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TO OUR READERS.

With the issue of March 29th the JOURNAL completed the first six months of its existence. The support it has received thus far is most gratifying.

Our prosperity has been such that we have been forced to considerably enlarge our quarters. We shall be pleased to have all our friends call and inspect our office and assure them a cordial reception.

A QUIET SUNDAY.

Last Sunday the greater part of the saloons in the city were closed, pursuant to Mayor Carroll's proclamation. The change from open saloons was a welcome relief.

Some people are whining that if saloons are closed in Rochester on Sundays, those who must drink will be driven to Charlotte and that that resort will be ruined thereby.

NO ONE'S ORGAN.

Last week the Jewish Tidings styled the Journal, "Bishop McQuaid's organ." The Tidings has had no warrant in the past for making any such assertion and after this week will have still less cause.

The Tidings again refused to acknowledge its error about Cardinal Rampolla and repeated its charges. Thus the Tidings shows itself to be utterly without principle and devoid of shame.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE.

Telegraphic dispatches received from Rome state that on Easter the church of Maria del Pace caught fire and that several valuable paintings were burned.

Probably the next step of the Freemason Premier of Italy will be to claim that the paintings in the Italian churches really belong to the nation and should be removed to a national gallery for preservation.

So these paintings are "national treasures," eh? We must confess to an inability to see how the government can claim a right to them.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

In another column will be found what is proposed in aid of St. Mary's hospital. That institution needs no word of praise from us.

In our Catholic society column will be found a synopsis of a projected American Federation of Catholic Societies. Such an organization would seem to be eminently proper and desirable.

The Rochester Herald should brush up its logic. It says "the church should not intervene in affairs of state," and also "the matter of where a child is to be educated is a parental right and no outsider has any business to meddle."

ston, because he enjoins his clergy to withhold the sacraments from members of their flock who do not send their children to parochial schools.

A study of the figures presented in the 1890 edition of Geo. P. Rowell & Co.'s "American Newspaper Directory" reveals some interesting facts pertaining to the business of newspaper publishing.

Dividing the papers into classes according to their frequency of issue the following result is obtained: Weekly, 13,164; monthly, 2,191; daily, 1,626; semi-monthly, 280; semi-weekly, 217; quarterly, 126; bi-weekly, 82; bi-monthly, 38; tri-weekly, 36. Total, 17,760.

Rochester is to be congratulated upon the good sense of its citizens. But about 224 persons listened to the filthy talk of "Edith" O'Gorman at her three lectures last week.

On the first page of this week's JOURNAL will be found a defense of our designation of Sarah Bernhardt a few weeks since.

Our Presbyterian friends are discussing the proposed revision of the Westminster discussion this week.

Why don't some one introduce a bill in the Legislature abolishing the Common Council and delegating its powers to the Chamber of Commerce?

The Excise Board has acted wisely in deciding to grant no more licenses in "Murderers' Row."

Such disgraceful rows as that in which William F. Reinhardt indirectly met his death Sunday morning last, furnish ample reason why saloons should be closed from midnight Saturday to midnight Sunday.

In the death of Samuel J. Randall the county loses that "ava avis," an honest politician.

Weekly Church Calendar.

SUNDAY, April 20 - Second Sunday after Easter. Gospel, St. John 1, 11-16. St. James, Confessor. MONDAY, 21 - St. Anselm, Archbishop.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL.

Last Sunday afternoon there was a largely attended meeting of ladies and gentlemen at St. Mary's hospital to devise means for raising \$20,000 to pay off the floating debt and make much-needed improvements at the institution.

It was decided to circulate subscriptions among citizens of all classes and creeds, as the institution has always been open to everyone afflicted, be he black or white, rich or poor, Jew, Gentile or infidel.

The following general committee was appointed to take charge of the work:

W. C. Barry, chairman; Rev. J. P. Kiernan, Rev. Dr. Sinclair, Rev. J. P. Stewart, Rev. J. F. O'Hare, Rev. J. O'Connor, Rev. T. C. Murphy, Rev. J. J. Leary, Rev. Joseph Wirth, Rev. F. Pascalar, Rev. D. Laurensis, Rev. F. Oberholzer, Rev. M. J. Hargarther, Rev. H. Renker, Rev. A. Notebaert, A. B. Hone, P. Cox, J. C. O'Brien, William Purcell, B. F. Martin, T. J. Devine, D. B. Murphy, Dr. Casey, Dr. Carroll, Charles E. Cunningham, P. C. Beattie, Dr. Curran, Patrick Cooper, Thomas McCormick, George Smith, J. H. Foley, J. C. King, A. L. McKittrick, J. T. Cunningham, R. K. Dryer, J. R. Brady, Charles Crowley, Frank J. Hone, Frank Carberry, V. Fleckenstein, Rudolph Vay, Mayor Carroll, James Fee, John Connell, Michael Stupp, C. J. Burke, John Rauber, August Pappert, Philip Weider, Julius Armbruster, Louis Ernst, Frederick Minges, B. Ritzen-thaler.

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The committee held a meeting Wednesday evening at Cathedral hall and decided to issue an appeal to the general public. Any member of the committee will receive subscriptions.

CLOSE SALOONS SUNDAY.

Bishop McQuaid Favors Enforcement of the Law.

Last Sunday morning every seat in the spacious Cathedral was taken and several young men were forced to stand up. Just as Bishop McQuaid finished reading the Epistle he noticed some of these young men leaving the church, evidently being tired of standing.

"It was only a side reference," said the Bishop, "and really meant nothing. I did not speak upon the question of Sunday closing at all, because I do not propose to take a hand in the question. I don't consider it a matter belonging to the church, but to the people of Rochester. If they desire the saloons closed, they have the power to close them, outside of politics and outside of the church."

However, the law is there now and it is right and ought to be enforced. Some of my priests have

consulted me as to what course they should pursue, and I have refrained from advising them in the matter. Some of the German priests have told me that they intended to assist in carrying out the law. I shall not interfere with those who do, nor with those who do not.

"Personally, I have always held that the saloons should be closed from 12 o'clock Saturday night until 12 o'clock Sunday night. It is the saloons that are ruining our boys. We bring our boys up to fourteen years of age, temperate, bright and moral. At that age they learn the way of the saloon. We lose track of them, until by-and-by, we are called upon to lower them into drunkards' graves. This matter has come to be a grievous one and a serious one with the church and lately we have been trying to combat it by a system of pledges. When a boy comes to his first communion we endeavor to have him take a pledge that he will abstain from drinking all kinds of spirituous liquors until he is 21 years old.

A BIG RUSH.

Shoppers Are Thronging Burke, Fitz Simons, Hone & Co.'s Store.

A representative of the Catholic Journal visited the mammoth dry goods establishment of Burke, Fitz Simons, Hone & Co. yesterday. It was crowded with purchasers. Preparations are going forward for the erection of a new building in the site of the present one, but the business will go on just the same.

Such a crowd of buyers the reporter never saw before! Every department was thronged and the clerks had great difficulty in waiting on all the customers. The greatest ever offered to the purchasing public are now presented. In order to make the work improvement less irksome the stock in every department is being reduced as rapidly as possible to this end everything has been marked down to unreasonably low prices and the ladies seem to appreciate this fact, for they are crowding the store in large numbers.

Every department is besieged with buyers. The great harvest of carpet gathered by no ordinary operation from all over the world is arranged for your easy seeing on the largest well adapted and well lighted basement floors. Everybody who buys carpets will want to see. And what we say it? We think there are no prettier patterns in any store in any city—big or little. The firm has had its choice—and no school of taste has been overlooked.

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