the Church means. That authority is obliged and circumscribed to teach only "what Christ has commanded," according to His own words. My dear men, come to love that authority more and more every day of your lives, and pray for the Church, pray that her authority may be further realised, so that there may be but one fold and one shepherd.

And now, in conclusion, I return to the second object of our meeting here to-day—namely, to pray for the souls of those soldiers in the war who have gone to meet their God and to receive, we hope, the happy sentence of eternal reward, though, to fully satisfy the justice of God, they have yet to pay the debt of temporal punishment in Purgatory, ere they are pure enough to see God in his unveiled splendor, and live in His blissful sight for ever. Assist, therefore, with great attention and deep devotion at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass here offered to-day for the living and the dead, and especially for the souls of the members of the Anzac corps, endeared to all of us by so many sacred ties of country, race, and kindred. Let us so shorten their exile from God and bring them more quickly to rest in His bosom for all eternity. Amen.

Christ is not valued at all unless He be valued above all.—St. Augustine.

BOOK NOTICES

The Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described. By Adrian Fortescue. Burns and Oates publishers. From the Catholic Supply Co., Wellington, 18/6 net.

There is hardly a more engrossing subject in Catholic literature than the study of the beautiful ceremonies of the Church. Many converts have found their true peace of mind through being first attracted by the ritual of the Catholic Church. In all ages devout writers have emphasised the importance of the study and inculcated the necessity of having the ceremonies conducted in a manner in keeping with the sublime mysteries of which they are the outward expression and ornament. Many lay writers have treated explicitly or incidentally of the Roman ceremonies and done not a little to make their solemn beauty known outside the Church. As a rule, however, the best books on the subject are written in Latin or in Italian, and are not available for the general reader. Not only to the laity but also to many of the clergy a work in English on the Roman Rite is a real boon. The clergy by virtue of their sacred office are bound to have at hand a reliable and clear work of reference on all questions connected with the Rite of the Church. Most of us have had in our libraries older works which we have felt could be much improved. The original Latin or Italian is not as clear to us all as English, and the translations are not always up to the mark. Therefore a new work by a well-known writer of undoubted scholarship is certainly all the more welcome when it comes in the vernacular. Father Fortescue's name is a guarantee that the book will fill a want in many a presbytery, and Cardinal Bourne's letter of introduction assures us that we have now a Manual of Ceremonies of undoubted accurateness and clearness which will fully satisfy the requirements of clergy and laity: "For a long time past the clergy in England have been without a Manual of Ceremonies in their own tongue possessing any claim to accuracy and completeness. . . . This pressing want has now been fully supplied by the learned compiler of *Ceremonies of the Roman Rite Described*, and by the publishers who present his work in such a satisfactory form. . . . With great confidence we recommend it to the study and use of all." After the Cardinal's words it is hardly necessary for us to add our recommendation. The book should be welcome to the educated Catholic laity. That every priest will get a copy of it we take for granted.

The One Big Union: Will It Emancipate the Worker? By P. S. Cleary, president of the Catholic Federation. Angus and Robertson, Sydney (1/-).

Mr. Cleary has given us a thoughtful and helpful study of the most actual aspects of the Labor question. His brochure is a useful contribution to social study and deserves to be widely circulated. When, after pointing out the fallacies of Syndicalism he urges that the real remedy lies in proper education he hits the mark. We are moving in a maze as long as we have a purely materialistic system of education to teach the people that money-making is the end of life, and it is true to say that the Governments in their short-sightedness are constantly laying the foundations of social unrest through the State schools which have boycotted God.

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