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**IGNORANT OR MALICIOUS**

Rev. Phelan, Editor of the St. Louis "Western Watchman," has long been a disturbing element, not only in Catholic journalism, which he has disgraced, but also in the archdiocese of St. Louis. He was a thorn in the side of the venerable Archbishop Kenrick, and he has made himself equally obnoxious to Archbishop Keen, who will not allow his paper to be received in the Arch-Episcopal residence. Father Phelan, like other clerical disturbers of the peace of the Catholic press, does not believe in parochial schools, and will not establish one in his parish.

In addition to all his other faults, Rev. Phelan has the misfortune to always "put his foot" in things. Maliciously cruel and vindictive, he seems to speak twice, and thinking once, instead of reversing the order. The latest ebullition of Rev. Phelan's is a cruel, contemptible attack on the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and the Epworth League, both Protestant Societies. He charges the delegates to the national conventions of these societies with all sorts of unnamable vices. Naturally the Protestants resent such a sweeping denunciation. It is not likely to deny that there may be bad sheep among the members of these societies; but there are good and bad in all classes.

Rev. Phelan seems to be in the same boat as Street Cleaning Commissioner Waring, of New York, when he characterizes the Grand Army veterans as a lot of loafers. Waring spoke before he thought; now he wishes he hadn't. If at all susceptible to public opinion, both Catholic and Protestant, Rev. Phelan must now be sorry he did not think twice before he made such a tirade. Because a society is a non-Catholic one, it does not follow that all its members are vicious. One would think that a priest would possess more charity. The "Union and Advertiser" said:

"This Father Phelan is one of the class of clerical calculators who with their use of tongue and pen are just now making themselves intolerable nuisances which require abatement in some way. The Rev. Father Phelan and the Rev. Dr. Fulton are alike bitter slanderers of citizens of opposite religious faiths. Their vile utterances are equally false. In themselves they are of little or no consequence. It is the countenance given them by churches that enables them to harm. Father Phelan does not represent the Catholic Church organization, or Catholic citizenship. And it is all very well to repudiate his calumnies. But the Catholic Church authorities owe it to their organization, to the Catholic citizenship which is disgraced and humiliated by the fact that he is allowed to officiate as a priest and to scatter his venom through the columns of a so-called Catholic paper, and to the Protestant community he has calumniated, to discipline him—to suppress him. Such men as this Father Phelan and others of his cloth and character should be silenced and put where they can do no more harm. It is hoped that the criminal laws of Missouri are such that he can be proceeded against for his wholesale libel and sent to the State prison."

Unfortunately all the "Union" has said is too true, and there are far too many clerical "blackguard" attached to it. It is likely to be the issue of the next presidential campaign. It has had its day.

**EXAGGERATED INFLUENCE**

Is it so that the A. P. A. has demanded that a certain Republican be left off the city ticket next fall? We hear that such is the case, and that the prescriptive organization lays claim to 6,000 votes in Rochester. We don't believe that. In our opinion the influence of the A. P. A. has dwindled in this section to such an extent that its approbation and disapprobation can work little influence in a political campaign. All the "heavy men" of the A. P. A. work ed tooth and nail for a month to displace Mrs. Katherine Dowling as Librarian at the Central Library, and failed. Had the persons who ousted the campaign been possessed of any political shrewdness or sagacity, they would have succeeded in their purpose. They did not, and they have not. In this city the A. P. A. amounts to nothing in politics unless the politicians take the society up and swing its votes as they please. And the politicians hereabouts have been using and fooling the A. P. A. When it suits the political bosses to have the A. P. A. on their side then it's all right. When the A. P. A. demands something on its own hook, like Mrs. Dowling's removal, the odds are heavy that the A. P. A. gets left. The Journal does not believe that the A. P. A. has any appreciable influence in Rochester political circles, and if the Republicans accede to the A. P. A. demand, the decent citizens of the Flower City will bury the republican leaders with votes.

The "Northwestern Catholic" tells the truth when, in welcoming the "Catholic Weekly of Omaha" to the field of Catholic Journalism, it says: "Sometimes our Catholic people tell us that so many Catholic papers are not needed. This is a mistake. There is need for a Catholic weekly in every city of America. The Catholic press of the United States has rendered invaluable service to the cause of religion and patriotism in recent years. It has enlightened the Catholic mind to its obligations, rights and duties; and it has paralyzed the bigotry and blackguardism that set themselves in occupation of American patriotism. We expect faithful service from the Western Chronicle of Omaha and Nebraska will decently sustain it. We wish it a hearty God-speed, and bid it a good malle alle."

A westerling exchange objects to the local dailies making out that all the prisoners in the police court are Irishmen. In Rochester the rule in the daily newspaper offices is, unless positively unavoidable, never to mention a prisoner's nationality, religion or color. It is a mighty good rule, too.

During the last few weeks our non-Catholic friends have been holding what they call "revival" meetings. It has amused us to notice that in several instances special services were held "for men only" and "for women only." Yet when at a Catholic mission, separate instructions are had for the sexes, merely to insure all a chance to receive the benefits of the mission, our friends who are not of the Catholic persuasion hint at all sorts of evil practices and call loudly for the police to suppress these Jesuit conspiracies.

Rev. J. G. VanNess is to be congratulated on his efforts to establish a Catholic library for the pupils of Holy Rosary school. There is no reason why we should not provide our boys with well selected reading matter suitable to their tastes as to let them follow their own bent and waste their time reading trashy novels and, perhaps, more harmful literature.

The "Colorado Catholic" is finding fault with the Catholic directories because of their inaccuracies. We have often felt like doing likewise and are more than half inclined to endorse the "Catholic's" assertion that all the directories are good for is to find out the addresses of priests and bishops.

The Catholic "Literary" is to be congratulated on its successful "book party" last Monday evening. President Connolly is the right man in the right place. Subscribe for the Journal.

In the death of Colonel Richard B. Schooley, the city loses a familiar figure and the political world one who was better acquainted with state and national political leaders than any politician in the Flower City. He had taken an active interest in politics ever since he was of age and had participated in all the political battles of recent years. He had a good war record. As a man he was loyal to a friend, and never did a mean turn to anybody. "Dick" Schooley, as his friends always called him, will be missed by more than one Rochesterian.

In the current political lexicon "reform" means to grab all the offices of patronage in sight. Another recent consecration was that of Right Rev. John Clancy, the new prelate of the Irish diocese of Elphin who was invested with the purple March 24 at the Sligo Cathedral. Monsignor Clancy is an native of the diocese over which he is now placed, and he has not yet reached his 40th year. He studied, like most all the Irish Bishops, at Maynooth, and he has the reputation of being a very learned and eloquent ecclesiastic. He was nominated to be coadjutor, with the right of succession, to the late Bishop Gillooly, but because of that prelate's death he takes the title of Bishop of Elphin from the time of his consecration.

**THE GOSPELS**

Gospel: St. John 2. 11-16. — At that time, Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep. And the hireling fleeth, because he is a hireling, and he hath no care for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd: and I know Mine, and Mine know Me. As the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father: and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

Of whom did Jesus speak when He said that He had other sheep that He would bring into the fold?

He spoke of the Gentiles who did not then belong to His flock, but who through the apostles would hear His voice, know the truth, embrace the faith, and by baptism enter the Church, so that the Jews and Gentiles would form but one people and He would be the loving Father of all, and thus there would be only one fold and one shepherd.

**Weekly Church Calendar.**

Sun. 28—Second Sunday after Easter. St. Paul of the Cross, Confessor. St. Vitalis, Martyr. Epist., 1 Cor., I., 17-26; Gosp., Luke x., 11-14; Last Gosp., John x., 11-16.  
Mon. 29—St. Peter, Martyr.  
Tue. 30—St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin.  
Wed. 1—St. Philip and James, Apostles.  
Thurs. 2—St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church.  
Fri. 3—Fruiting of the Cross. St. Alexander, Pope and Companions, Martyrs. St. Juvenal, Bishop and Confessor.  
Sat. 4—St. Monica, Widow.

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**LOCAL.**

**CITY SUBSCRIBERS—ATTENTION!** Our Agent and Collector, Mr. A. Herman, will call on our city subscribers next week. We hope they will be prepared to pay their subscriptions. We wish to caution our subscribers to pay no person unless they can show proper credentials from this office.

The Knights of St. George will give a dramatic entertainment at Germania Hall Tuesday evening, May 7th.

After a visit to New York, E. J. Sullivan visited the capital and was an interested spectator at the session of the Senate and Assembly. Mr. Sullivan also called on the Governor.

The Rochester Catholic Reading Circle will meet on Tuesday evening next when Miss Margaret Hanna will read a paper.

The Cardinal Newman Reading Circle met on Monday evening for election of officers. The reception held on Easter Monday was a social and financial success.

Dr. N. F. Kiefer will leave for Danville on the first of May to take charge of Father Rauber's Knapp Sanitarium. Dr. Kiefer spent several months in Germany last year making a study of the methods practised in the institution.

The Central Board of the L. C. B. A. branches of Rochester has decided to give a reception in Power's Art Gallery on the occasion of the meeting of the Supreme Council in July. The Supreme Trustees notified the branches that no hospitality would be accepted if paid for by assessment, but the board has decided to extend the hospitality and will find a way to raise the necessary funds.

Miss Louise Meyer, Supreme Deputy for the German branches of the L. C. B. A. of this city, will institute a branch of twenty-eight charter members in St. Francis Xavier's parish this week, and one of the same number of charter members in the Holy Family Church next week. The numbers assigned are 186 and 188 respectively. The congenial and safe insurance of the L. C. B. A. commends itself to the thriftiness of German Catholics, while the English-speaking parishes prove fertile ground for adventurous associations which have not invariably paid the entire amounts promised to beneficiaries.

The west side sewer bill was presented by Mayor Lewis at the Common Council meeting Thursday evening. Communications from Rev. T. C. Murphy and Rev. D. Laurensis asked on behalf of their congregations that the bill be approved. The bill was unanimously endorsed and will be sent to Gov. Morton for his signature.

At the Common Council meeting Tuesday evening, John M. Murphy was chosen judge of the Municipal Court to succeed the late Henry W. Gregg. Mr. Murphy was born in Lima, N. Y., thirty-six years ago. He was educated at the public schools, Genesee Wesleyan Seminary and St. Hyacinthe's College in Quebec. In 1880 he began the study of law in the office of D. C. Feely. Three years later Mr. Murphy was admitted to the bar. He remained in the office of Mr. Feely for another year, practicing his profession. Then he occupied an office with ex-Judge John F. Kinney. During the past two years Mr. Murphy and Edward A. Keenan have been in partnership in the practice of law, having an office in Power's block.

**The Catholic Literary.**

A "Book Social" which was a success socially, artistically, and in number and quality of books was held at the pleasant rooms of the Catholic Literary on Monday evening last.

The hall was tastefully decorated with palms and flowers. While the members and guests were arranging, soft music was heard, which made a delightful accompaniment to an informal chat.

The object of giving an entertainment under the above title, is to establish a library for the exclusive use of members of the Society. The plan adopted in order to carry out the object is for all those attending the social to donate a book to the society for the use of the library.

The first number was a violin solo by Mr. Frank Ashe, who was forced to respond to an encore. Miss Ella Finnicante then read a very bright paper on "Women as the I." A vocal solo, "Who is Sylvia?" by Schubert, was beautifully rendered by Miss Carolyn Cramer, accompanied by Mrs. Faber. She responded with "Somebody Loves Me." Miss Jessica Miner, who has been with Rhea the past season, recited "When my Dreams come True," by Whitcomb Riley. It was so pleasing that an encore was demanded. Mrs. Katherine Dowling, who was to have spoken on "Books and good Reading," had mislaid her notes, and substituted "A Story Historical," which was pleasantly written to the rhyme of "Hiawatha," describing Rochester and the Genesee in the days of the Indians.

The President then announced that having had refreshment for the mind, refreshment for the body would be served. All repaired to the lunch room, where a half hour was spent chatting over their coffee. Several present expressed a desire to belong to the society which gave such a pleasing entertainment.

**Bicycle Stolen.**

John Klem, a grocer of 165 North Union street, rode on his bicycle to St. Joseph's Church on Franklin street at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning and left his wheel outside while he attended service. When he came out his wheel was gone. He reported the theft to the police. The manufacturer's number of the wheel is 10,627.

**The New Children's Aid Society.**

Active preparations are already now under way for the organization of the new Children's Aid Society of Rochester which was recently incorporated. A committee consisting of Rev. T. A. Hendrick, J. B. V. Warner, Rev. J. H. Dennis, Miss Alice Bacon, Miss Bertha Hooker, and Mrs. E. V. Stoddard is now engaged in framing a constitution and by-law for the society.

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