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OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS.

In a few days the parochial or Catholic schools will reopen and the good Sisters will begin another year's work of imparting to our children the instruction they need to enable them to take their proper place in life, and, in addition, the principles of their glorious faith.

All this is different in the Catholic schools. Their pupils are given instruction in the secular branches fully equal to that imparted in the public or state schools, while in addition they are given spiritual instruction as well.

Catholics who know that character is moulded in the school could not submit to this, so they founded a system of their own where the secular instruction is as good as in the state schools, and where their children can receive religious instruction as well.

In yielding to the dictates of conscience the Catholics make a pronounced sacrifice, because they not only maintain their Catholic schools but they pay their pro rata proportion of the taxes to support the state schools as well.

How long will the American sense of justice permit this state of affairs to continue?

THE PRIESTS' RETREAT

The priests of the diocese of Rochester enjoyed their annual retreat this week at St. Bernard's seminary. It is fitting that they who labor all the year ministering to the spiritual welfare of poor suffering humanity should have at least a week's relaxation from pastoral duties in which to look after their own spiritual welfare.

The priest who truly serves his Master has but little idle time on his hands. His flock makes so many calls upon his time that he may be said literally to have no opportunity beyond the brief space of the week's retreat, to meditate, pray and reflect on the great hereafter.

Is there any other coming in which it can be said that men literally give up all their lives and labors to serve their fellow men? Is there any other act whose spiritual shepherds are so completely at the beck and nod of their parishioners as are Catholic priests?

Then should we as Catholics not have more respect and love for our priests? We know not how much they endure. One half day in a confessional would drive the average man crazy.

Is it any wonder the priests need their week's retreat for spiritual consolation and strength?

An exchange aptly says: "That was a happy simile which Mr. Morley used a few days ago in the House of Commons to describe the present condition of the Tory majority." He said the Tory party in the House just at present strongly suggested to his mind the image of a stranded whale.

Besides a president and vice-president there will be voted for next fall in Monroe county a governor and lieutenant governor to succeed Levi P. Morton and Charles T. Saxton; a congressman to succeed Henry C. Brewster; a county treasurer to succeed John B. Hamilton; a sheriff to succeed John W. Hannan; and four assemblers to succeed J. M. E. O'Grady, W. W. Armstrong, Charles J. Smith and Thomas H. Eddy.

The politicians manifest great concern nowadays for "the plain people." After November "the plain people" will be forgotten for four years.

IRISH RACE CONVENTION

The Chicago "New World" sadly says: "There seems to be but little hope that the convention of the Irish race, to be held in Dublin early in September, will be able to compose the differences of the Irish Parliamentarians and restore that harmony which is so much to be desired. Mr. Redmond and Mr. Healy differ about many things, but they have agreed in denouncing this convention. 'Denouncing' is unfortunately the strong point of these Irish leaders just at present. And they exhibit quite an exceptional degree of vigor and spirit when there is a question of denouncing one another.

An Associated Press dispatch says: "The commanding figures at the convention will be Timothy Healy, Justin McCarthy, John Dillon and Michael Davitt. The Parnellites have announced that they will stay out, and as they are the backbone of the strife, the convention without them will be a fizzle. It is also said that as long as Tim Healy, who was the implacable enemy of Parnell, aspires to be the sole leader, the latter's admirers will never go in for harmony until Healy takes a back seat. The Parnellite press continues to belittle the convention, claiming it to be fraudulent, and asserting that the delegates are knaves. The feeling among the foreign delegations was that all sections should unite."

It is too bad that such a feeling should prevail, and it is to be hoped that the delegates from the United States and Canada will be able to bring about harmony between the warring elements. We have heard one suggestion that we feel inclined to support. It is that an agreement be made between the foreign delegates that no more money will be subscribed to aid the Irish cause until the factions unite, pool issues and cease bickering.

In his able address on international arbitration Lord Russell stated that the amounts spent by the leading European nations for army and navy are in round numbers as follows: Austria, \$18,000,000; France, \$37,000,000; Germany, \$27,000,000; Great Britain, \$86,000,000; Italy, \$13,000,000; and Russia, \$52,000,000. From which it would appear that Russia spends by far the most, and nearly twice as much as Germany. Certainly, the condition of things disclosed by these figures is not very creditable to the much-boasted progress and enlightenment of the nineteenth century.

It is reported that President Cleveland has given Minister Willis authority to enter into negotiations for an arrangement by which the people of Hawaii are to vote upon the question whether they want annexation, a monarchy with Princess Kalulani on the throne, or an American protectorate.

"Gold," "silver," is the rallying cry of the great political parties this year. Yet neither has declared for a single gold or single silver standard in their platforms. All three are nominally for bi-metallism. It is a great achievement to draft a party platform that does not say what it means or mean what it says!

Spain must have money in plenty when she can afford to keep cruisers patrolling our coast to watch out for expeditions to aid the Cuban insurgents.

Warner Miller cannot be driven out of politics as easily as some peanut leaders appear to think.

The venerable Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, heads the Canadian delegation to the Irish race convention now in progress in Dublin.

"A Black republican" will be no term of reproach this year.

The New York "World" says: "Robbery by trusts does not justify robbery by legislation."

It is dangerous to ignore humor in Arizona, as a ranchman near Phoenix learned when he failed to appreciate a fellow workman's funny story. He was so badly punned that the humorist has been arrested.

Gen. John N. Palmer of Illinois and Gen. Simon Bolivar of Kentucky were nominated last Thursday by the National democratic convention for president and vice-president. This is the democratic gold ticket.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke, vii. 11-16.—At that time: "Jesus went into a city that is called Naim, 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."

What are we learn from this Gospel? Let us learn to weep with the Church over the unhappy death of so many of our brethren who are the slaves of sin, and to pray with her that the Divine Mercy may recall them to life. Let us learn to beg Jesus to come to meet us in His great charity, as He did the dead young man of Naim, when we have had the misfortune to fall into mortal sin. Lastly, let us learn to thank God for all He has done for us, either by resurrecting us when we were in a state of sin, or by preserving us from what might again cause our spiritual death.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, Sept. 7.—Fiftieth Sunday after Pentecost.—Epiat. Gal. v. 25-vi. 11; Gosp. Luke vii. 11-16. Monday, 7.—Feia. Tuesday, 8.—Nativity of the B. V. M. St. Adrian, Martyr. Wednesday, 9.—Of the Octave of the Nativity. St. Gorgonius, Martyr. Thursday, 10.—St. Nicholas of Tolentino Confessor. Friday, 11.—Of the Octave. SS. Protus and Hyacinth, Martyrs. Saturday, 12.—Of the Octave.

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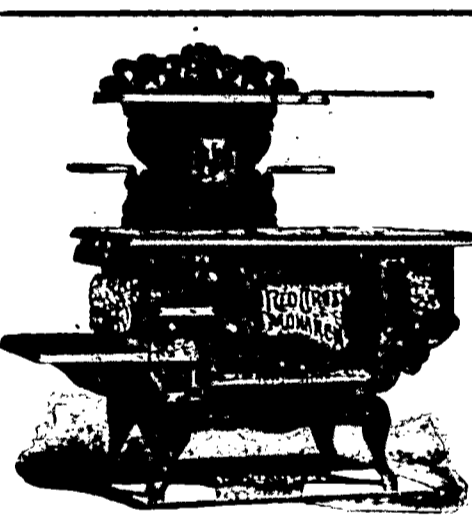
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