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Pressure upon our advertising space has compelled us to print additional pages of this week's issue in order that our readers may not be deprived of their customary amount of reading matter.

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### GOING TOO FAR

THE JOURNAL has the highest respect for the several societies that have for their aims the care and protection of children from harm and the rescue of them from the malignant influences of dissolute and degraded parents, but it feels that there is much misguided zeal on the part of these societies' agents, who, in their desire to make a record of work done, forget prudence and decency.

An instance of this sort occurred the other day in New York city. A poor but honest workingman had been separated from his wife, an apparently worthless woman. The husband retained their nine-year-old daughter. It is a well-known fact that the school accommodations in the metropolis are shockingly inadequate. The worthless wife notified the Gerry society that the little girl was not attending school. The society's agent, a rattle-brained fellow named Deubert, told the father that the child must go to school. The father tried his best to comply with the order but failed, as there was not a school in the neighborhood that was not overcrowded.

The worthless wife again notified the Gerry society, and Agent Deubert swore out a warrant for the child's arrest. The case was heard before Magistrate Crane, the Dogberry of New York's "reform police justices." The father told his story in an honest, straightforward manner. He was providing a good home, for his little one and was perfectly willing to send her to school if he could find one where she would be taken in. There was every evidence that the child was well cared for.

Despite all this and the testimony of an officer of the Board of Education that the man told the truth in every particular, Dogberry Crane tore the child from the loving embrace of her father and committed her to the care of the Gerry society. What had been committed either by child or her father? The municipality of New York had committed a crime in not providing proper

the municipality a child is torn from her natural guardian and turned over to a "patented family."

There is one fault that the officers and directors of these societies possess in a more or less marked degree. They are too apt to think and to say that the society's home is a far better place than the child's home. They will point with justifiable pride to the elegant appointments of the home; the nice beds, the bathtubs, the clean clothing, the Christian influences, etc., etc. They will detail how squalid the child's home was and how poor its parents were, etc., and then assure the dear public that in the "Blank Home" the child will have a far better place and will never long for home again.

These good people forget that even poor parents love their children and that such children love their parents and home, no matter how lowly. Poor parents want to keep their children with them just as much as rich parents do. God intended they should love them, work for them and keep them, else He would not have sent them. Those whose lives or homes have never been blessed with children cannot appreciate the fullness and extent of parental or filial love, neither can they appreciate the aversion parents feel toward surrendering their little ones into the hands of the "Blank society," no matter how respectable its managers or how high their reputation for benevolence and charity. While to the rich visitor the home may appear squalid, it is not so to those who have lived there for years. It is "home," and the poor man's home is as dear to him as the rich man's is to him—often more so.

If the Gerry and kindred societies could only be made to understand these distinctions and differences they would not perpetrate the outrages they oftentimes do in the name of charity and under the protecting mantle of the law.

### THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President Cleveland's last message to congress would be read by many more persons if it were not so interminably long. Few persons, except those with the patience of Job, can sit down and wade through fifteen newspaper columns of matter, even if penned by a Webster. Aside from the unnecessary verbiage, the message is a strong, conservative state paper. It will not meet the unqualified approval of those who sympathize with the Cuban revolutionists. In our opinion the president went out of his way to flatter Spain and to assure her that the United States possesses a warm admiration for the Spaniards for their perseverance in crushing the revolution. Irrespective of the merits of the Cuban war or rebellion, it is our candid opinion that if a popular vote on the question could be had, there would be a sweeping condemnation of Spain and her methods.

Still, we cannot but agree that the president is entirely sound in the position of non-interference he has steadfastly maintained. Under international law the United States has no business to interfere in Cuba unless the rights of American citizens are not respected, and the evidence to substantiate the claim that such is not the case are not conclusively proven. We must go slow lest there be a repetition of the Alabama incident with the United States at the small end of the horn. We must be conservative, not over-enthusiastic.

In the main the other points in the message are departmental or political, and these the party papers have discussed pro and con. THE JOURNAL is not a political paper. We do feel, however, that there is no earthly sense in the president rehashing the reports of the heads of departments. Let them make their own reports, and let the president confine himself to grave questions of statesmanship and affairs of the nation.

For the second time in a decade a Roman Catholic will be speaker of the New York state assembly. The previous one was a democrat. The speaker of 1897 will be a republican. Not much cause for Apiaist rejoicing in these facts!

It is plain that justice was blind in the Yachson case.

### POPULY UNREST

New York city pays school taxes amounting to over a million dollars yearly, and receives back from the state a trifle more than was paid. The balance goes to support the schools in rural districts where the assessed valuation of property is purposely kept down. This is unjust, but not more so than the system of compelling Catholics to pay their pro rata share of the support of the state schools and then forcing them, on self protection, to build additional Catholic schools at their own expense, in order that their own children may obtain a Christian education as expressly commanded by laws of God and the Church.

A calculation made by the Prince-Bishop of Seckau shows that Leo XIII. has already completed the greater part of his third average period of pontificate, for that average is only of seven years, and next February will bring the nineteenth anniversary of His Holiness' election. From the death of our Lord to that of Pius IX. 1845 years have elapsed, which period was covered by the reign of 262 Popes and a number of more or less brief interregnums, sede vacante.

Including these latter, the average length of the pontificates is found to be 7 years 12 days, but subtracting them from the actual reigns, the average falls a little under 7 years. Again, dividing the Church's history into three periods, the results are: Ancient times, St. Peter to Leo III., 97 Popes in 762 years; Middle Ages, Leo III to Julius II., 117 Popes in 718 years; modern times, Leo X to Leo XIII., 50 Popes in 380 years. Thus in the first period the average pontificate was 7 7/8 years; in the Middle Ages, 6 1/8 years, and in modern times, 7 6/8 years. It is surprising to find the longest pontificates exactly in the earlier ages of the Church. A. D. 33 to 795, but Dr. Zwenger explains that it is due to the very short inter-regnums.

The milkmaid, as she existed in the romantic and bucolic days of yore has gone. "Plainly remarks the "Kansas City Journal." Well, there is no reason to regret," says the "New York Sun." She is probably riding a bicycle. Even the cow, a conservative beast, has waddled into the march of improvement. In a few years the cow will be a self-milking institution, besides producing only severely sterilized milk. The milkmaid was poetry, and she naturally felt chilly in the world of science. Very likely the cow will disappear before long. We are living, we are moving, in a very lively time. Too lively for the conservative cow to keep up with the procession. Science may do away with the cow, which in a few generations may get to be as much of a rarity as the buffalo.

The "Recorder," Rochester's latest Sunday paper, is responsible for this: "The Rochester street railway system is said not to be very satisfactory as a business enterprise. We do not know how this may be, but it certainly is anything but satisfactory as a public servant. A considerable portion of the population of Rochester objects to being compelled to either go home before midnight or walk home. Cars after midnight might entail some additional expense and a seeming loss, but as a general thing railroads that consult public convenience most intelligently are the ones that fill their treasuries most easily. It may be that a Pingree could find a field in Rochester."

We always thought that morning papers provided carriages for their reporters. There are a few persons who are compelled to be out after midnight, but if there were all-night cars there would be many more who would go home—earlier in the morning—and drunker.

The "Democrat and Chronicle" has at last plucked up sufficient courage to denounce the trusts. The New York "Sun," that "shines for all," openly and boldly defends the trusts, as it likewise poses as the defender of Tammany Hall and like trust-protected politicians. The "Democrat" is nearer the conservator of the rights of the common people than its erstwhile mighty, New York contemporary.

While we have no sympathy with the sensational scavengers of the New York press, we cannot but state that they rarely suppress news or details of any public matter, no matter how high in the social, business or political scale the offender. Too many of our newspapers are subsidized by printing or advertising patronage to suppress the news of a great man's downfall.

It is pretty nearly time the several municipal investigating committees presented reports. If they don't hurry the expenses of investigation will more than balance the extravagance expected to be exposed by the inquiries.

Says the "Union and Advertiser": A Newark, N. J., man who had been a football player recently had his neck dislocated by a trolley car. He survived, of course, and got \$18,000 from the company.

There should be a law forbidding papers to assign women to do the disreputable and degrading work that New York managers of the press are compelling their female reporters to do.

It is to be hoped Maceo will make an end of Weyler pretty soon, or that Weyler will finish Maceo. The public is tired of this long suspense.

When Thomas F. Bavard's term as ambassador expires he will be eligible for knighthood.

### THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL. St. John i, 19-28.—At that time, "The Jews sent from Jerusalem priests and levites to John, to ask him: Who art thou? And he confessed, and did not deny; and he confessed: I am not the Christ. And they asked him: What then? Art thou Elias? And he said: I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered: No. They said therefore unto him: Who art thou, that we may give an answer to them that sent us? What sayest thou of thyself? He said: I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah. And they that were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him and said to him: Why then dost thou baptize, if thou be not Christ, nor Elias, nor the prophet? John answered them saying: I baptize with water, but there hath stood One in the midst of you Whom you know not. The same is He that shall come after me. Who is preferred before me the latchet of Whose shoe I am not worthy to loose. These things were done in Bethania beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing."

What are we to learn from these gospels? We should learn to practice humility as St. John did, by confessing sincerely our nothingness, by not sounding our own praises even when there may be occasion to do so without danger of ostentation, and by suffering with patience injurious words even when performing faithfully our duties.

### Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, Dec. 13—Third Sunday in Advent.  
Epist. Phil. iv. 4-7; Gosp. John i, 19-28.  
Monday, 14—Of the Octave.  
Tuesday, 15—Octave of the Immaculate Conception.  
Wednesday, 16—St. Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr. Ember Day. Fast.  
Thursday, 17—Feria.  
Friday, 18—Expectation of the B. V. M. Ember Day. Fast.  
Saturday, 19—Ember Day. Fast.

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