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SHOULD INFORM THEMSELVES.

Not infrequently it happens that a Protestant, in company with Catholics, where religion is discussed. Sooner or later, the talk turns towards the Catholic Church. Usually, the Protestant know little or nothing about the topic. And, we are sorry to say, the Catholic person of the present day, is often unable to dispel their ignorance. This is the case, too, with Catholics who are perfectly loyal to their church and accept relatively and absolutely all her doctrines. But they have not informed themselves, either from lack of opportunity or carelessness. For instance, are there not many young Catholics ignorant of the fact that the history of the Church in America is the history of America? Are they not aware that Catholicity was planted in the American continent in Greenland by the first Catholic missionaries, and that in 1492, the first Catholic was created by Pope Pius II and Eric appointed first bishop? (John Gilmary Shea's history of the Catholic Church in the United States, Vol. I, page 11) Will they, or should they, know that Columbus, who is popularly ascribed the honor of discovering America in 1492, was a Catholic and dispatched under protection of Catholic monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. When, in 1497, a ship from Bristol, under Cabot, bore the first flag of English speaking Catholics to the northern shores of our continent, was a Catholic priest with him. What is now the State of Florida, was discovered and given its present name by John Ponce de Leon, a Catholic and native of Spain. The colony of Maryland was founded by a Catholic driven from England by the intolerance of Henry VIII, who determined that none should worship in Great Britain save in the manner and after the fashion of those "heretics" who loudly proclaimed the establishment of free speech. And in 149, the Assembly of Maryland, with an overwhelming majority of Catholics, passed an act securing to every citizen, professing to believe in Jesus Christ, immunity from religious persecutions. (Vide, Shea; and Bancroft the Protestant historian). The first to penetrate the wilds of America was Father Padilla, who was killed near the banks of the Missouri and was the first martyr the Church can claim on the continent. The first mass said in New England was on the island of St. Croix, now called De Monte or Neutral Island. From these historical data, the young Catholics should be able to support their position in regard to the invocation of the Saints, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, the doctrine of indulgences, who will be married and who lost, miracles, marriage and divorce, the Confession, Communion in one kind, the Real Presence, the School Question, and during the coming year are

will endeavor to present to our readers, articles bearing on the subjects.

TRIBUTE TO IRELAND

In the course of a recent address, that eminent English nobleman, the Marquis of Ripon, paid the following just tribute to the Irish race: "Some might forget, and he was afraid that there were many who did forget what English Catholics owed to Ireland. How was it that he could hold office in the government of the empire? To whom was it that he owed those advantages which were denied to Catholics a few generations back? It was to that great Irishman Daniel O'Connell, and it seemed to him that it would indeed be ungrateful if he did not, under these circumstances, fully devote his time and any abilities he possessed for the advancement of the Irish people."

BE YE ALWAYS READY.

How often dost thou hear these reports. Such a man is slain, another is drowned, a third had his neck broken by a fall from some high place; this man died eating and that man playing. One perished by fire, another by the sword, another by the plague, another was slain by the sword. Thus death is at the end of all, and man's life suddenly passes away like a shadow. Be thou, therefore, in readiness, and so lead thy life that death may never take thee unprepared.

WHY WE PRAY TO MARY.

Remember, says St. Anselm, that we sometimes obtain help by invoking the name of the Virgin Mother, sooner than if we invoked the name of the Lord Jesus, her only Son, and this is not because she is greater and more powerful than He is, nor because He is great and powerful through her, but she is so through Him. How is it then, that we obtain assistance sooner by invoking her than by invoking her Son? I say that I think this is so, and my reason is that her Son is the Lord and Judge of all, and is able to discern the merits of each. Consequently, when His name is invoked by one, He may justly turn a deaf ear to the entreaty, but if the name of His Mother is invoked, even supposing that the merits of the suppliant do not entitle him to be heard, still the merits of the Mother of God are such that her Son cannot refuse to listen to her prayer.

TO THE VOTERS.

The date of the Congressional election is approaching. All candidates should be asked two questions, viz: Will you vote for the Federal Election bill? 2. Do you sustain Commissioner Morgan in his unfair discrimination against Catholic teachers in Indian schools?

The candidate who answers either of these questions in the affirmative should receive the negative vote of every Catholic in his district.

We note with pleasure that the Poor Souls Advocate of Evansville, Ind., has completed its second year. Commencing with the October issue the Magazine will be enlarged from twenty-four to thirty-two pages. The Advocate is published for a meritorious purpose, (the benefit of the souls in Purgatory) and we are glad to hear of its prosperity.

OUR LIBRARY.

Benziger Bros., New York and Cincinnati — "The Catholic Young Man of the Present Day"—paper 15 cts cloth 25 cts. — A series of letters to young men leaving the quiet village home for the boisterous city, where numberless temptations are apt to beset their path, by Rt. Rev. Augustine Egger, D. D., Bishop of St. Gall. The book has been rendered into very readable English by Miss. Elle McMahon. Benziger Bros. have placed the work in a very tasty cover, but we would suggest that instead of the ginger-bread border, with which each page is rounded, the printers substitute plain border. The pages would then have a very neat appearance; now they convey a hodge-podge conglomeration to the eye. The work itself is one that should be read by every Catholic young man.

From the same house comes an unretentive, but very opportune, little brochure, at the same price, entitled "Rights of Our Little Ones" or "First Principles on Education in Catechetical Form. Its author is Rev. Jas. Conway, S. J., of Canisius College, Buffalo, and the pamphlet contains the salient points of his invaluable essay. "The Respective Rights and Duties of the Family, State and Church in Regard to Education" arranged in the form of question and answer. No person of sane mind, after carefully conning the pages of the minor pamphlet will dispute the position of the Catholic Church on the school question. The author is to be congratulated on the unimpeachable manner in which he has condensed so much information in so small a space. We would especially commend careful perusal of this book to our brethren of the Catholic Press, who just at present are enjoying so warm a discussion over the school question.

Donahoe's Magazine for October, contains an inspiring poem by Katherine E. Conway, which we will give our readers in our next issue. It is entitled "The Flag Beside The Cross."

Lasts week's *Jury* contained an article with the caption "The Fittest Will Survive." In the press of our editorial work we have found time to give it but two or three casual readings. When we discover the point of the article, we will notice it at greater length, but as yet we have been unable to discern it.

KATHERINE E. CONWAY.

Kind Words For a Former Rochester Lady and Talented Literateur.

One of the New York press syndicates in an article sent out a few weeks ago, had the following complimentary notice of a lady well-known in Rochester's literary world: Miss Katherine E. Conway is associated with Mr. James Jeffrey Roche on the editorial staff of The Boston Pilot. She also has been a teacher. Her literary apprenticeship was served in Rochester, N. Y., where she was probably the first woman to do news paper work. She edited the West End Journal there for five years, then became assistant on The Catholic Times of the same city, where she remained till 1883, when she went to Boston to assume her position on The Pilot. She has done much desultory work and a great deal of anonymous compiling and editing, besides issuing a book of poems called "On The Sunrise Slope." In 1886 she edited for Mrs. Clara Erskine Clement, the art writer, "Christian Symbols and Stories of the Saints," now in its second edition. Miss Conway says that the best school for a journalist is to be assistant on a weekly paper. She is a bright, animated little woman, with dark complexion and a fluent and forcible manner of talking.

James Jeffrey Roche succeeds the late John Boyle O'Reilly as editor of the Boston Pilot. A worthy selection. Mr. Roche is engaged on a life of the dead editor at the request of his family, which will be the only authorized biography of Mr. O'Reilly.

OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER.

SPEAK KINDLY.

A young lady had gone out walking. She forgot to take her purse with her, and had no money in her pocket. Presently she met a little girl with a basket on her arm. "Please, miss, will you buy something from my basket?" said the little girl, showing a variety of book-marks, watch-cases, needle-books, etc. "I'm sorry I can't buy anything to-day," said the young lady. "I have not any money with me. Your things look very pretty." She stopped a moment and spoke a few kind words to the little girl; and then as she passed she said again, "I am very sorry I can't buy anything from you to-day." "O miss!" said the little girl, "you've done me just as much good as if you had. Most persons that I meet say, 'Get away with you!' but you have spoken kindly and gently to me, and I feel a heap better." That was "considering the poor." How little it costs to do that! Let us learn to speak kindly and gently to the poor and suffering. If we have nothing else to give, let us at least give them our sympathy.

REMEMBER THIS.

SHARP-EYED men of business take note of a boy's general appearance in making up their estimate of what he is worth. A straight-forward, manly bearing will help any lad to get his way in the world, while the haphazard sort of a way usually suggests to the observer a corresponding character. Manliness is not a garment you can put on and take off like your Sunday coat. It must have its foundation in the heart, or it will be a flimsy sham that will deceive nobody.

HE HAD FAITH.

A boy of Portland, Me., had committed some misdemeanor, for which he was about to receive punishment at the hands of his mother. The boy begged first to be allowed to go to his room. Permission was granted, and the child went up stairs to his own room, and closed the door behind him. The mother followed and listens outside, after telling him he must hurry and come down again to receive his punishment. The boy went to the side of the bed, knelt down, and this was his prayer. "Dear Lord, if you love little boys and want to help one out, now is your time." The prayer was answered.

Seneca Falls.

Richard Halpin of Rochester, spent Friday with his parents on Haigh St. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Carpenter of Hammondsport have been spending several days with relatives and friends in town. Mr. Carpenter goes to Buffalo next week to enter the Medical College in that city.

Miss Anna Carpenter who has been visiting friends in Ithaca, for the past two weeks returned home Tuesday last.

Wm. Mehan formerly of Seneca Falls, and Miss Eliza Canfield of Geneva were united in marriage last Wednesday, the ceremony was celebrated in St. Frances De Sales church, Rev. Wm. A. McDonald officiating. The young people are well known in this place and have the sincere congratulations and best wishes for a happy future from a large circle of friends.

Thos. Woods an old and respected resident of this place, died at his home on Fall St. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Thursday morning. He leaves a wife one son and two daughters. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community, having only a few weeks ago lost their promising young daughter Katie.

Miss Kate Sullivan who has been spending a few days with her friends Misses Broderick in Geneva, returned home Monday last.

Mrs. Raleigh of Utica and sister Miss Kate Giblin of Ithaca are visiting at the residence of Edward Madden on Walnut Street.

Mrs. Cristine McNally of Auburn, spent Sunday last in town resting at the residence of John E. Mackin on East Bayard Street.

Fairport.

Mr. Thomas Kelly a farmer living about a mile east of the village, fell and broke his collar bone last Tuesday. He was standing on the table of a threshing machine and stepped off on to the ground. Mr. Ed. Lyons is now in partnership with Menzo Gertz. They have a good line of confectionery, tobacco and fruit. They occupy the store formerly occupied by Snow and Parce. Mr. Ed. Moan of Pa., has been visiting relatives in this place. Messrs. John Kyle and Wm. Dunbar who are partners in the Hammondsport...

Geneseo.

Miss Lizzie O'Grady spent Sunday in Rochester, with relatives and friends. Miss Louise Stapleton of Rochester, has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Costello, for a week. She returned home Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Crowley of Rochester, visited with friends here this week. Misses Lizzie and Mary Day of Danville, was here at the Centennial celebration last week.

Mrs. McCarthy and brother, Jas. Golden of Rochester, visited in the family of their uncle Jas. Haley, last week. Martin Schueler and family of Penfield, visited with relatives here last week.

Dan. O'Keefe of Seneca Falls, was in town Centennial day. His many friends here are glad to hear how well he is doing. Mrs. Sara Case, daughter of Mrs. Jas. Casey of this village, died in Rochester on the 9th inst. aged 30 years. The remains were brought here Wednesday evening. The funeral took place from St. Mary's Church at 10 o'clock a. m. Friday of last week.

Mrs. Rose Kelly, mother of Jas. L. Kelly of this village, died at her home in Avon, Monday last, aged 66. Funeral took place from St. Agnes church, Avon, Wednesday at 10 o'clock, a. m., Rev. Father Hendricks officiating. She leaves surviving her husband, daughter and four sons who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Ed. Devaney of Greece, is visiting with friends here this week. Terence Dolan of Mt. Morris, was the guest of friends here; Sunday last.

Thos. Maloney and wife of Buffalo, are here this week. Miss Maggie Collins of Buffalo, is visiting at her uncle's J. Cullinan.

John Heveron of Rochester, was the guest at M. O'Grady's on Tuesday last. Not with standing the inclement weather of the 11th inst., the centennial celebration in this village, was a grand success. The procession was a half a mile long, and contained about 1,000 men. The fire-works in the evening, was the finest ever witnessed in this vicinity.

Wm. McCoy, proprietor of "McCoy's Hotel," at Chicago, is visiting with relatives here this week. Cottrell Bros. are rebuilding their livery stable, that was burned.

A large number of our Catholic farmers, suffered heavy losses to their crop by the recent flood on the flats. At a special meeting of the Agonizanti society last week, the following minutes were adopted and entered into its record: In the death of Margaret O'Grady, the Agonizanti society, mourns a true friend and loyal member.

During the several years of her school life, she was unremitting in her efforts to further the best interests of the society, responsive to its every demand, and faithful in the discharge of every duty. The memory of her unselfish disposition and lovely character, so worthy our imitation, will ever be cherished among us. To the members of her household who have been so sorely bereaved, we tender our warmest sympathy.

Lucy G. Arnold, Katherine Degen, Kate VanDuesen. Brockport.

Sisters Paul, Louise and Regina, are to teach the parochial school here this year. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reynolds are rejoicing over a little daughter. Wm. Daily has sold three acres of land on South Avenue to Stephen Mead for \$1,000.

W. H. Atkinson was in town the first part of the week canvassing for the Journal. Miss Kittie Mullin spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Cowan.

Mr. George Harrison returned Saturday from Belgium, where he has been studying for the past four years. Mr. Harrison left for Minneapolis and St. Paul Thursday, where he intends to visit his father and other relatives.

Danville. A mass for the repose of the soul of the late Father Musmaecher, was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church, on Wednesday, Rev. J. H. Day celebrant.

Sunday school re-commenced on Sunday after a vacation of two months. Vespers hereafter will be sung at half past four. On Sunday last Father Day took occasion to speak to the people about what they read, and spoke very impressively to parents, especially upon what they provide as reading matter for their children, or whether they provide for them at all. He stated the necessity of having a good Catholic paper in every family, and recommended to them the JOURNAL, telling them that Mr. Donahoe the agent, was in the parish at the time and requested them to leave their names with him, for this excellent paper for a year at least. A great many availed themselves of this opportunity.

Mr. Morris. One of the most popular Catholic citizens of Seneca Falls, Mr. Morris, contractor George L. Smith, leaves next week for Canada, where he has been awarded an extensive military contract by the Government of the Dominion. Mr. Smith has won an enviable reputation by the thorough manner in which he has performed the work awarded him in this vicinity. He has many warm friends here, and will be missed by all who know him.