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A YOUTHFUL CRITIC.

A recent issue of the Holy Cross "Purple" contains an opinionated critique on the Catholic press of the United States. This undergraduate editor is not at all pleased with the Catholic papers, and is fulsome in its advice to his brother editors as to the changes they should make in their method of doing business. He also bewails the lack of an English Catholic daily.

It is extremely easy to find fault with Catholic papers, especially on the part of those who conduct papers well backed financially, and who have no pecuniary loss to suffer. When our friend of the "Purple" has started a Catholic paper, struggled against adverse circumstances to build it up, encountered the jeers, sneers, and jibes of those who should proffer encouragement; when he has gone through all this, he will not be so ready to offer captious criticisms on the Catholic press. There is no branch of Catholic work so worthy of encouragement, and which receives so little as Catholic journalism. It would seem as if the average Catholic expected a Harper's Weekly for 50 cents or a dollar a year. Mistakes that are glossed over or pass unnoticed in a secular daily are evidences of the grossest incompetency when seen in the Catholic paper, from the standpoint of these carping souls.

We hate to hurt the vanity of our college colleague, but we feel constrained to say that our experience in journalism has taught us that the average college graduate who enters journalism is absolutely useless at first, especially from a reportorial standpoint. He imagines his special mission is to revolutionize the policy of the press; that his function is not to learn from, but to teach the editors; that the paper has never been conducted properly until he was added to the staff. On the contrary it is generally necessary to teach decent English. It is a peculiar fact, but nevertheless true that college bred men, as a rule, write the poorest English. The college man has to be taught how to know a news item, and how to handle it, and afterward the value of time for newspaper work cannot be done at one's leisure, in a line of work in speed and accuracy as valuable as journalism.

In the editorial room the college graduate is more at home; but even here he has much to learn. The remarks about newspaper English apply equally well at this point. It is also a fault with the graduate that he imagines the teachings of his favorite professors in political economy, history, etc., are omnipresent, and should be forthwith incorporated into the policy of the paper he is editing. It is a sad and blaw

to his vanity to be informed to the contrary.

Not a few of the most noted editors of the country were not college graduates, and there is a conspicuous example of this in Rochester—the nestor of whose press had but a common school education, and worked his way from the composing case up to the desk of editor-in-chief.

We do not write these lines in a spirit of malice. We fully appreciate the value of a college education to an editor, but we wish to impress upon our colleague's mind the absurdity of an undergraduate giving advice on something he is not versed in, and on which his advice is obviously not worth a farthing.

So far as making a reporter is concerned, a bright newsboy often stands a better chance than an indifferent college graduate, he is never so well versed in mere book learning.

ILL INFORMED

Beginning its Saturday column of "Religious notes and News," the "Post Express" has this paragraph: "The bad business of appropriating money from the United States treasury for the support of sectarian schools among the Indians seems about ended. This has been brought about very largely by the voluntary action of the various religious bodies themselves. A few years ago at a conference of the 'Friends of the Indian,' a resolution to the effect 'that no Christian nation should receive public funds for its mission schools among the Indians' was moved by a Quaker, seconded by an Episcopalian bishop, and sustained in a fervid speech by a Methodist. Ever since that time the feeling against such appropriations of public funds has been growing stronger until the religious bodies have withdrawn their requests for such aid, except the Roman Catholics, who demanded \$250,000 from the public treasury for the current year. The system, however, is dead, the house of representatives having ordered what no doubt the senate will approve, that all appropriations for sectarian schools be stricken from the Indian appropriation bill."

The writer of the above is either bigoted or ill-informed. The only Indian schools that have ever given any satisfaction, or have met with anything like success are the Catholic schools. The reason for this is that the Catholic missionaries and nuns go among the Indians, live among them, and are their friends. The non-Catholics seek to swindle Indians out of their possessions, and also to entice them from the Catholic faith.

It is all nonsense to talk of non-sectarian Indian schools. There is no such thing. Either one sort of religious instruction is imparted or another. It is impossible to impart instruction to the Indians without one or the other form of religion. Then where does the "non-sectarian" come in? We will go farther than this, and charge that the "non-sectarian" schools the "Post Express" likes so well are sectarian in all that the word implies, and are really anti-Catholic. The Lincoln Institute of Philadelphia is one of the "non-sectarian" Indian schools. At its last election the officers of the Board of Council chosen consisted of one Episcopalian bishop, and seven Episcopalian clergymen. There was not a Catholic in the list. This shows what non-Catholics regard as "non-sectarian." Everything in which Catholics are not included, and have no part. Any movement in which Catholics are interested is "sectarian." This is the distinction with a vengeance.

Those in charge of the Catholic Indian schools never asked the government to pay for religious instruction. All they asked was remuneration for the secular knowledge they imparted to their Indian pupils. If the government, at A. P. A. dictation, declines to recognize this just obligation, well and good. The Catholic Indian schools will go on just the same. Catholics will contribute the more to their support. And the Catholic schools will be better patronized by the Indians, and will be more successful than the "non-sectarian" A. P. A. schools.

McKinley has many friends in New York. That fact is very much in evidence.

THE GOVERNORS DUTY

Governor Morton has an opportunity now that seldom comes to public men more than once in a lifetime. He has an opportunity to defy political bosses who are demanding that he sacrifice his independence and self-respect in return for votes for a presidential nomination, and to win the respect of all fair minded citizens. If he will but veto the Raines Excise bill he will prove himself to be a statesman, not a time-serving selfish politician.

We cannot conceive how Governor Morton can sign the Raines bill after the disgraceful way it was passed in the assembly last Thursday. All principles of decency and fair play were ruthlessly trampled under foot. Parliamentary rights were denied the opponents of the bill. They were gagged when they wished to speak on the bill. In short, the speaker and his friends passed the bill by brute force and would have counted the votes to pass it whether they were cast or not.

When a law is thus railroaded through the popular branch of the legislature there can certainly be no great popular demand for it, and we cannot conceive how Governor Morton can lend his high position to such disgraceful methods.

We care nothing for what objection the brewers or liquor dealers have to the bill. We are not anxious for the interests of the saloons. But we believe the Raines bill is a violation of the rights of the whole people and nothing more than a political grab.

Governor Morton, subvert the interests of the whole people and veto the Raines bill.

The "Post Express" says the Journal's editorial on "Chatfield Acquitted" was a sensible one. This is a welcome change from the treatment the Journal received from the former management of "The Post Express." In the days gone by everything we said was insane, malicious or worse. Then the "Post Express" posed as the champion of anti-bigotry; in fact it was as bigoted a paper as could be imagined because it could not see any good in certain persons, neither could it give those persons credit for a single worthy motive. It is queer how newspaper proprietors allow editors to drive away a large constituency of readers because of the editors personal likes or dislikes. It is because of what is past that we extend our hearty congratulations to the "Post Express" and its present management. It is more truly independent now than it ever was.

The "Vatican" of Albany has a ten line item about the recent visit of the grand officers of the C. M. B. A. to the State capitol. We do not care to make comparison between the lack of enterprise of a Catholic paper published on the spot, waiting a week and then publishing a ten line item, when the Journal published a half column "special" on the subject the same week the event happened, but we cannot allow the "Vatican" to change the grand president's name from "Edward Ryan" to George B. Ryan, and the grand secretary's from "Joseph Cameron" to "G. S. Campbell" without calling attention to the "break." Such glaring errors cannot be credited to the proof-reader.

The Albany "Vatican" asks whether the rays of the Syracuse "Sun" are X-rays. We fancy not, they are too opaque.

Pope Leo XIII was 87 years old on March 2nd, and on March 3d he celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of his coronation. May he live into the twentieth century.

The death of Gov. Greenhalge, of Massachusetts, removes from this world a public-spirited citizen, and one who was an uncompromising enemy of the A. P. A.

Salisbury's regime should soon come to an end. He represents nothing but selfishness, stupidity, and cruelty.

The "Boston Pilot" falls into the error so many papers made in chronicling the death of "Rear Admiral Henry Walker." Admiral "Walke" was the name of the deceased.

For the fourth time Laidlaw has recovered heavy damages from Russell Sage for injuries received in protecting Sage from a dynamite bomb. It is pretty near time uncle Russell settled the just claim.

It is amusing to see non-Catholic clergymen representing denominations that do not observe even Good Friday, telling their parishioners how to observe Lent. It only shows, though, that Catholic example and Catholic principles are exerting a wonderful influence on popular thought—Catholic Journal, Albany, N. Y.

In giving credit for the above article the editor of the "Michigan Catholic" made a mistake in referring to the town. Rochester is not Albany, neither is Albany Rochester.

In your last issue, under the heading "Caledonia," appeared a severe criticism of the school board of this village.

In behalf of Mr. Walker, president of the board, I think it is due him in all fairness to state the facts in the case.

While it is true that Dr. Milne recommended Prof. Leaby, it is also true that he recommended two other candidates equally as strong, and none of these recommendations were read before the board.

Mr. Walker stated at the meeting that he had received a letter from Dr. Milne recommending Prof. Leaby very highly.

I did all I could to secure the election of Mr. Leaby, feeling confident in his ability to fill the position. But when another was fairly elected, I think the matter should drop here. The Catholic people of this community object to an outsider under the head of "Caledonia" stirring up religious discord in our village through the public press.

It should be done over the signature of the writer, and not attributed to the people of this village: Joseph Donohue.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John viii. 46-59—At that time Jesus said to the multitude of the Jews: "Which of you shall convince Me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? He that is of God heareth the words of God: Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God." The Jews therefore answered and said to Him: "Do not say well that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?" Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honor My Father, and you have dishonored Me. But I seek not My own glory; there is One that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen, I say to you: If any man keep My word, he shall not see death forever. The Jews therefore said: "Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and Thou sayest: If any man keep My word, he shall not taste death forever. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Whom dost Thou make Thyself? Jesus answered: If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father that glorifieth Me, of Whom you say that He is your God, and you have not known Him; but I know Him; and if I shall say that I know Him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know Him, and do keep His word: Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see My day; he saw it, and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him: Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them: Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple."

What is to be learned from to-day's Gospel?

The Divine Master, Who had worked so many many miracles, could in a moment have felled the impious Jews to the ground as He afterward did the crowd in the Garden of Gethsemane, or could He not have treated them worse? Yet he preferred to hide himself, and by so doing He taught us to meek.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday 21—Passion Sunday. Epist. Heb. ix. 11-15; Gosp. John viii. 46-59.
Monday 22—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church (March 20).
Tuesday 23—Feas.
Wednesday 24—Annunciation of the B. V. M.
Thursday 25—Feas.
Friday 26—Seven Dolours of the B. V. M.
Saturday 27—St. John Capistran, Confessor.

Sibley, Lindsay & Curr.

MILLINERY.

Paul Virof & Borthe, Mon. Raverdy, Mon. Virof, Madame Marguerite, Madame Sambon, Madame Josse, Madame Carrier, are some of the names which our millinery opening makes you familiar with. It's not necessary for Rochesterians to go to New York to see the work of Paris's best milliners. You find it here in this prettiest of millinery rooms.

Descriptions of the various favored shapes, a mention of the poke hat with ties or the large French poke, reference to the shades in vogue—the green tints, the violet, the cherry, the combination of black and white—are all unnecessary. Your own eyes have told you far more than we can in store news.

THE CLOAK ROOM.

Let the snow and cold hurry away as rapidly as possible now. The Cloak Room gives you wide choice for the spring warp. Take a glimpse around it.

Capes in silk, velvet and satin are trimmed with lace, and with silk ruching in neck and around the bottom, and are beautifully lined in silks of solid colors, or in Dresden effects. There are black cloth Capes, trimmed with jet; tailor-made cloth Capes in stone, tans, blues and rods, with velvet collar and lined with shaded and figured silks.

Favorite Cloths for Jackets are black broadcloths and diagonals, and tan mixtures, coverts and whipcords made up in short reefer style—either double breasted, or with single fly front. The Coats are beautifully lined with Dresden silks and many of the colored Jackets are trimmed with small gilt buttons.

The tailor-made Suit Department with its well filled racks is a feature of the opening reception which is causing unusual attention.

Separate Skirts are shown in suitings, colored mixtures, wide wales, serges, chevrets, crepons, and brocaded silks.

Various shades of tan and fancy mixtures are the favorites for Misses' Jackets, which are daintily trimmed with braid and buttons.

Bright colored Children's Reefers are trimmed with gold braid and gilt buttons.

EASTER GIFTS.

Preparations are made for the Easter trade almost as much as for the holiday season at the Book Department. Allow us to suggest as suitable Easter gifts:

Bibles, Catholic Prayer Books. You will find at Book Counters all authorized editions of these in the various forms of bindings.

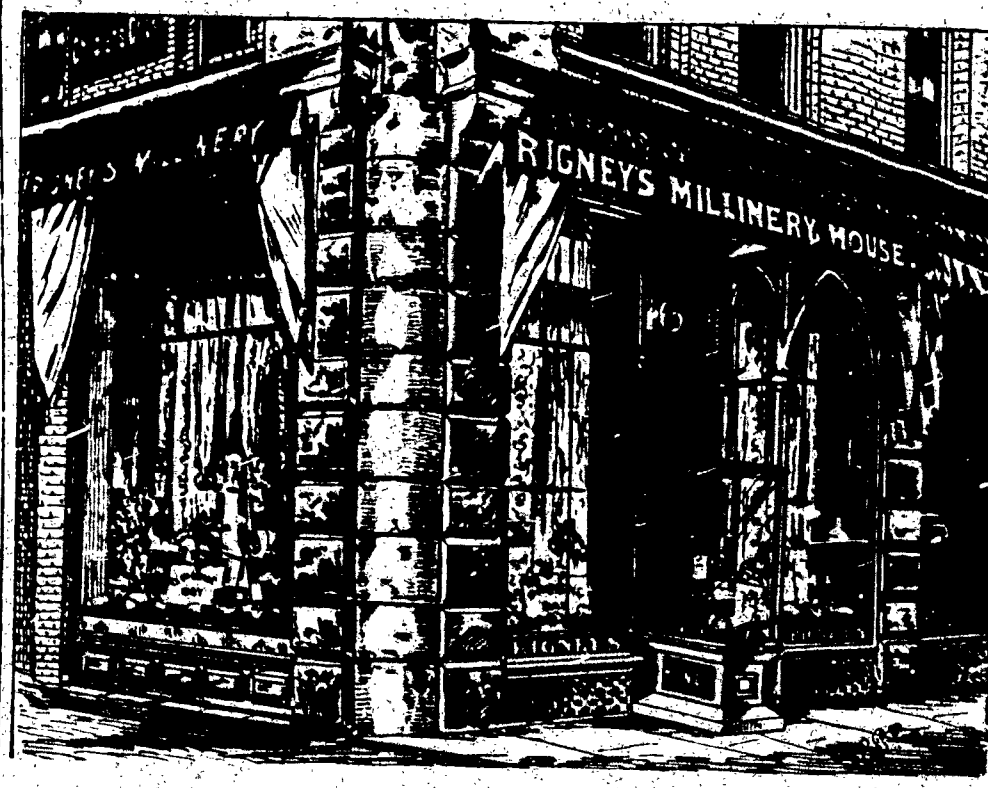
A new book which has just reached shelves suggests itself to us as most appropriate for Easter. The supply at St. Agatha's, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, and illustrated by E. Royd Smith and Marcia Oakes Woodbury.

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Rigney's Millinery House,



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