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A REMARKABLE LEAGUE.

That is a somewhat remarkable organization started in New York a few days ago called "The League of Catholic Unity". The declaration of principles is also remarkable in that it recognizes the Catholic Church and its hierarchy, something that most non-Catholics seem to be loath to do. It is:

In view of the acknowledge evils of a divided Christendom, and in view also of the growing desire for Church unity, we, whose names are subscribed, devoutly seeking the Divine guidance and blessing, hereby associate ourselves as a league for the promotion of catholic unity. Without detaching ourselves from the Christian bodies to which we severally belong, or intending to compromise our relations thereto, or seeking to interfere with other efforts for Christian unity, we accept, as worthy of the most thoughtful consideration, the four principles of Church unity proposed by the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Chicago in 1886, and amended by the Lambeth Conference of 1788, as follows:

1. The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as containing all things necessary to salvation, and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
2. The Apostles' Creed, as the baptismal symbol, and the Nicene Creed, as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.
3. The two Sacraments ordained by Christ Himself: Baptism and the Supper of the Lord, ministered with unfailing use of Christ's words of institution, and of the elements ordained by Him.
4. The Historic Episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the Unity of His Church.

In order to promote catholic unity we recommend, as proposed by the Lambeth Conference, that these articles be carefully studied in connection with the authoritative standards of doctrine, worship, and government adopted by the different bodies of Christians into which the English-speaking races are divided; and to this end we reverently and lovingly invoke the countenance and aid of the Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church and of all other Catholic Bishops and Christian ministers of every order and name.

This declaration is signed by clergymen of the Baptist, Protestant Episcopal, Methodist, Episcopal, Lutheran, Dutch Reformed, Presbyterian and Congregationalist denominations. While Catholics cannot unite in this league they will all wish it success, as if lived up to, it will tend to lesson bigotry among non-Catholics. It also tends to show that even the most "liberal" of our non-Catholic friends realize that some platform, some guiding principle other than private judgment, is necessary. The most remarkable part of the declaration, to our mind, is the fourth clause. While the Episcopalians have always included bishops in their list of church officers, most of the other have not. This suggests a pertinent question: If bishops are necessary why not a head bishop, or pope?

The Chamber of Commerce is at last in its new quarters. May it prosper as never before.

A WARNING.

The sad position in which a young lady of Rochester has found herself in a western city while on a so called wedding tour should be a warning to Catholic girls when they are tempted to murmur at and disobey the regulations of Holy Mother Church. This young woman was united in marriage several years ago according to the rites of the Catholic church, to an estimable gentleman of this city. The friends of the couple thought it an ideal union. Ere long discord reigned in the home and husband and wife became estranged. She left her husband. Had the matter ended here the outside world would never have known who was to blame and its sympathies would naturally have gone with the wife. The latter however pursued a different course. She sued in the courts for a separation from her husband but was unsuccessful in the litigation. She was in an unfortunate predicament to be sure, but in no worse than her husband. She could not marry again; neither could he. She seemed mad, denied, however, and flinging aside all scruples, trampled on the laws of the Church by obtaining an absolute divorce in a western state. She followed this up by showing her absolute contempt for the church and defiance of God Himself in contracting a marriage with another man.

The ceremony was performed by a non-Catholic preacher, the blessing of the church was absent. It is true the ceremony was as well as could be made so far as externals go but it cannot be possible that this young woman's conscience was so seared that she was at perfect peace with herself.

Mark the sequel. This young woman's second love was a man she had known but three months. She rushed headlong to her fate without even that amount of prudence or inquiry that is usually exercised in selecting a domestic, let alone a partner for life. What was the result? The marriage took place in April; last week the young woman had the supreme pleasure of seeing her companion looked up on a charge of forgery in presenting bogus checks in payment for goods and for their board. He had run through with all the ready money she took from home, also the jewels, and then turned his wife to raising money by criminal methods. Recent developments tend to show that he is a clever adventurer with a checkered career.

This sad experience should serve as a lesson to those who would disobey the laws of the Church. It should also warn young women to be careful whom they choose as husbands.

SHOULD BE REMOVED.

If there be any process of law, whereby the school trustees of College Point, Long Island, can be removed from office it should be invoked forthwith. These nincompoops—and worse—have decided that the women school teachers in their district must not ride to school on bicycles, because "to see their teachers dismount from bicycles tends to excite immoral thoughts in the minds of the pupils." Did you ever hear of such a piece of downright cussedness? That is all it amounts to, as the trustee who drafted the resolution frankly admitted that he was opposed to women riding bicycles at any and all times but was bound, especially, to stop them riding to and from school. We'll wager a good deal that this same trustee would not vote to advance these teachers' salaries one cent, in order that they might ride in the street cars and eschew the bicycle. We have no doubt he is a penurious old skinflint, with no idea of what constitutes a womanly woman. We will go further and wager that he is one of those philanthropic gentlemen who think all women are put into this world for is to be a drudge and a toy for selfish and lecherous men.

We would like to know by what process of reasoning this Solomon-like board of trustees, arrive at the conclusion that to see a teacher dismount from a bicycle produces immoral thoughts. If they be right then the pupils of the College Point

school must be a bad lot and their school must be a bad lot and their course in moral philosophy or, better still, religious instruction of some sort. It is true that it takes but little to excite illicit thoughts in some men. It may be that the trustee in question was judging the pupils by himself.

Of course one may be entirely astray in our estimate of the man but he is certainly one of those queer specimens of humanity who are over-moderate, and too ready to spread it abroad. By adopting the resolution the trustees, as a whole are stamped as a lot of addle-pated fools, or worse. We doubt that the board has power to enforce the resolution if the courts are appealed to. We think it illegal and contrary to good law.

These feasts are near at hand: Nativity of St. John the Baptist, June 24th; SS. Peter and Paul, June 29; feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus, the first Sunday in July; visitation of the Blessed Virgin, July 2nd; the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin or "Lady Day in Harvest", August 15th. The second and fifth of these are feasts of the first class with an octave and the feast of the Assumption is a day of obligation.

Rev. Dr. McCook of Philadelphia, in an address to the senior class of Lafayette College, a few days ago said: "The chief peril which threatens our country to-day is legalized lawlessness. If we are to perpetuate our free representative Government, maintain our material prosperity, preserve social order and those sound morals on which these all depend, we must continue to fear God and keep His commandments." The speaker might have added "Any movement tending to proscrib a man socially or politically, because of his religion, must be sternly repressed."

We desire to express our appreciation for an invitation from the committee of escort to accompany His Grace, the Most Rev. M. A. Corrigan, D. D., Archbishop of New York, to the Catholic Summer School of America, at Plattsburgh, N. Y., on Lake Champlain, Wednesday, July 3d, also an invitation from the President and Board of Trustees of Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., to be present at the centennial celebration commemorative of the founding of the College, commencing June 23d, and ending June 27th.

Eugene Debs now realizes that there is a Supreme court law. Still, we cannot but view with apprehension the growth of the policy of federal judges assuming to govern this country by injunction. Some day the Populists may control the federal courts and then the application of the injunction process against those who advocate it now may not be so popular.

The cities commission is at work on uniform charters for Rochester, Troy, Syracuse and Albany. If it can succeed in framing a charter that will satisfy the "Municipal reform kickers" the commission will go down into history as five of the brightest men that ever sat around a table.

That bill to promote the teaching of the effect of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics upon the human system looks like a big "steal" to foist upon the taxpayers the purchase of a new set of text-books just gotten out by the "School Book Ring."

We take pleasure this week in adding to our exchange list the Catholic Record, issued monthly at San Francisco, and The Flight, issued quarterly at the Institute of Mission Helpers, Baltimore, by a community of white sisters devoted to the Negro missions, also the Catholic Tidings, of Los Angeles, Cal.

Bishop McQuaid, whose illness was reported last Sunday, has been attending several commencement exercises this week. It is the wish of the community at large that he may be spared to them for years to come.

The very best men possible should be chosen for Hemlock lake commissioners. Men of good judgment and integrity may save the city a good round sum of money.

Governor Morton has killed water storage. He may find that he has made a mistake when he runs for president in 1896.

It is not always the one who professes the greatest devotion to your interests that is your best friend.

Keeps sharp eye on the man who flatters. He is likely to cheat you if opportunity affords itself.

"What's in a name?" says the Bard of Avon. That depends. Some names on the back of a note or check are worth from \$5,000 to \$500,000. Others are not worth five cents.

Rosebery seems to be a dead failure as premier of England.

It would seem that "Manhattan" would be a more appropriate name for the eastern metropolis than "New York."

The exodus to the sea shore will soon commence.

The bicycle has evidently come to stay. The best investment just now is in stock in a bicycle factory, if you can buy any.

The Infant's Summer Hospital at Charlotte is a worthy charity and should be given liberal financial support.

We do not see why non-residents should be appointed to public office in any locality.

Will McKinley, or Harrison, or Reed, or Allison, or Morton be the republican standard bearer in 1896.

"Sixteen to one" seems to be the prevailing odds with the silver men these June days.

The new attorney-general of the United States is opposed to free silver.

If the proposed new telephone Company will reduce telephone rates, the Common Council should not hesitate a moment in granting it a franchise.

Alas, when religious editors quarrel there are secular editors to look for example and guidance?

[Rochester Herald.]
We have always made it a rule never to quarrel with our contemporaries. We state facts, however, no matter who they hit or how hard they hit.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke xv. 1-10.—At that time: "The publicans and sinners drew near unto Jesus to hear Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying: This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them. And He spoke to them this parable, saying: What man of you that hath an hundred sheep, and if he shall lose one of them, doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which was lost until he find it? And when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulders rejoicing, and coming home call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost? I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance. Or what woman having ten groats, if she lose one groat, doth not light a candle and sweep the house and seek diligently until she find it? And when she hath found it, call together her friends and neighbors, saying: Rejoice with me, because I have found the great which I had lost. So I say to you, there shall be joy before the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance."

What is the object of this parable? By this parable Christ wished to excuse sinners; He desired to encourage them to be

converted, and to let them know how dear they are to the most merciful God. Who goes in search of the lost. Who helps them with His grace in their repentance, and who rejoices with His angels in heaven when they return to the path that leads to salvation.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday June 23—Third Sunday after Pentecost. Epist. 1. Pet. v. 6-11, Gosp. Luke xv. 1-10.
Monday 24—Nativity of St. John Baptist. Tuesday 25—St. William, Abbot.
Wednesday 26—SS. John and Paul, Martyrs.
Thursday 27—Of the Octave of St. John Baptist.
Friday 28—St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr. Vigil of SS. Peter and Paul.
Saturday 29—SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

New Publications.

Army Boys and Girls. By Mary G. Bonesteel. One volume; 12mo., cloth, illustrated. Price \$1.00. John Murphy & Co., Baltimore, Md.

Catholic National Speller and Word Book. Board covers; 12mo., 144 pages; price 25c. New York; Benziger Bros. This addition to the famous Benziger educational series will be welcomed by the very large number of schools now using the books of this house.

Stenotypy.—We have just received a manual of Stenotypy, or shorthand for the typewriter, which, as to scope and practicability, is a decided novelty. The author, Rev. D. A. Quinn of Providence, R. I., claims decided advantage for his invention. Cloth \$1.50; paper \$1. Address: Rev. D.

A. Quinn, Working Girls' Home, Providence, R. I.

Life of St. Anthony of Padua. By Rev. Fr. Ubaldus da Rieti, O. S. F., House of the Angel Guardian, 85 Vernon Street, Boston, Mass. The best "Life of St. Anthony" ever published, and for which the author secured the only authentic documents extant. Published with the approbation of the Most Rev. J. J. Williams, Archbishop of Boston. Prices: 50c., 75c., and \$1.

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