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SUNDAY CLOSING.

Senator O'Connor would have the question of Sunday closing made an issue in the next campaign. We have no doubt that closing would carry the day, as the voters of the interior nearly all favor a rigid observance of the Sunday laws, and their votes added to those of the Sunday observers in the large cities, would doubtless outnumber those cast by the so-called "liberals." Nevertheless, that would not settle the question. Let the next legislature pass a "local option" law, that is to allow each municipality to decide whether it wanted the Sunday law observed in its entirety, or whether the law should be so modified as to permit of the opening of saloons at certain hours on Sundays. Then the voters of each city, or village or town, can decide what it wants, and we will hear no more complaint that the law is harshly enforced, or that it is not enforced at all. Either this course must be pursued, or sumptuary laws abolished altogether.

If it be decided to continue the present law, the state should take some steps toward a uniform enforcement of the law all over the state. It is an open secret that while the saloons are closed on Sunday in New York, as far as the police are able, across the river in Brooklyn, the saloons are open all day. The same is true of other cities in the interior of the state. This is not right. It is an unjust discrimination as in the "barber law" which exempts New York and Saratoga from the statute providing that barber shops shall be closed on Sunday. It is also time that the present law is enforced so as to aid one or the other political party. This is not right.

While we favor closing saloons on Sunday, we do think that the "local option law" would be a good one to have on the statute books. If it were there, it would put a stop to a "reformer" urging that all saloons be closed, and then asking that one located on property owned by him be exempted. It would also be a warning to municipal authorities as to just exactly what course the citizens wished to be pursued in the premises.

ARRANT NONSENSE.

The Cleveland "Leader" affects to believe that many "prominent Catholics" will withdraw from the Church rather than resign their membership in the Masonic, Odd Fellow and Pythian Orders, as decreed by Pope Leo XIII. The "Leader" also asserts that there are 3,000,000 Catholics in the United States who belong to the societies named. Both statements are nonsensical. No man who is a "Catholic" will refuse to subordinate his judgment to that of the Church. In the second place, the combined membership in the United States of the Masons, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias, will not aggregate 3,000,000, and no one of any

sense would estimate that more than one in fifty of their members are Catholics. Indeed, one of the prominent officers of the Odd Fellows has declared that but few Catholics belonged to his order. It is not likely that there are over 10,000 Catholics belonging to the inhibited orders. It does not matter, however, how many there are. There are plenty of Catholic fraternal orders and organizations not under the ban of the Church which they can join.

THE BACKBITER

Our advice to the L. C. B. A. is to treat with contempt the sneaking backbiter who with Machiavelian pen would stab in the back one who has none but the best wishes for the future prosperity of the order. He has no pecuniary interest at stake, the backbiter has, and were it not for revenue he would never notice the L. C. B. A. The backbiter is the same person who called a body of respectable women "Sempiternal old hens who assemble to cackle about their rights." The backbiter personally has no more depth than a cicous clown, but he is to be shunned because of the slimy venom that flows from his poisoned pen. You can never tell what minute the backbiter will turn his attention to you. Puffed up by self-gratulation and nauseous adulation of other backbiters, he imagines himself a benefactor of all; priests, bishops, archbishops, even the delegate himself should imbibe wisdom from this foul-penned blackguard. The backbiter would do well to ponder over the Eighth Commandment, also to commit to memory again the seven deadly sins.

THE ASSUMPTION.

The feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will fall on next Thursday. It is a holy day of obligation, and the day before, Wednesday, is a fast day. We cannot do better than to quote what St. Bernard says of this feast:

"On this day the glorified Virgin entered Heaven and crowned by her presence the holy pleasures of its inhabitants. But what mind can conceive the glory with which the arrival of this Queen was celebrated by the brilliant heavenly hosts, their advances to greet her, their chanting as they led her to the magnificent throne? Who can fancy the tender gaze, the loving countenance, the divine carresses with which she was received by her Son and placed over all created beings, honored as became such a mother with the glory that became such a Son? What lips can describe the assumption of Mary? As upon earth she, before all others, received special grace, so in heaven she, before all others, receives special glory. If eye bath not seen, nor ear heard, nor bath it entered into the heart of man to know the delights that God has prepared for those that love Him, who shall say what is prepared for her who bore Him and loved Him more than all! O blessed art thou, Mary! Most blessed wert thou, when thou didst receive the Savior; most blessed art thou when the Savior receives thee!"

AN UNMITIGATED CAD.

Jerome St. Jerome has had a great many admirers in this country. "Three Men in a Boat" and "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow" have amused not a few of us. It is true we did not find much depth in his yarns, but they were funny, the wit was pure, the stories were well told and his pathos was not half bad. Many of us have read his magazine "The Idler" more because of the editor than because of the benefit we derived from it. It is our candid opinion, however, that Jerome has been trading or borrowed capital and that, at heart, he is a cad and a suppliant for aristocratic petting and Tory patronage. Last week in his paper Mr. Jerome said: "Democracy is an idle folly, and no one but an uneducated fool can believe in it." What post does Jerome expect to fill under the Salisbury regime?

If it be wrong to sell liquor in saloons on Sundays, why is it not equally a crime to sell soda water in a drugstore on the first day of the week?

It must be that the new Chief weather observer has found the rain value.

ANOTHER DENVER ECHO.

The "Colorado Catholic," true to its clerical instincts for the last few years, refuses to accept the straightforward explanation the JOURNAL made of its remarks on the recent address of Archbishop Ireland in Indiana, in which he went out of his way to laud the public schools and, indirectly, gave the parochial schools a black eye. The "Catholic" asserts that in the West nearly every parish has as well-equipped a parochial school as there is in the diocese of Rochester, and, queerly enough, argues that such a state of affairs proves the truth of Archbishop Ireland's statement that there are not now parochial schools to accommodate one-third of the Catholic children and scarcely enough teachers for that number. We fancy the "Catholic's" statement proves directly the opposite. If there is a well-equipped parochial school in nearly every parish, what need is there of Catholic children attending the public schools? If we have not enough parochial schools for the Catholic children let us build more, but do not let us fold our hands and whine.

The reverend editor of the "Catholic" says we were misinformed about his knowledge of the parochial schools of Rochester. His memory is very bad or he would feign ignorance. It was not a long ago that he was not only willing but anxious to receive his theological education in the diocese of Rochester. When he had completed his studies he took Horace Greeley's advice and went to Colorado. The "Catholic's" editor hastens to inform us that he should not be included in the list of clerical editors who cannot find time to build parochial schools. We were aware of that, but the reverend gentleman should remember that there are other "clerical editors," and the JOURNAL's remarks are applicable to them. More than one of them, too, not only could not find time of their own free will to build parochial schools in their parishes, but they refused to make any effort to do so, even when ordered by their bishops.

It is a curious fact that the only lineal descendant of John Knox is "Brother Philip" a member of the Holy Cross congregation at Notre Dame. He was a Methodist preacher in his early manhood, but in the last thirty years he has been a teacher in various Catholic schools. He is said to have in his possession a staff box that once belonged to John Knox. This leads the "Catholic Weekly" of Troy to say: "Brother Philip exhibited more spiritual wisdom than his 'great ancestor' John, the degenerate monk. Brother Philip ought to send obnoxious snuff-box to Esleben, Germany, to the museum of relics of vow-breakers."

The "Catholic Universe" credits an A. P. A. paper with the following: "An alarming state of affairs exists in New England. The census of 1890 shows that the communicants of Roman Catholics in New England exceed the number of all the members of Protestant churches combined, by nearly a quarter of a million. New England churches contain 1,065,920 Catholics and 769,987 Protestants."

It is wonderful how much interest clerical editors take in the affairs of the diocese of Rochester. If some of them would mind their own business a trifle more they would find plenty to do at home without meddling where their advice is not needed.

The new constitution prohibits pool selling at races. The old constitution prohibited the "French wheel" but it was always at the races, just the same. Ergo, we expect that pools will still be sold at races. Such is human nature.

A good Catholic does not worry over the mistakes of the clergy. It will not save his soul to point out where a priest errs. He alone is responsible for his own soul, and of him will God require it.

There is no longer any dispute that the "reformers" or "kickers" are in the saddle in Rochester.

A model of the famous cathedral of St. Peter at Rome will be erected on the Midway Heights at the Cotton States and International Exposition. This is the same model that attracted so much attention at the Midway Plaisance at Chicago. It will be an exact reproduction, on a small scale, of the world-famous cathedral.

A debt to a newspaper is as obligatory as any other ordinary indebtedness. A person who, having the means, refuses to pay sins against the Seventh Commandment. Many dead-beat subscribers may close the door of heaven against themselves by taking a paper for years and then not paying for it. If you can not pay the full amount, send part of it.

From this side of the water it looks as though the English people get over election faster than we do in the United States. One reason is, there is no anxiety over tariff charges.

Books and Bookmakers.

"Charity for the Suffering Souls," a book of instruction for all Christians, especially for member of confraternities for the relief of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. By Rev. John A. Naqelissen, C. P. P. S., missionary priest of the congregation of the Most Precious Blood. 578 pages, bound, price \$1.15. Published by the Spiritual Benevolent Fraternity, Collegeville, Ind.

This is a book that should be read by every devout Catholic. Devotion to the Souls in Purgatory is not practiced to the extent it should be by the younger American Catholics. Father Naqelissen's book would arouse such Catholics to a realization of their duty. It is approved by Archbishops Katzer and Elder, so there is no doubt as to the theological correctness of the contents of the work. What impresses itself upon the readers mind the most, however, is the depth of feeling the author displays in his theme. It is evident he writes from his heart and that his book was written because he wished to widen the scope of the devotion to the poor suffering souls. No one can read it without being stirred to his soul's deepest depths.

Life of Blessed John Gabriel Perboyre, priest of the Congregation of the Mission, Martyred in China, September 11, 1840. Translated from the French with the permission and blessing of the Superior-General of the Lazarists in Paris, Monsignor A. Fiat, to which is added the imprimatur of Francis Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris. One volume, cloth, 444 pages, 7 illustrations, \$1. John Murphy & Co., Baltimore.

This book should be on the shelves of every Catholic library, whether public or private. Blessed Perboyre was a martyr of the Nineteenth Century, and his life, labors, sufferings and horrible death furnish an example and rebuke to Catholics of the present day, who are afraid to stand up too strongly for their faith, lest they lose social, business or professional prestige.

Not since "The Anglomaniacs" has there been so clever a society satire as Henry Fuller's "Pilgrim Sons," which is published in the August "Cosmopolitan." The problems involved in woman's use of the bicycle are so startling and so numerous, under the rapid evolution of this art, that one welcomes a careful discussion of the subject by so trained a mind and so clever a writer as Mrs. Reginald de Koven. "The Cosmopolitan" illustrates Mrs. de Koven's article with a series of poses by professional models. A new sport more thrilling than any known to Nimrod, more dangerous than was ever experienced by even a Buffalo Bill, is exploited in the same issue in an article on "Photographing Big Game in the Rocky Mountains," before shooting. The idea that ten cents for "The Cosmopolitan" means inferiority from a literary point of view is dispelled by the appearance in this number of such writers as Sir Lewis Morris, Sir Edwin Arnold, Edgar Fawcett, Tabb, W. Clark Russell, Lang, Sarcey, Zangwill, Agnes Repplier, etc. Nor can we entertain the idea of inferiority in illustration with such names as Hamilton Gibson, Denman, Van Schaik, Lix, Sandham, etc., figuring as the chief artists of a single month's issue.

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THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke xviii. 9-14.—At that time: "To some who trusted in themselves as just and despised others Jesus spoke this parable: Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee standing prayed thus with himself: O God! I give Thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men: extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican. I fast twice in a week; I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes toward heaven, but struck his breast, saying: O God! be merciful to me a sinner! I say to you this man went down into his house justified rather than the other; because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

What are we to learn from this? We should learn to avoid the vice of pride and not to confide in our own good qualities; if we happen to have any, in order not to become, like the Pharisee, an object of aversion to God. To avoid this vice, let us bear in mind that the proud man is odious to heaven and earth, and that God, as St. Peter says, resists the proud and covers them with confusion, as he did Lucifer, the sons of Babel, Holofernes, and many others.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, August 11.—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. Epist. 1. Cor. xii. 2-11; Gosp. Luke xviii. 9-14.
Monday 12.—St. Clare, Virgin.
Tuesday 13.—Of the Octave of St. Lawrence. SS. Hippolytus and Cassian, Martyrs.
Wednesday 14.—Of the Octave. Vigil of the Assumption. St. Eusebius, Confessor. Fast.
Thursday 15.—ASSUMPTION OF THE B. V. M. HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION. LESS. ECCLES. xii. 11-20. Gosp. Luke i. 38-42.
Friday 16.—St. Hyacinth, Confessor.
Saturday 17.—Octave of St. Lawrence.

"America's Greatest Railroad." At the recent meeting of the Institution of Engineers at Cleveland, Jeremiah Head of Middleboro read a paper on the comparison of English and American railroads, and in referring to the New York Central Mr. Head said:

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The village of Williamsbridge, when she found she was going to be annexed to the city of New York, hurried up and issued \$180,000 of sewer bonds, and they are now saddled on the city. They were negotiated quietly, as they could be under the law, and sold at a good premium. There is a fuss, but the final result will be that they will have to be recognized, and the interest and principal paid when due. The question is not one of legality, it is one of honesty.

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