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Weekly Church Calendar.

SUNDAY, Dec. 17.—Third Sunday of Advent. Gospel, St. John i. 19-28. St. Olympias, Widow.
MON 18.—St. Gatian, Bishop and Confessor.
TUES. 19.—St. Nemesion, Martyr.
WED. 20.—St. Christian, Bishop.
THURS. 21.—St. Thomas, Apostle.
FRI. 22.—St. Zeno, Martyr.
SAT. 23.—St. Victoria, V. and M.

AN EPISCOPALIAN VIEW.

Rev. Algernon Crapsey, pastor of St. Andrew's Episcopalian church, in this city, is a reverend gentleman who has attained a reputation for doing many things that are not orthodox from a Protestant point of view. He is an advanced ritualiste and indulges in many devotions that approach near to our form of worship.

For all these little peculiarities, Mr. Crapsey has been admired by some and criticised by others. An incident occurred this week which further illustrates the ease with which Mr. Crapsey cuts loose from Protestant traditions when these traditions go contrary to common sense. At a meeting of a local Episcopal Sunday school society held Monday, the bill which is to be introduced in the next legislature as a settlement of the school question was discussed. A majority of the ministers and laymen present expressed the alarm they felt at the introduction of such a bill. Mr Crapsey took a different view. He saw no cause for alarm, believing that there was no possibility of the bill being passed. He said further:

"If the Catholic Church can do anything toward obtaining a better education for its children, why, well and good. I had a son in the public schools, and he always passed 100. I took him out and placed him in another school, and then I discovered that the education of the public school was a sham. The boy could not spell. I should deprecate any action on the part of the church looking toward the circulation of petitions in opposition to this bill, for it will not pass the legislature. This is simply one of the things that comes up every now and then."

One of the morning papers reported these utterances under a somewhat startling head. This drew from Mr. Crapsey a letter of which the following is a part:

The protestant must respect the Roman Catholic for his zeal and love of truth. To teach what he believes to be the truth he makes great sacrifices. He pays the state tax for purposes of education and then, because he does not believe in that education taxes himself again that he may train his children as his conscience dictates. Protestants need to beware not of the chicanery or underhand dealing of the Roman Catholic, but of his religious zeal and earnestness. If a bill giving the Catholic schools a portion of the school fund ever becomes a law, it will be because it deserves to become a law. It the Roman Catholic church is the only body that has a faith to teach; if it only cares for the souls of men; it will eventually absorb the religious life of the country and will prevail.

What protestants need to realise is the defects of their own system. They are responsible for the public schools.

The public school system is not so perfect that many of us would care to die for it. To my mind it attempts too much, and does what it tries to do very imperfectly. I cannot in this paper bring out all the proofs, but I am willing to assert that the tendency of the public school is to arrest physical, intellectual and spiritual development. The crowded condition of the schools and the unnatural attitudes of the children are nonclusive to bodily growth and vigor. The rote and cram system of teaching is destructive of true mental processes; and the utter ignoring of the spiritual world of God and saints and angels, leaves the soul to die of starvation. It is said that the state has the right to educate the children of the country in order that they may be good citizens. In this the state has not been very successful. More than 80 per cent. of our criminals have had a common school education. It is folly to think that a man is necessarily a better man because he can read and write. If he reads filth and writes falsehood what the better is he?

I do not know if the Roman Catholic parochial schools are better than the common schools; but I do know, and knowing I warn my non-Catholic fellow citizens of the fact, that we are in no danger from Roman Catholicism, but we are in danger from an educated ignorance. From that which calls itself learning and is not. The public school system must sooner or later be over-hauled from top to bottom. The parochial school may be the power to compel it, and I, for one, am glad of it.

DR WALSH AND HIS BILL

A western exchange in referring to Dr. Michael Walsh, editor of the New York *Catholic Herald*, speaks of him as "the leader of the parochial school party." This is more amusing than correct. Dr. Walsh is a bore but not a leader, and the bill which he has been instrumental in having prepared for presentation to the next legislature, has not a ghost of a chance of becoming a law. Its introduction at this time is very imprudent. Not for years to come will a majority of the American voters be inclined to relieve Catholics of the injustice of paying double taxation.

The controversary over the Faribault plan has delayed the settlement of the school question on a just basis for many years. We must heal our divisions and regain lost ground before we can make an appeal to our non-Catholic fellow citizens for justice.

POOR ITALY.

Italy is reaping the fruits of anti-Papal rule. She reaps them in the bank scandals which recently created such a commotion in her parliament; broke up one cabinet and disgraced Crispi and his friends. She reaps them in the anti-tax riots which broke out in rural districts last week. In one of these riots the peasants became so maddened that they beheaded the sheriff, placed his head on a pole and marched through the streets bearing the ghastly object. So desperate is the financial condition of the kingdom, that the government is obliged to overload the people with taxes. The immediate cause of the recent riots was placing a tax on the sale of milk.

The present condition of affairs is far different from what the deluded Italian people were led to expect from the overthrow of Papal rule. Italy has been grossly deceived. Her people will never be happy until the Pope's inheritance is restored to him.

The gentlemen who wish to have an amendment added to the Constitution of the State forever prohibiting any division of the school fund among denominational schools are not good Americans.

The principle of majority rule is the corner stone of American institutions. It is not in accordance with the spirit of Americanism to place obstacles in the way of that majority's will. If, at some day, it is deemed fair and just to make different arrangements with regard to the school fund, the majority should not be handicapped by constitutional enactments. If the present generation is unfair, it should not be allowed to foist its unfairness upon the generations that are to come.

The movement to prevent Sunday desecration in this city is deserving of the support of all good citizens, and the JOURNAL is in hearty sympathy with it. We should have no "sacred concerts," open theaters or open saloons; the law should not be made a farce by ridiculous decisions and official negligence.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL; *St. John i 19-28.*—At that time: "The Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the prophet? And said: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us; What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaias. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said to him: Why then do thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the prophet? John answered them, saying: I baptize with water, but there hath stood One in the midst of you Whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me, Who is preferred before me; the latchet of Whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania beyond the Jordon, where John was baptizing."

From this Gospel we may learn to practice humility, acknowledging our own insignificance as did St. John, and avoid sounding our own praises. We should also learn to bear injuries patiently. Lastly, we should remember the warning St. John gives to "make straight the way of the Lord," and we should be prepared for His coming in our souls.

HOW THE WEALTHY HELP THE POOR.

To the Editor of Catholic Journal:

A short time ago the daily papers announced that on Monday, December 11th, a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce would be held to devise means to give employment to the great number of those who are at present unemployed, and who are thereby unable to provide for themselves and families the necessaries of life. Those who constitute the Chamber of Commerce are the wealthiest manufacturers and merchants of our city; many of them millionaires, who certainly could do something for the poor and unemployed if they wished. The unsophisticated may, therefore, have expected that something would be done by this august body to relieve the suffering by which so many are afflicted. But those who expected this did not know of what stuff these gentlemen are made. They met, as appointed, on Monday evening, and talked in a good-natured way, but, as was expected by those who knew them, did nothing. Several of those present expressed their opinions in regard to the matter, but advanced nothing practical. The suggestion by one of the speakers, that they who have the means go down into their pockets and help the needy was received with silence, and the only idea advanced was by Herbert Wadsworth, of Avon, who said he thought there were ten times too many churches in the country, and I suppose he thinks they are in a large measure to blame for the hard times. It would be interesting to hear this hare-brained individual explain in what manner the churches cause suffering among the poor. No attention was paid to Mayor Curran's suggestion that employers keep the names of as many employees on their pay roll in these times as they do in times of prosperity. The meeting was concluded in a most appropriate manner—for those who constitute the Chamber of Commerce—by repairing to Teal's and eating a sumptuous lunch at this high-toned dining hall. This served to characterize the whole proceedings of the evening. The Chamber of Commerce people have plenty of money to pay for the elaborate lunches, for putting the latest improved labor-saving machinery in their manufacturies, thereby reducing the number of employees and increasing their profits, but not one cent for the poor! And among these are those who declare there were ten times too many churches.

Since the above was written, Geo C. Buell has proposed the creating of a fund for the relief of the needy by the Chamber of Commerce and has himself given $100 as a nucleus. It now remains to be seen what other members will do.

J. A. S.

In his remarks before the Chamber of Commerce this week Herbert Wadsworth made a rather foolish sally to the effect that there are ten times more churches than necessary; but Mr. Wadsworth, in our opinion, more than redeemed himself when he told his audience that the poor are the virtuous class; the rich the immoral. This is a remarkable admission coming from a man who is himself immensely wealthy.

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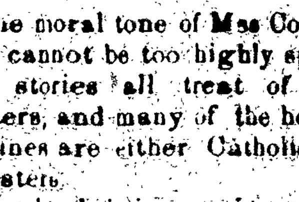
CATHOLIC STORIES.

Last week we briefly referred to a volume of Catholic stories just issued from the press of the CATHOLIC JOURNAL and written by Miss Mary R. Cotter, of Brockport. The volume comprises five different stories, "A Heroine of Charity," (from which the book takes its name) "Farmer Carson's Sons," "The Brown Curl," "The New England Hermit," and "Air Castles, or the School Girl's Prophecies." All are written in a pleasing, modest style, without any attempt at elaborate descriptions or high-flown language. There is nothing sensational in the book, yet the reader finds a pleasurable fascination in all the stories and is not satisfied until he or she has finished the tale and learned what becomes of the characters portrayed by the authoress.

The moral tone of Miss Cotter's volume cannot be too highly spoken of. The stories all treat of Catholic matters, and many of the heroes and heroines are either Catholic priests or sisters.

The book is interesting to the old; it is good, pure and healthy reading for the young. We recommend it most heartily as a book fit for Catholic homes.

The book is for sale by Scrantom, Wetmore & Co and by L. Merk.



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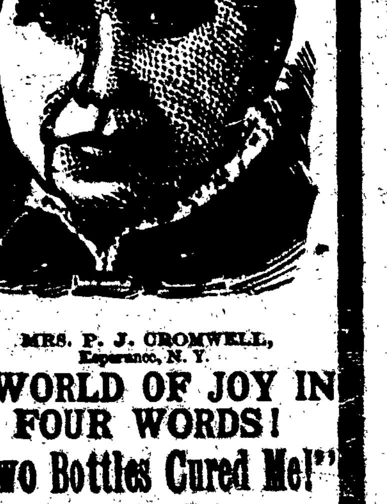

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Books

Does a price appeal to you? If it does, think of getting a complete set of Litton's works, 13 vols., printed on super-calendar paper and bound in English Vellum cloth, with gilt edged tops and leather titles, for $5.75.

This set would ordinarily sell for at least $13.

For weeks we have made a great display of Children's Books; a display unequaled by any in Rochester. Prices are popular for the benefit of the public, not for competition. From the first they have not been changed, but will compare most favorably with the latest efforts of others, as these figures attest:

"Wide A Wake," in boards, 89c. "Pansy Sunday Books," 45c.
"Mother Goose's Ball," 25c. "Lullabies and Jingles," 85c.

DOLLS.

We're doing the biggest doll business in our history and that's saying a good deal for an off year. What we offer and where our prices are at must be pretty nearly correct, but to make things livelier still, we are going to stir figures up a little from now until Christmas.

A good sized doll with pretty bisque head and well made kid body, which sold for 25c, is to-day 20c.

A larger doll with bisque head and kid body, which sold for 40c, is 25c.

Large dolls with bisque heads and first-class kid bodies, which sold for 50c and 65c, to-day 35c and 45c.

A handsome doll with kid body, bisque head, all dressed, including shoes and stockings, which sold for 85c, for 65c.

Very large doll, bisque head and extra kid body, heavy head of hair, sold for $1.20, for $1.

GAMES AND TOYS.

Most interesting lot of games you ever found gathered under one roof. Take board games, for instance; here is the "Amusing Instructor," 35 games in one, for 65c.

"Circination," or swinging around the circle, a 50c game, for 25c.

"Chancery," a board game, made to sell for 75c, but its put in the 25c class by us.

"Poche," a new Parisian game listed at $1; in our 25c lot.

No end to the toys, we couldn't tell a quarter of them if we should try. Yesterday we ran across

TOY PIANOS.

Complete toy piano, runs an octavo, sells for 25c.

HOSIERY.

Another hint about those Christmas stockings. 3 pairs in a box, remember, all for $1. They're made of the finest Egyptian maco cotton, "Sunrise Dye" ensures fast black, velvet finish, ribbed or plain tops, light or heavy weight, a stocking which you ought to be willing to give 50c a pair for any day.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

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