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OUR EIGHTH YEAR.

With this issue THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL enters upon the eighth year of its newspaper life and celebrates the event by a new dress of type. Many, indeed, have been the changes since its projectors, with little newspaper or business experience, realizing the need of a Catholic newspaper in the diocese of Rochester, started this paper. It was uphill work at first; there were unseen difficulties in the way that at times seemed insurmountable; lack of capital, too, hampered the young publishers. But the Catholics of the diocese and the business men of Rochester were generous in their support, and little by little the infant grew and thrived in strength. Those who scoffed and sneered eight years ago are to-day numbered among the JOURNAL's staunchest friends and supporters. While the monetary remuneration has not been magnificent, still we have been able to meet all obligations and to improve the paper until we can truthfully say that it is the best Catholic paper in the country for the subscription price.

THE JOURNAL returns grateful thanks to all its friends, especially to the reverend clergy, and trusts they will all continue their support. But we still feel that the Catholics of the diocese do not give us the support to which we are entitled. Our subscription list should be three times as large, and if it were we would be able to make many other needed improvements in the paper and in our plant. As fast as our receipts over expenditures warranted the outlay we have given our subscribers the benefit in added features in the paper, and shall continue so to do. If each subscriber would but obtain one new subscriber our subscription list would be doubled and they would reap the benefit in increased excellence of the paper. Will each subscriber not make a small effort?

In closing we desire to remind our readers that THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL company has one of the most complete and best equipped job printing plants in the city, and that we are in a position to turn out job printing of any sort in the latest styles, and at the lowest prices compatible with first-class work. We solicit a share of your patronage, and promise you that if you give us a trial you will be well satisfied.

A SAD CASE

The New York papers last week told of a queer case of moral perversity that furnishes the best sort of argument in favor of a godly life. A young man who was in the advanced stages of consumption was employed as a confidential clerk in the office of the New York Elevated Railway company. The fear of impending death did not bring thoughts of eternity or prompt a preparation for the day of judgment. Instead, all he worried about was the fact that he was to leave the world and that he would have no more "good times." He frequently expressed a determination to have "more good times" before he died. The employers paid no attention to

these expressions, thinking them the outcome of the man's condition. They had so much confidence in the young man that they did not exact any bond from him.

One day last week the young man did not appear at the office. In view of his physical condition nothing was thought of that, but when a messenger sent to his house to inquire how he was returned with the information that he had not been seen since the previous day, his books and accounts were examined and it was discovered that he had absconded with \$1,200. His associates believe he took the money to have "the last good time" he talked about so much.

How differently would a Catholic have employed his time if in such a position. He would have been preparing himself for his last sad journey; for his departure to that land from which no traveler returns. He would have been solacing himself with the comforts of his religion. He would have been invoking the intercession of the Blessed Mother with the Divine Son. He would have been praying for a speedy deliverance from the pains and tortures of Purgatory. Instead, all he thought of was to have a debauch with stolen money!

Isn't this an awful preparation for eternity?

THE ROSARY.

The month of October is set apart by the Holy Mother church for devotion to the Holy Rosary. No more beautiful devotion could be practiced, and none is more generally neglected, especially by male Catholics. The young gentlemen growing up, think the Rosary was specially gotten up for women's devotion, and that it is beneath the dignity of the male sex to say the beads. Not so. Men should pray as fervently as the women, and more so, because the women are so much better, as a rule. There are no more beautiful prayers than those embraced in the Rosary, and no man, young or old, should be ashamed to say them. As a matter of fact, nothing looks nicer than to see a handsome, well-dressed man, telling his beads. It shows he has faith. It shows that his Catholicity is more than skin deep. It shows he has moral courage. It shows he has not forgotten how to pray.

No man need worry that he will be thought the less of because he recites the beads or carries them with him. He will be more respected by those whose opinions are of highest value. Above all, he is more pleasing in the eyes of Almighty God, and what else need he care?

While the Rosary should be recited at all times during the year, it should especially not be neglected during the month of October. If you are not in the habit of reciting the Rosary begin now and recite it, during this month, every day. You will be surprised how much comfort it will bring you.

To-morrow is the feast of the Holy Rosary. Those who receive Holy Communion in the proper spirit will receive a plenary indulgence.

The other day that old organ of bigotry, the Buffalo "Commercial," published a tirade against Mayor Maguire of Syracuse. The slur was covered in an ostensible complaint, that Maguire is young and also that he is an orator. There is no particular crime in youth or in being in orator. Maguire is both, and he is a self made man and deserves to be praised rather than criticised. He is a good Catholic, too, and when he ran for mayor of Syracuse last fall he was bitterly antagonized by the A. P. A., but he worsted them. Perhaps that is the inspiration of the "Commercial's" attack. Just the same Maguire has made a good mayor, so far, and we believe he will be the best executive the Saline city has had in a quarter of a century.

The Bryan incident at New Haven furnishes a mighty argument for those who are complaining that in all the greater colleges athletics are being pushed to the front in contradistinction and to the disadvantages of intellectual development. The course in ethics at Yale must be decidedly weak if the behavior of the students is any criterion. The Golden Rule is certainly not included.

The Catholic hierarchy of the United States has suffered a loss in the death of Rt. Rev. Martin Marty, bishop of St. Cloud, which occurred at St. Cloud, September 19th. Bishop Marty belonged to the Benedictine order and was the first prior of St. Meinard's priory in Indiana. In 1870 he resigned his mitre of St. Meinard's to become a missionary among the Indians of Dakota. The Holy Father rewarded his labors by placing him in charge of the vicariate of Dakota when it was created. In 1880 Father Marty was consecrated bishop of Tyberias. When the diocese of Sioux Falls was established, in 1889, he became its bishop. He was transferred to St. Cloud in 1894, and met the last messenger there.

A year ago Philip Springweiler, of Buffalo, became affiliated with the A. P. A. to secure its influence in securing a nomination for the assembly. He is too intelligent a man to be an Apatist from principle or inclination, but his connection with the moral assassin organization was for sordid ends. He was elected and made a fairly good record in the last legislature. The decent citizens of his district were not lethargic this year. They resented being represented at Albany by an Apatist, and they have beaten Mr. Springweiler for renomination. Another Apatist, Mr. Peeters, has been renominated in Buffalo, but the decent voters of his district are so incensed that it is highly probable that he will be defeated for election. As for Springweiler we are sorry for him, but he should have known better.

John Boyd Thacher, mayor of Albany, was nominated for governor by the democratic state convention at Buffalo on a free silver platform. Thacher repudiated the platform but said he would vote for Bryan. That did not satisfy the silver men. It did not draw the gold men to Thacher. A howl went up all around. Mr. Thacher declined the nomination—an unusual proceeding in New York state. However, we do not see that Mr. Thacher could have taken any other position. It is peculiar, too, that his withdrawal apparently pleased and satisfied all parties concerned.

Thirty-one days more and the most important national campaign since the war will be decided. May the party whose success will best subserve the interests of the whole American people triumph.

THE JOURNAL extends hearty congratulations to Archbishop Corrigan on the completion of thirty-three years in the priesthood, which occurred on September 19th. Ad multos annos.

BOOKS AND BOOKMAKERS.

An interesting history of the origin and propagation of the "Devotion to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague" has been issued from the press of Joseph Schaefer, 44 Barclay street, New York. The book contains beside the history a Novena, a Litany and other prayers from approved sources. Contains 96 pages, illustrated. Paper covers. Price 10 cents.

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"New Faces and Old," is a book by Frances J. Finn, S. J., that contains six short stories that will interest our young readers. It is published by B. Herder, 17 South Broadway, St. Louis, Mo. Price 60 cents.

"Readings from the Bible" is a work that is published by the Chicago Women's Educational Union. The work was compiled by an editorial committee composed of a Catholic, a Jew and a Protestant, and is intended for schools from which the Bible is excluded. Scott, Foresman & Co., Chicago. 30 cents.

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"The Vocation of Edward Conway" is a book which Maurice Francis Egan dedicates to his mother, in memory of pleasant reading hours with her in the Old House, and it certainly is one of Mr. Egan's best. This is a novel of American life. The scene is laid in a pleasant colony of cultivated people, on the banks of the Hudson, not far from West Point, and the military element enters into the story. A competent critic pronounces this the best book Mr. Egan has yet written.

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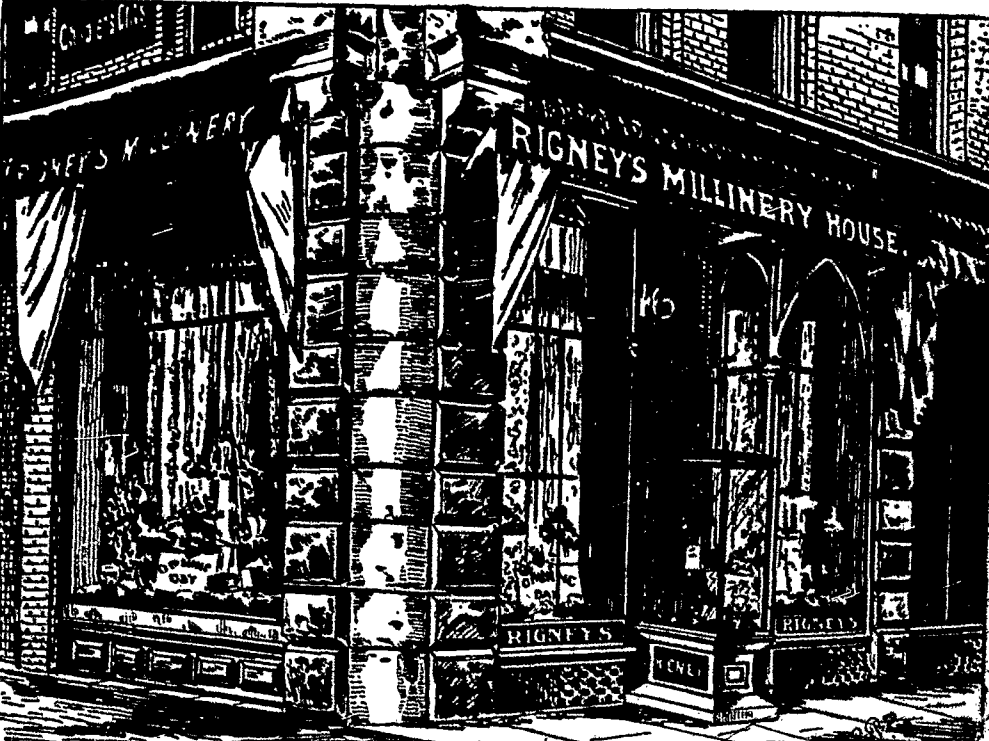
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