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

It is a great compliment to the good
qualities of THE JOURNAL as an ad-
vertising medium that business men
accord to a weekly paper more space
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JOURNAL goes to a class who are good
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ciated. It is also due to the fact that
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tisers. It never prevaricates about
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but when it promises that a special
edition will consist of so many copies,
it keeps its word.

Wise business men and shrewd ad-
vertisers heed these things and place
their advertising patronage accord-
ingly.

GOING TOO FAR

THE JOURNAL has the highest re-
spect 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 re-
tained 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 ar-
rest. 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 pro-
viding 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
bore the child from the loving embrace
of her father and committed her to the
care of the Gerry society. What
crime had been committed either by
the child or her father? The municipal
officials of New York had committed
the 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 cloth-
ing, the Christian influences, etc., etc.
They will detail how squallid the
child's home was and how poor its pa-
rents were, etc., and then assure the
dear public that in the "Blank
Home" the child will have a far bet-
ter 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 chil-
dren 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 ex-
tent of parental or filial love, neither
can they appreciate the aversion pa-
rents feel toward surrendering their
little ones into the hands of the "Blank
society," no matter how respectable its
managers or how high their reputa-
tion 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 inter-
minably long. Few persons, except
those with the patience of Job, can sit
down and wade through fifteen news-
paper 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 ap-
proval 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 stead-
fastly maintained. Under interna-
tional 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 repeti-
tion 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 dis-
cussed 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 pre-
vious one was a democrat. The
speaker of 1897 will be a republican.
Not much cause for Apaiist rejoicing
in these facts!

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

POPULARLY UNJUST

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 valua-
tion of property is purposely kept
down that the urban districts may be
looted. This is unjust, but not more
so than the system of compelling Catho-
lics 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 Febru-
ary will bring the nineteenth anniver-
sary 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 reign, 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 pontif-
cate was 7 9/10 years; in the Mid-
dle Ages, 6 1/10 years, and in modern
times, 7 8/10 years. It is surprising to
find the longest pontificates exactly in
the earlier ages of the Church, A. D.
33 to 795, but Dr. Zwerger 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," plaintively 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 conserva-
tive beast, has waddled into the march
of improvement. In a few years the
cow will be a self-milking institution,
besides producing only severely steril-
ized 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 pub-
lic 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 addi-
tional 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 Pin-
gree could find a field in Rochester."

We always thought that morning
papers provided carriages for their re-
porters. There are a few persons who
are compelled to be out after mid-
night, 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 cour-
age 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-pro-
tected politicians. The "Democrat"
is nearer the conservator of the rights
of the common people than its erst-
while mighty, New York contemp-
orary.

While we have no sympathy with
the sensational scavengers of the New
York press, we cannot but state
that they rarely suppress news or de-
tails of any public matter, no matter
how high in the social, business or po-
litical 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 in-
quiries.

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 sur-
vived, of course, and got \$18,000
from the company.

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

It is to be hoped Meaco will make an
end of Weyler pretty soon, or that
Weyler will finish Meaco. The pub-
lic 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
saith 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. 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 be-
yond the Jordan, where John was bap-
tizing."

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 injuries 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—Expiation of the B. V. M.
Ember Day. Fast.
Saturday, 19—Ember Day. Fast.

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5. Six Sample Rockers to select from, 48c to \$50
6. Music Cabinets, a great variety, \$1.20 to \$45.00
7. Oak Table, top 21x21 68
8. 20 samples of fancy tables, 75c to \$35.00
9. Oak Table, polished top 24x24, French legs, 1.48
10. Banquet Lamp, complete with globe 3.85
11. 20 Sample Lamps, 20c to \$22
12. Oak Table, top 21x21 68
13. Wood Seat Child's Rocker 48
14. 50 Sample Rockers and high chairs, 48c to \$6.25
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16. Oak Extension Table, plain frame 6.75
17. Large assortment, \$3.00 to \$65.00
18. Oak Case Seat, brass arm, ducer .98
19. Dining Chairs, 55 styles, 50c to \$12.50
20. Oak Sideboards, \$7.45 to \$78.00. As shown in cut, 6 1/2 high, top 21x44 11.75
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24 State Street.