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### CATHOLIC READING CIRCLES

Now that the fall months are here the Catholic Reading Circles will resume sessions and the JOURNAL hopes they will be as successful as they have been in the past and it also hopes that before very long there will be a reading circle attached to every parish. There is nothing that will tend to bring about better feeling or break down social barriers among the young people. Better means cannot be suggested to live interest in Catholic literature or the history of our Holy Church. There are too many young Catholics whose educational facilities have not been of the best and whose knowledge of their faith and the history of the Church is not too extensive. In this age of intellectual giants, there are too many eager to assail the Catholic Church. The one strong point of our adversaries is, their intellectual ability, or fancied ability. The merest chits of girls can quote Darwin and Huxley to you with parrot-like versatility and they can string off at a mile a minute gait the stereotyped arguments against the Catholic church. Catholics should be so mentally equipped that they can refute such arguments. To be sure one's faith may be none the less weak because he cannot refute non-Catholic critics but it is a great deal more satisfaction not to have to come out second best in a dispute.

Then there are other matters on which reading circles will tend to advance their members. When the circles are composed of mixed membership, the rough corners of the boys will be rounded off and "those bashful feelings" will wear away. The sterner sex will also learn to value the mental accomplishments of the girls, after they are tripped up a few times in discussing knotty subjects. The dear girls too, will come to see the finer points of their brother's makeup. We will not blist that the association will improve the ladies as they are well-nigh perfection but it is certain that it will improve the boys. There is another consideration but we are uncertain whether to even hint it. However, here goes. congenial companionship, a liking for the same lines of mental food voices that harmonize perfectly and dispositions that are mutually agreeable may tend, in more ways than one toward "two hearts that beat as one" and merry wedding bells may be the sequel. Seriously speaking the growth of the reading circle movement may tend to a diminution of mixed marriages, so much to be deplored and a source of so much unhappiness.

It is also to be hoped that the dream of the founders of the reading circles in Rochester may be realized in the near future. A handsome building where will meet all the religious societies of Rochester, with comfortably half or lyceum and adequately equipped Catholic library.

### DRIVE OUT THE TURK.

It would seem that Lord Salisbury means to bring the wily Turk to his senses. It is reported that the English premier has informed the sultan that the European governments must have supervision of the intended reforms in Armenia and in bringing to justice the perpetrators of the recent horrible atrocities. The sultan is said to have replied that the proposed Armenian reforms will all be carried out but that foreign interference will not be tolerated. To this Lord Salisbury is said to have only replied that if the sultan continued to sustain such a position the European powers would proceed to the dismemberment of the Turkish Empire. The latter course is the one that should be adopted. Some of the worst atrocities in history are contained in the annals of the Ottoman Empire. Cruel, perfidious, devilish in its nature, it were well if the Turk were blotted from the human race. He certainly should not be permitted to pose or be treated as a civilized being. Uncouth barbarians could not be guilty of more horrible crimes or bloodthirsty deviltry than have been laid at the door of the Turks, at home or in battle.

### THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

The "Catholic Standard" of Philadelphia tells but the truth when it says: "The Catholic press of the United States to-day is doing the work that belongs to it, just as it always has done, to the best extent of its ability, with the aid of learned, experienced and conscientious men and women, whose work is carefully edited and is put before the public for the cause of Catholicity, and of Americans in general by a combination of Catholic zeal and business capacity. The Catholic press of the United States has done its share, with the approbation of the hierarchy, for the Catholic cause, and has a right to appeal to intelligent Catholic sentiment for its support and against hasty and ill-considered attacks."

It is to be hoped the proposition of Richard Kerens, of Missouri, that presidential campaigns be hereafter shortened to six weeks or two months will prevail. The present custom of opening presidential campaigns in May or June paralyzes business for about six months every fourth year. When there is a change in the party in power business is paralyzed still longer because of uncertainty as to the policy to be pursued by the new government. This practically stagnates business for a year. Whether shorter campaigns are to be the rule hereafter, such should be the rule in 1896. The country is just recovering from a commercial depression and it can ill afford a year's stagnation in business just to afford pleasure to a few politicians, who are paid fat salaries for stump speeches and campaign management.

It is too bad that some amiable settlement of the garment workers strike cannot be arrived at. It now looks as though both sides had settled down for a stubborn game of stare out. Such games usually result in no winning for either side. It matters not which side wins in the end, there is engendered a feeling of mutual distrust and dislike that rarely dies out and is more than apt to result in many subsequent strikes. The financial effect of a prolonged strike is felt by both sides, especially the strikers. If there were only some way to prevent strikes! That will come with the millennium.

All true Americans will sympathize with and assist the new Irish league to be organized in Chicago next week in any effort it inaugurates to legitimately bring about Home Rule, but the American public will tolerate no dynamite plots, no assassinations, no secret cabals, no dark lantern methods.

The Liberal party will miss William Ewart Gladstone during the life of the next Parliament. There is now no man in the Liberal party who can fill his place.

According to all accounts the Kingdom of Italy, monarch and all, is in a state of slavish subjection to Premier Crispi, who is plundering the country right and left. The Italian parliament is the creature of his caprice, and he is as absolute a boss as any ward leader in Tammany. Taxes have been raised to an unreasonable point; innocent citizens are thrown into prison if they dare criticize Crispi. Where, then, are the boasted benefits of the Savoyan dynasty? Would the restoration of the temporal power not be a benefit to Italy?

It seems incomprehensible that the Associated Press should make such a glaring mistake as it did in the report of the Defender-Valkyrie yacht race last Saturday. It can only be explained on the theory that trained yachtsmen were not on board the press boat, and also that the A. P. managers were such consummate fools as not to confess an error, but stuck it out blindly with the hope that Valkyrie would win in the end.

During 1894 the St. Vincent de Paul conferences of the United States collected \$293,484, and expended in relieving the needy poor \$288,946. This is a grand showing for a period of commercial and industrial depression.

Care must be taken not to brand a neighbor as an A. P. A. unless his past life proves him to be a bigot. There are unscrupulous business men and politicians who, while not so far removed from Apaisism themselves, will not hesitate to ruin a rival in Catholic estimation by branding him as an Apaiast.

Parents should be careful how they act and talk before children. The little folks are quite apt to echo their parents and if a good example is set, they certainly derive no harm. On the other hand, if parents set a bad example their children will, nine cases out of ten, follow it.

The nihilists are again making life interesting for the czar of Russia. The ruler of all the Russias is not a person to be envied. Yet, why does he not exercise his despotic power to ameliorate the condition of his subjects? If he did, nihilism would soon be but an unwelcome memory.

It would be a good thing if Rochesterians could vote with a ballot machine in November. Such a procedure would be infinitely more agreeable than manipulating a clumsy blanket ballot.

The Erie canal has certainly done very little business, as compared with former business. Would this condition be altered if the people vote to expend \$9,000,000 for the enlargement and betterment of the canals?

The parochial schools are now open again. All Catholic children should be in attendance, except for good reasons. There is no excuse for Catholic children attending the public schools in most instances.

The person who furnishes false information to a newspaper should be given the full penalty of the law. Characters may be easily ruined by a newspaper, without any intention of doing so, by reason of such false information.

The head of the A. P. A. is a hide-bound orangeman. What a parody upon the vaunted patriotism of the secret assassination society.

Catholic missionaries have not fled from the scene of the Chinese massacres. Do our non-Catholic friends see the point?

It is a mistake for a Catholic to acquiesce in the statement that "one religion is as good as another." That is not so. There is but one true religion, that is the Catholic.

Blessed Mary is our Mother and she never forgets her children. Let us be children worthy of such a loving Mother.

It is remarkable how easy Buffalo papers are galled about Rochester matters.

There is no question but the Defender is the best boat. Unfortunately, it looks as if there were no question that the Valkyrie's crew were the better sailors.

The "Catholic Citizen" truly says: "The new movement" that the Irish need most is a movement towards more unity.

### THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke vii. 11-16—At that time, "Jesus went into a city that is called Nain, and there went with Him His disciples and a great multitude. And when He came nigh to the gate of the city, behold a dead man was carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow: and a great multitude of the city was with her. Whom when the Lord had seen, being moved with mercy toward her, He said to her, Weep not. And He came near and touched the bier. (And they that carried it stood still.) And He said: Young man, I say to thee arise. And he that was dead sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. And there came a fear on them all, and they glorified God, saying: A great prophet has risen up among us, and God hath visited His people."

The dead man is a figure of a sinner dead in the eyes of God deprived of every spiritual good and of the strength to do works for life eternal. The sorrowful mother who followed the bier is a figure of the Church, which never loses sight of those of her children whom sin has deprived of life. She continually prays for their conversion fervently and constantly from the mercy of God through the merits of Jesus Christ.

### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday Sept. 15—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy Name of Mary. St. Nicomedes, Martyr. Last Friday. xxv. 23-31; Gosp. Luke i. 26-28; Last Gosp. Luke vii. 11-16.

Monday 16—SS. Cornelius and Cyprian, Popes and Martyrs. SS. Euphemius and Companions, Martyrs.

Tuesday 17—The Sign of St. Francis: Assisi.

Wednesday 18—St. Joseph of Cupertino, Confessor. Ember Day, Fast.

Thursday 19—SS. Januarius, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs.

Friday 20—SS. Eustace and Companions, Martyrs. Vigil of St. Matthew. Ember Day, Fast.

Saturday 21—St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Ember Day, Fast.

Catholic University Open to All.

The board of directors of the Catholic University has decided to receive applications from any person who desires to enter that institution and receive the benefit of its higher educational facilities. Heretofore no one but a priest could enter the university, but after Oct. 1st all students who possess the necessary education all qualifications will be admitted.

According to the new order of things women will be permitted to attend the lectures and studies in the regular and special courses. While they will have the same advantages for learning as the male students, they will not be permitted to matriculate, and hence will not be awarded degrees.

Books and Bookmakers.

"A Lady and Her Letters," Katherine E. Conway, second edition. Pilot Publishing company, Boston. This prettily bound little book from the pen of one of America's most gifted women and authors, should be in the hands of every Catholic girl and on the shelves of every Catholic library while non-Catholics can use it with profit. All kinds of letters are treated of and one lays down the book with firm conviction that a lady is indeed known by her letters. The little volume will doubtless be widely read in Rochester where Miss Conway formerly lived and where she has so many friends and admirers.

Take advantage of the Home-Seekers' Excursions on the Nickel Plate Road, Sept. 9th and 23d. Write F. J. Moore,  
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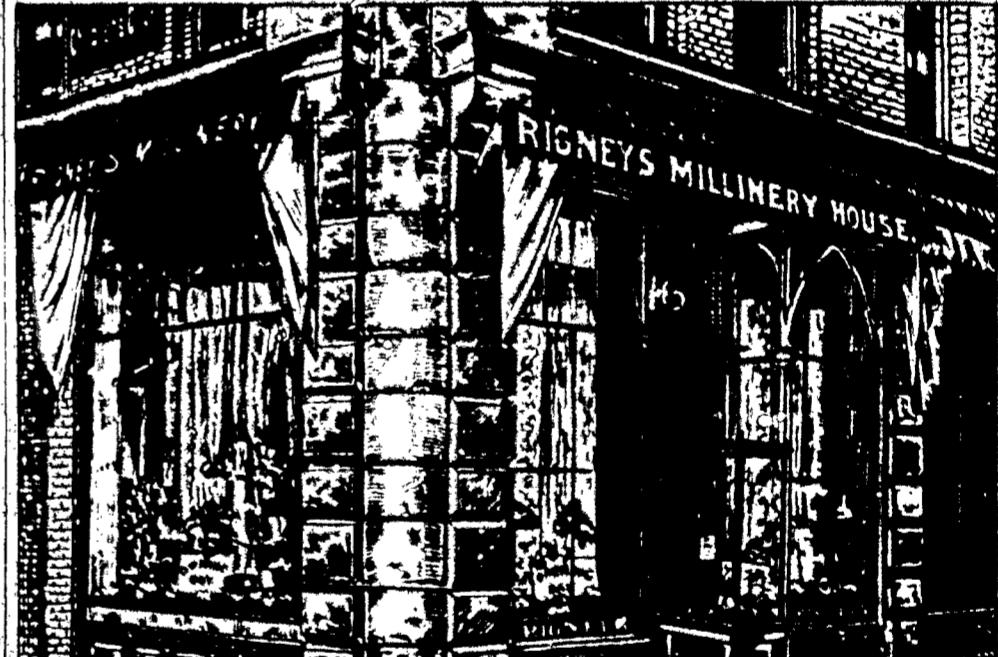
brass top rails and spindles, heavy cast ornaments, same style cost \$10.50 last year.

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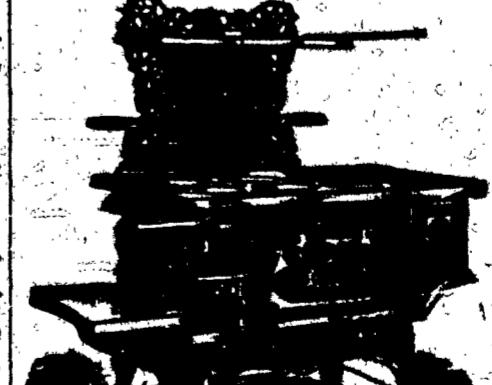
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