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EDITORS AND SCHOOLS.

The *Catholic Review's* leader for May 4th was on "Importance of unity Among Catholic Editors." Father Smith deprecates controversy between members of that profession but says there are some subjects upon which difference of opinion may exist without disedification and without scandal, provided the discussion be conducted with candor and in a spirit of Christian courtesy. Among these is the school question, and the *Review* suggested that the convention of Catholic editors take up it and lay down a line upon which future discussions would be handled. Father Smith asks whether we shall advise an acceptance of the Poughkeepsie plan or keep up the fight for all our rights, and whether the present advanced and complicated curriculum of the public schools shall be maintained; whether the children of the rich and those who are able to educate their own children shall continue to be educated at the public expense; especially, whether free colleges shall be maintained principally for the benefit of the rich.

The convention of editors adjourned without taking any decided stand on the school question, preferring to wait until next year when a larger representation is expected. However, informal conversation developed the fact that all present were a unit in the belief that state schools, as at present conducted, are not fit places in which to educate Catholic children. The western editors are having a hard time in two or three states with compulsory education laws, conferring upon local school boards power that would enable them to compel attendance of Catholic children at state schools; these measures the western men are fighting tooth and nail and are starting out boldly against state interference with parental rights.

It would seem as though our non-Catholic friends, being the aggressors, should make the overtures. They are using us unjustly and from them should come all offers of a compromise. Until that time, in our opinion, we should continue our protests against the un-American treatment we are now receiving. When our non-Catholic friends tender us offers of compromise, we can then consider the propriety of accepting. If they propose what is known as the "Poughkeepsie plan" and we see we can obtain no more, it will be time enough to accept. Until that is done, the *JOURNAL* will continue its line of protest against the present state school system, as it is now conducted, and the injustice done Catholics in taking their money to aid in maintaining state schools to which, as a matter of conscience, they cannot send their children, thus compelling them to build, equip and run schools at their own expense.

INFORMATION

Two missions are now in progress in this city. Because the first week's service in each case has been announced as "exclusively for women," and the second for men, some of our curious non-Catholic friends have seen a chance for another fling at Rome. In conversation with one, we were asked amusingly "What a priest could have to say to women that he would not say to men, and vice versa."

For the information of such as he, we beg leave to answer "Nothing." People who ever attend a Catholic church or live in its immediate vicinity in this city know that there are generally three masses Sunday morning, at each of which the churches are comfortably filled. Therefore, at a mission, which all the members of a parish are expected to make, it would be impossible to accommodate all at one time. Accordingly, the best plan has been found to divide the sexes, giving a week to each. If any one thinks such division unnecessary, he should have attended either of the two churches where mission services are being conducted and he would have seen each evening this week the church filled to overflowing with women only, as he will next week with men.

The *Holy Family*, of New Orleans, is waging a fierce war against the Louisiana Lottery. And well it may. Most of the Rochester dailies have condemned this leech upon the fair State of Louisiana. We are surprised that the entire press of the country has not taken it up and administered a dose of the lash. There is scarcely a city in the country where Louisiana Lottery tickets are not bought, and the money expended each year on lottery tickets in this city would keep at least one family very comfortably. This waste would not be so inexcusable were there some tangible return. But the poor silly victim, for his common sense must have deserted him, has nothing to show for his money. But, you say, "He may draw a prize." Tell that to the Marines. He may, but the chances are 99 to 1 that he will not. According to statistics which we will publish next week, the Louisiana Lottery returns to the people, out of their own money, a trifle over 53 per cent, and puts in its own pocket a trifle under 47 per cent gross. Estimate your own chances of winning anything. The Louisiana Legislature should not renew the Lottery company's charter.

Robert Louis Stevenson, the well-known author, has administered a merited rebuke to a Presbyterian minister named Hyde, who sent forth a slanderous statement concerning the brave Father Damien, who gave up his life while ministering to the untreatable Molokai lepers. The author of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," asks Mr. Hyde if he ever had a father and, if he had, whether he would spread abroad defamatory stories concerning him, and concludes as follows: "The man who did what Damien did is my father, and the father of all who love goodness, and he is your father, too; if God had given you grace to see it." Father Damien's character has long since been fully vindicated, but it has remained for a Presbyterian to add the keystone to the arch, for Mr. Stevenson is writing from Honolulu and from personal investigation.

According to the *Louisville Commercial*, Mary Anderson will be married early this fall. If this be true, "Our Mary" will have the best wishes of all in her wedded life; and these wishes will not come from the theater-loving public alone, but from every admirer of true American womanhood. Miss Anderson is a very devout Catholic and has succeeded in preserving her fair name unblemished in her career as an actress, a feat exceedingly difficult in these days, when hardly any actress, whether justly or otherwise, is free from the odor of a tarnished name. And all will unite in a hope that, no longer the queen of the stage, Miss Anderson may be a happy woman, the queen of a happy home.

There is a man named Merz in New York city who will hereafter have a higher opinion of the moral suasion exerted by the confessional. Six weeks since, Merz's gold watch valued at \$140, was stolen from him. Saturday last it was returned to him by a Catholic priest. The thief had been to confession and could not receive absolution until he restored the stolen property to its rightful owner. Wish-

ing to spare his penitent shame, the priest undertook the delicate task of restitution. If our non-Catholic friends would only look at things in their proper light, they would realize the confessional is a great moral benefit aside from all religious phases of the question.

Last week's *Catholic News* had a cablegram from Rome announcing that Bishop Burke, of Cheyenne, would be appointed co-adjutor to Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis. We opined at the time that there was precious little truth in the report, and our surmise is confirmed by the *St. Louis Church Progress*, which states it is authentically informed that Archbishop Kenrick does not desire a co-adjutor, nor has he asked for one. Our contemporary says it understands Bishop Burke will be made co-adjutor to Bishop O'Connor of Omaha.

From *Church Progress* we learn that Rev. P. J. Boyle, pastor of St. Peter's church, Omaha, Neb., is dead. This announcement interests Rochester Catholics, inasmuch as the dead priest was the pastor of the church at which Rev. W. St. Lawrence, the Oblate Father of whom so many cherish pleasant memories, and who was so well liked by those who were fortunate enough to make his acquaintance, is assistant. They will all sympathize deeply with him in the loss he sustains in the death of his colleague.

John Walsh, who died April 8th at Washington, D. C., worth over \$500,000, left nearly \$200,000 thereof to religious and charitable organizations. Truly a good example for other rich Catholics to ponder over and imitate.

We are pleased to add to our exchange list the *Catholic Standard*, the *Church News*, *Church Progress*, the *Catholic Tribune*, the *Poor Soul's Advocate*, the *Western Catholic News*, the *Pittsburg Catholic* and the *Freeman*.

The *Democrat and Chronicle* will issue no Sunday edition after July 6th. We congratulate our contemporary on falling into line with the other Sunday observers.

Donahoe's Monthly Magazine for June contains a second article on "Irish History and Literature in our Catholic School-books." A lengthy poem on "Our Lady of Guadalupe;" "Domineering over Parents, a Gentle Expostulation;" the concluding article on "Slavery and Christianity;" "Glimpses of Irish Industries;" "The Bible in the Public Schools," an argument before the Supreme Court of Wisconsin; "Ireland Sober, Ireland Free," setting forth the great temperance movement now going on in Ireland. The above are but a few of the leading articles in the June issue. There is also a good dish for the juveniles. Together with the usual monthly notes. \$2.00 a year, \$1.00 for six months. Address Donahoe's Magazine, Boston, Mass.

Dansville.

Messrs. Doty and Pierce, of Hornellsville, were in town on Sunday. Willie McGrath, of Rochester, was in town last week.

Mrs. Kate McCormick and Miss Helen McDonald are visiting in Rochester.

Little Charley Hunter, our one colored boy, is very ill of pneumonia.

Miss Kittie Powers has gone to Buffalo to learn telegraphy.

The Young People's society, of St. Patrick's, has adjourned until autumn.

On Sunday morning the home of Mrs. Steinhart, on Liberty street, was totally destroyed by fire. The property was fully insured.

John Harrison, a young man twenty-eight years of age, died on Friday.

The excitement over our one case of small pox has somewhat subsided, the only victim being Frank Stryker, who died on Thursday. It is reported that Miss Stryker is down with the disease, but it is hoped that such is not the case.

Weekly Church Calendar.

SUN. 25—Pentecost. Gospel, St. John xiv, 23-31. St. Mary of Pazzi, Virgin.
MON. 26—St. Philip Neri, Confessor.
TUES. 27—St. Bede, Father and Con.
WED. 28—St. Germain, Bp. and Con.
THUR. 29—St. Cyril, Martyr.
FRI. 30—St. Felix, Pope and Martyr.
SAT. 31—St. Angela Merici.
*Fast day.

Several new Catholic bishoprics are to be erected in British India.

Bellville, Ill., is to have a Catholic high school.

Mt. Morris.

The members of J. E. Lee post G.A.R., will listen to a memorial sermon by the Rev. Father Flaherty at St. Patrick's church next Sunday morning.

Patrick Kane has served papers on the Royal salt company for \$5,000 damages for injuries received by falling into a vat of boiling brine three or four months ago.

Waterloo.

The mission given by the Augustinian Fathers, of Philadelphia, which has been in progress at St. Mary's Church, Waterloo, for the past two weeks, closed Sunday evening with most solemn ceremonies. An immense throng crowded every nook and corner of the church to receive the Papal benediction and the plenary indulgence. This was the first mission that had been held at St. Mary's in over thirty years and the universal attendance was quite remarkable. Many who had neglected their religious duties for ten, twenty and even forty years, availed themselves of the opportunity of attending the services. About 700 made the mission.

The marriage of Miss Jamie Donahue and Fred Marshall, was solemnized at St. Mary's Church, Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, by the Rev. J. J. Hickey.

Brockport.

The festival at Ward's opera house netted the Catholic church choir \$105. This sum will be applied upon the purchase of an organ.

Patrick O'Brien, who left Brockport early in the spring for Red Cliffe, Col., met with an accident at that place on the 6th inst. which caused his death. He was employed on a new railroad and while engaged in removing a large rock it fell upon him. Mr. O'Brien was possessed of considerable property and resided for many years on the Patterson farm in Clarkson. His remains were brought to Brockport for interment.

Francis Hogan, of Greece, died Saturday in Pittsburg, Pa. The funeral was held Wednesday at Charlotte.

Mrs. Lizzie Bridenbecker, aged 28 years, died Tuesday morning at her home in Seneca Falls. She was the wife of A. M. Bridenbecker, and left two small children. The funeral took place Thursday morning from St. Patrick's church.

Sound Words from a Protestant.

Thursday saw a number of representative colored men assemble in the Common Council chamber for the purpose of forming a state organization of Afro-American leagues. T. Thomas Fortune, of New York, editor of the great colored paper, *Negro Age*, and secretary of the National Afro-American league, was chosen temporary chairman. In the course of his speech, Mr. Fortune gave some instances of colored men getting political positions, and said in every case the appointments were secured by the appointees having white friends of influence and not through the influence of the colored people. In the case of Thompson, appointed minister to Liberia by President Cleveland, he said, Mr. Thompson secured an endorsement of some Catholic friends. "I admire the Catholics for being fraternal," he said. "If one of them falls against a brother in Mexico, he finds a friend. It is not so with the Baptists, Methodists or Presbyterians. If you are not just so with them you can 'shinny' on your own side." (Laughter). He advised more independence of party by the colored men, if they wished to get a fair share of the offices. In closing, the chairman urged harmony in the proceedings.

Some novelties are shown by Smith & Petrie of 24 Franklin street, in wall decorations, window shades, etc. Superior work and moderate prices. Sole agents for Metallic Relief ceiling and wall decorations. Get estimates.

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We propose to make this the most attractive offering of Fine Dress Goods ever known in this section of the state and establish a precedent in the aggregate amount of the week's sale, which will not be equalled in years, and we rely on low prices to do it.

It is no longer a wonder that we are so busy. The public realize what we are doing. Others wait until the season is over before they make a cut, even if they do it then. We have been doing it since the inauguration of our GREAT CLEARING OUT SALE, seven weeks ago, and now offer still further reduction of prices, to close out the remainder of our Fine Dress Goods quickly.

We want to sell now, and so offer this additional inducement. Our necessity is your opportunity. These are the solid facts. We have in stock just the exact goods described and will sell them just as advertised. We invite you to an examination of our goods and prices, whether you wish to buy or not, and suggest an early morning call to avoid the crowd.

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A Word to the Ladies.

Bring in your seal skin sacques and furs and have them stored and insured against fire, moths and burglars at a very moderate rate. We are now prepared to re-dye, re-fit and repair seal sacques and furs at a very reasonable price. Also, orders taken for new garments at a less price than you can buy them for later in the season.

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"What a handsome photograph! Where was it taken?" These were the exclamations of a gentleman looking over his friend's album. The picture was one made by J. Ernest Mock, whose studio is located over 40 State street.

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