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IT IS VERY QUEER.

It is astonishing to see the ease with which rascals who profess a superior order of piety are able to win the confidence of staid and shrewd business men who are also church members. These same business men would drive a sharp bargain with another, and would refuse to give a customer in business one-half the accommodation even on the best of security; that they gave these rascals without even the scratch of a pen.

These thoughts are prompted by recent developments in the career of a Rochester lawyer who has held a high place in the councils of the congregation to which he belonged and also stood high in the social circles of the church. This lawyer was not a native of Rochester; he had not been a leader in financial or business circles, yet when he had lived in the city but a few years the members of two congregations trusted him implicitly, and even placed their funds in his hands to invest. Members of the church advised their friends to place their investments in this lawyer's hands, and his practice thrived amazingly. He lived in an elegant mansion and he occupied palatial offices in one of the big commercial buildings. In a word, he was pushed along into greater success than older lawyers are able to attain in a score of years of hard work. There would have been no real objection to all this as the man's habits were exemplary, ever austere, and he was, outwardly, a model man had it not been for the disclosure of some transactions that are difficult of explanation. It may be that these charges are not true. If they are, however, the so-called shrewd business men who were taken in so easily, are deserving of no pity. They should not have been so confiding.

HE IS MISTAKEN.

John W. Stebbins, of Rochester, grand sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in a speech delivered in Philadelphia a few days ago made this statement:

Christianity deserves some credit, but the reciprocal duties taught by and practiced in the various secret organizations, which beget a union of citizenship and break down that universal foe of civilization—selfishness—are mostly responsible for all that is good in the century.

Mr. Stebbins must have been incorrectly reported else he has made the worst argument possible for his order. The chief plea made by these organizations is that they help to exemplify the golden rule and that they are a great aid in diffusing the practical truths of Christianity. The argument of the church against "secret oath-bound societies" is that they substitute their own creed in place of religion. If Mr. Stebbins has been correctly reported and really believes what he says, not only Catholics, but Christian non-Catholics as well, will feel that the Holy One has made no mistake in placing the fellowship under the ban of the masses.

When will the "reform" wave strike Rochester? Every Catholic should belong to a Catholic society. This leads to the thought that there should be a Catholic fraternal society to which all Catholics, no matter their nationality or whether they want insurance, can join.

A TROUBLESOME ISSUE.

While it is true the national political situation is a chaotic one. It is clear to the dullest mind that the burning issue in the next presidential campaign will be the currency question. It is also clear to an impartial observer that the adherents of free silver are growing in numbers very fast, and it is not to broad an assertion to predict that were a president to be elected on a popular vote in 1896, the one owning allegiance to a free silver platform would easily be elected. It may be that the two great parties will straddle the issue as they have done in the past, but it is well-nigh certain that if the populists nominate a strong candidate on a liberal platform, especially in the treatment of silver, he will be more than likely to receive the votes of the western states and not a few of the southern states.

The free silver men have been hard at work for the last few months. Already they have captured the democratic party in Ohio and Illinois, and it is evident the republicans in these states view with alarm the growth of the free silver sentiment as they refuse to talk on the subject. It is not to be wondered that they should as free silver is popular with the masses. The old parties must face this issue. It will not do to straddle. If both the old parties straddle a third party will be in the field, and it may be strong enough to throw the election of the next president into the hands of representatives. If that should come about, it is by no means certain that the next president will not be a populist. Up to the present time the democrats seem to be catering to the silverites the more. If the democrats come out boldly for free silver, it is probable the populists will nominate no candidate for president. In that event the election of a democratic president will not be so impossible as it looks to-day.

A STRONG CRITICISM.

One of the strongest criticisms of the public school system that has come under our notice was adopted at the Missouri diocesan convention of Protestant Episcopal ministers a few days ago. It salient points follow:

"The fact is: Christian people throughout the land have got to take hold more seriously of the whole question of church and Christian education. There is a growing dissatisfaction, on all hands with our public school system, especially on two points; first, that it is a big heartless machine, which either turns out automation boys and girls or grinds to powder those that fail to fit into the mould. At present, it seems a hopeless task to get them out of position, or to introduce into them the idea that Christian morals is a part of the education of a human being. Therefore, the only recourse we have is to pay more attention to church, parish and private schools."

AS WE EXPECTED.

We confidently expected that when the misrepresentations of the Post Express were exposed and the dust of the issue it had raised up in its own mind was cleared away, it would either eat crow or refuse to continue the controversy it had forced upon itself. We were not disappointed. Instead of apologizing for its misrepresentation about the JOURNAL it evades the issue by claiming that we abused the editor of the Post Express. We only stated facts. When the editor of the P. E. obtruded his personal grievances into the columns of his paper, he should have known what to expect. The P. E. also says that the JOURNAL has made a blunder. We leave that to the public. It is the general opinion, however, that it is the P. E. that has made the blunder.

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The retirement of Archbishop Kenrick is a sad incident in ecclesiastical history, but it has been expected for some time. It could not be avoided under the circumstances. Peter Richard Kenrick, was born in Dublin, Ireland, August 17, 1806, and is therefore 85 years of age. An older brother, who died in 1863, was archbishop of Baltimore. The retired bishop was ordained a priest in 1830, and came to this country in 1833. He was regarded as an able theologian, though not so well known as a scholar as his brother. He was appointed coadjutor to Bishop Rosati, of St. Louis in 1841, and succeeded him September 20, 1843. St. Louis was made an archdiocese in 1847, and he became first archbishop. He was an opponent of the dogma of the infallibility of the pope at the Vatican council.

The Catholic papers throughout the country fully realize what share the A. P. A. had in the murder of Dominick Kearns. The Boston Republic says: "A member of Dr. Dunn's 'patriotic order,' the A. P. A. shot a man in a Rochester (N. Y.) bar room last Monday night after publicly announcing his membership. What a lot of tragedies and crimes the ministerial leaders of this fanatical party are guilty of!"

The New York "Catholic Review" adds: The A. P. A. has another murder to its credit. A proud member of it, Egbert H. Chatfield, of Rochester, New York, has shot and killed Dominick Kearns to show his devotion to the association. The A. P. A. sort of patriotism and religion is a dangerous thing.

St. Bernard's Seminary is beginning to bear fruit. Three students from the institution were advanced to the priesthood this morning at the Cathedral by Bishop McQuaid. The JOURNAL wishes Fathers Brophy, Cronin and Neville many years of blessed priesthood.

It is painfully apparent that the consciences of some renegade Catholics are mightily troubled. It is to be hoped they will see the error of their ways before it is too late.

The "Democrat and Chronicle" should be ashamed of itself in covertly insulting the Central library. It is as valuable as an educational way as any library in the city and far more carefully run.

What is the world coming to? The "Colorado Catholic" says: "The Archbishop of St. Paul is not a success as a financier."

The Protestant churches will now fall to abusing Rev. Thomas Dixon who said a few days ago that "Protestantism in New York City has been a colossal failure for the last two years."

If some one will kindly donate the JOURNAL an iceberg we will present him a life subscription.

Newspaper circulation liars are having a hard time of it in Rochester just now.

School children can earn spending money in vacation by getting subscribers for the JOURNAL.

June is the month devoted to the Sacred heart. Catholics should not forget this.

David B. Hill would make a good secretary of state. So would Wm. C. Whitney.

John Sullivan, a youngster reading at Chicago, recently bought two large revolvers and a bowie knife and left home after announcing his intention to "go out West and fight Indians." This case might be permitted to pass unnoticed were it not for the fact that John Sullivan is a type instead of an individual. The blood-and-thunder novels are continually sending out new heroes to destroy the supposititious red man. Last fall six Chicago boys left in a body for "the West" to kill Indians. They were gone three hours. There is a good remedy for this. Change the boy's reading. If he still persists in his bloodthirsty desire to slaughter Indians change his course of thought by starting his blood to circulating right. Use the sipping.

Five large volumes of the unpublished works of Victor Hugo will be brought out in France at the rate of one a year. They may not sell like "Tribby" but the literary world will give them some attention when not too much excited by current masterpieces.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke vi 36-42.—At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "Be ye merciful, as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged; condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven. Give, and it shall be given to you: good measure and pressed down and shaken together and running over shall they give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you shall mete withal, it shall be measured to you again. And He spoke also to them a similitude: On the blind lead the blind? do they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one shall be perfect, if he be as his master. And why seeest thou the mote in thy brother's eye, but the beam that is in thy own eye thou considerest not? Or how canst thou say to thy brother: Brother, let me pull the beam out of thy eye, when thou thyself seeest not the beam in thy own eye? Hypocrite, cast first the beam out of thy own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to take out the mote from thy brother's eye."

What does Christ exhort us to do in this Gospel? After having commanded His disciples, and in their person us also, to be as perfect as the Heavenly Father. He makes known to them that the first step to take to be so is to be charitable toward our neighbor, as God is full of charity toward us. The object of the whole discourse is to commend the principal works of mercy, and to censure that pride and false piety which causes us to see the faults of our neighbor but not our own, and thus to have no mercy for our neighbor.

Weekly Church Calendar. Sunday, June 9.—Trinity Sunday. Epist. Rom. xi. 33-36; Gosp. Matt. xlviii. 18-20; Laet. Gosp. Luke vi. 36-42. Mon. 10.—St. Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Widow. Tues. 11.—St. Barnabas, Apostle. Wed. 12.—St. John of St. Facondo, Confessor, SS. Basilides and Companions, Martyrs. Thurs. 13.—Corpus Christi. Fri. 14.—St. Basil the Great, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church. Sat. 15.—Of the Octave of Corpus Christi, SS. Vitus, Modestus, and Crescentia, Martyrs.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

A Learned Jesuit Gives His Views on Its Power.

The learned Jesuit who said that it was a sin for Catholics who did not subscribe for a Catholic paper was not at all remiss in his remark. While he did not venture an opinion as to the magnitude of the sin, whether it was venial or mortal, we are inclined to believe that he meant the latter.

The Ave Maria, edited and published by a father of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, is evidently of the same opinion. It says:

"The importance of supporting the religious press ought to be plain even to those of weak faith and dull intelligence. As an antidote to the corrupting or misleading contents of the secular press a religious journal is almost necessary. The daily newspapers are sure to record the scandalous acts of apostate priests, but how few of them will tell their readers about such noble missionaries as the late Father Albert? How little of edification or of truth is to be found in the best of our secular journals? Is it to be wondered at that so many young Catholics become lukewarm from reading daily newspapers? As with papers, so with books. If Catholics will persist in reading productions calculated to weaken or pervert their religious faith, at least they should provide themselves with the antidote."

"The Catholic layman who reads anti-Catholic or anti-religious literature, as Bishop Hedley has observed, is often astonished and disturbed to find so strong a case made out against his faith. The reason is because he is ignorant about his religion. Let us quote the bishop's words on this subject: 'The reader has learned his catechism, perhaps, as a child, and has heard a sermon now and then; but the evidences, the explanations and exposition of christian doctrine have had little or no interest for him; and hence he is more or less at the mercy of the heretic and the sophist. It is evident that men and women of so little instruction have no right to expose themselves to the arguments of the enemy. And when they come across such arguments in their newspapers or general reading they should know that it is chiefly their own ignorance that makes the difficulties seem formidable.' It is plain that the importance of the religious press cannot be exaggerated. The duty of supporting it devolves upon everyone. This is a new obligation imposed by the times. Priests, the heads of families, and teachers, ought to be particularly zealous in the matter."

And yet there are thousands of Catholics who spend large sums annually for secular literature, that will not pay the insignificant sum of \$1.50 a year for the support of a Catholic paper. And when the time

comes that the children of those households become lukewarm in the faith, the absence of a Catholic journal from the fire side is not suspected as a prime cause. But it is.

Catholic Advocate.

The Legal Adviser notes that the Supreme Court of Louisiana is credited with an opinion which is highly remarkable. The Court is reported to have held that the offense of shooting at a person is committed in Louisiana when a person in the State of South Carolina, not in his own defense or under other circumstances of justification, aims and fires a pistol at another who at the time is in Louisiana, although the bullet misses him and strikes the water near the boat which he occupies. The ordinary reader will be apt to suppose that the firearm in question must have an unusually long range. The ball would have to be sent across the States of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi in order to accomplish the feat.

The Silver Issue.

Just at present the silver issue is attracting the attention of a good many people but the issue that attracts the attention of the people of Rochester is the fact that the price of coal is down to its lowest notch and that now is the time to place the order for next winter's supply. If you want to get the best Lehigh Valley white ash don't fail to give your order to L. C. Langie, cor. E. Main St. and East Avenue or at either of the yards.

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