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THE ENLARGED DIOCESE

As announced in last week's JOURNAL, the Holy Father has been pleased to enlarge the diocese of Rochester by adding to it the counties of Chemung, Steuben, Tioga and Schuyler, which have been taken from the diocese of Buffalo. This change makes more symmetrical the boundaries of both dioceses and has long been under consideration by the bishops of the New York province, and would have been made long ago had it not been for the bishop of Rochester, who maintained that the boundaries of the diocese of Buffalo should not be disturbed during the life of the late Bishop Ryan.

When the bishops met to select names to forward to Rome from which to select a new bishop of Buffalo, the proposition to harmonize the boundaries of the two dioceses was renewed. The bishop of Rochester declined to take part in the discussion, but his associates decided to petition Rome for the change on the ground that the diocese of Buffalo was now too large for one see, while Rochester should have a larger Catholic population.

By the change there is added to the diocese of Rochester 18 parishes, 26 churches and 23 priests. Hereafter the diocese will consist of the twelve counties of Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Yates, Seneca, Cayuga, Wayne, Tompkins, Steuben, Chemung, Tioga and Schuyler, with 78 parishes, 125 churches and 110 priests.

In another column will be found the papal brief, also the letter of Bishop McQuaid read in all the churches in the newly added territory last Sunday announcing the change.

ARE NO FACTIONS

The Boston "Republic" writes with so much good sense and Rev. Dr. Conaty's installation as rector of the Catholic University at Washington that we cannot forbear quoting it in full: "The new rector's address was stately and dignified, as befitting the solemn occasion. It breathed the true spirit of Catholicity. Dr. Conaty is always felicitous in his public addresses. His eulogy of Pope Leo XIII. and of the founders of the university was graceful and earnest, and his innate modesty was shown in his disclaimer of any expert knowledge upon the scope of his duties and responsibilities.

"Sensational papers in New York and elsewhere had predicted that the new rector would make a startling declaration of policy, and that he would ally himself with one or the other of the imaginary church factions which they have set up for purely sensational purposes. They will find nothing of the sort in his address. But they will find in it the spirit of Christian obedience to authority, coupled with the loftiest patriotism and the most sublime devotion to the church and to the illustrious Pontiff who ways its destinies.

"Dr. Conaty belongs to no faction, because there are no real factions in the church in America. We are all

Catholics; we are all loyal to the American constitution and to the institutions of the republic. Cardinal Gibbons made these facts clear in his admirable address, and Dr. Conaty was equally emphatic in his declarations. We predict for the great university a career of successful growth and development under the guidance of its distinguished rector, to whom we sincerely wish long life and prosperity."

DEFENDED 'THE CHURCH'

In a recent address before the State Baptist Association at St. Augustine, Florida, General Schofield thus alluded to the conversion of some members of his family who were received into the Catholic church while the General was in command at St. Louis during the war: "For some years members of my family, who were communicants of the Church of Rome, were criticized indirectly through attacks upon certain tenets of faith of that church in a manner that seemed to me unkind and unjust, but it mattered little as to the fact, whether unjust or not. Though I have always loved peace rather than war, and have never been disposed to seek a fight, that element of my nature was aroused that impels the tiger to action when his mate or her young are assailed. I did not permit anybody to attack the old church in my presence, in a manner which seemed to me harsh or unjust, without resenting the implied insult to those who are dear to me. I doubt if old Rome ever had a champion more earnest than I at least appeared to be at such times. I say this not in apology for anything I may have said or done, but in full justification of anybody who may have thought I said I was a 'Roman Catholic.'"

THE LATEST TRIBUTE

The latest addition to the collection of tributes from non-Catholic poets to the Blessed Virgin comes from Rudyard Kipling's new volume of poems, "The Seven Seas." In a striking hymn before battle is found this stanza:

O Mary, pierced with sorrow,
Remember, reach and save
The soul that goes to-morrow
Before the God that gave.
As each was born of a woman,
For each, in utter need,
True comrade and brave foe,
Madonna, Intercede.

Here is another tribute to the church from a non-Catholic source that recently appeared in the "Bookman": It is from the pen of Mr. H. T. Peck, and occurs in a criticism of Huxman's French novel, "En Route," a translation of which has recently been published in London and New York. It is as follows:

"To those of us who are Protestants the book is full of deep instruction in revealing with startling force the secret of the power of that wonderful religious organization which has made provision for the needs of every human soul, whether it requires for its comfort active service or the mystical life of contemplation. We see how every want is understood and how for every spiritual problem an answer is provided; how the experience of twenty centuries has been stored up and recorded, and how all that man has ever known is known to those who guide and perpetuate this mighty system. And in these days, when doctors of divinity devote their energies to nibbling away the foundations of historic faith, and when the sharpest weapons of agnosticism are forged on theological anvils, there is something reassuring in the contemplation of this one great church that does not change from age to age, that stands unshaken on the rock of its convictions and that speaks to the wavering and troubled soul in the serene and lofty accents of divine authority."

Even the most bigoted Protestants are coming to the position taken by the Catholic church on the divorce question. The church's remedy is a thousand times better than any "uniform marriage law" or "uniform divorce law" that can be devised.

Wednesday is the feast of St. Blase. The ceremony of blessing the throats under the invocation of St. Blase, will take place at the morning mass.

CANDLEMAS DAY

Tuesday is the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the candles used in the administration of the sacraments and those which good and pious Catholics keep in their houses to be lighted when the priest administers the sacraments to the sick, as well as on other occasions, will be blessed. It is also customary to present a donation of candles for use in the sanctuary. It is to be hoped many Catholics will manifest their faith in this way. It should be remembered, however, that the candles should be of wax; if of other material, the priest cannot bless them.

"The Paulist Fathers are the proselyters of the Roman Catholic church, and they are somewhat boastful of their work," says the "Presbyterian." The "Catholic Standard and Times" very aptly says: "If the conquests of the Paulist Fathers among thinking men and women are more real and lasting than the results attained through the agency of candy, provisions and clothing distributed by Protestant missionaries, the fault is with the candy, provisions and clothing. Stop complaining and adopt an agency with greater convincing powers."

Says an exchange: "An encouraging sign of the times is the way in which the historians who have been most popular with the great masses of the people in this country are being written out of favor in the secular press. Apropos of the death of Joel T. Headley, not only is he classed in the American school of romantic historians, but Irving, Prescott and Abbott are classed with him. And may they and all who have given an anti-Catholic bias to their works have no successors."

A London cable gives statistics showing that the annual consumption of intoxicants now averages \$3.50 a head in Ireland, \$4 in England and \$5 in Scotland. This will be sad news to the bigots who always hold the Irish up as a race of whiskey drinkers. But then, that sort of person will not believe the cable. He will pronounce it a "fake."

Sally muses the Rochester "Union and Advertiser": "The Buffalo Express speaks of the comparison of 'Hyperion to a Satyr,' as one of Mr. Blaine's famous phrases. Poor Shakespeare. One by one are his laurels plucked away. And undoubtedly it will yet be discovered that Mr. Blaine coined many other phrases which have been unjustly attributed to the Bard of Avon."

Monsignor Martinelli has very cleverly disarmed the scribblers of the sensational journals who reported that the Pope had urged him to use his influence with the federal government in favor of Spain in the Cuban difficulty by pointing out that the vatican has no representative at Washington, hence he has no license to approach the administration on diplomatic questions; Spain has a minister at Washington while the vatican has a nuncio at Madrid; hence any diplomatic matters can be adjusted through these two channels.

Discussing the negro in Cuba a writer says in the New York Tribune that "he is admitted on an equal footing with his white countryman to schools and churches." This is the custom in Catholic countries and among Catholics in the United States. It is only in Protestant countries and among Protestants that there is any distinction of color and race.

It is to be hoped that the Orangemen who have presumed to trample upon the constitution of Manitoba and to spit upon the decrees of the privy council of Great Britain will not be allowed to think they are, vulgarly speaking, "the whole thing" in Manitoba.

"It is a warm day when Larry Godkin does not wear his ulster," merrily remarks the "Sacred Heart Review." "It is not impossible, though, that the chilly Larry may some day pine for a duster," retorts the "Catholic Standard and Times."

Bishop Donohoe of the Wheeling diocese confirmed fourteen adult converts in his Cathedral a few days before Christmas. The class was composed of two ladies and twelve gentlemen. Seventeen were to be confirmed, but three of them, one lady and two gentlemen were not able to attend.

St. Ambrose says: "Ignorance is no excuse when we have neglected to learn what we are obliged to know."

Both Prince Ludwig and Duke Karl of Bavaria are physicians. It would be well if more European aristocrats learned a trade or profession.

Why did not Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick prefer charges against the policemen whom he claims oppressed him?

Cecil Rhodes is apparently a bigger man in South Africa than Lord Salisbury.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL. St. Matthew, viii. 23-27—"At that time: "When He entered into the boat His disciples followed Him. And behold a great tempest arose in the sea, so that the ship was covered with waves, but He was asleep. And His disciples came to Him and awaked Him, saying: 'Lord, save us, we perish.' And Jesus said to them: 'Why are you fearful, O ye of little faith?' Then rising up, He commanded the winds and the sea, and there came a great calm. But the men wondered, saying: 'What manner of man is this, for the winds and the sea obey Him?'"

What do we learn from the apostles who hastened to awake Christ?
We learn that in public as well as private dangers, in calamities of Church or State as well as in dangers to our souls, we should invoke Him with confidence as the apostles did and with hearts full of love and free from the stain of sin.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, January 31—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany. St. Peter Nolasco Confessor.
Epist. 1 Cor. 13. 9-14. Gosp. Luke 21. 3-34. Inv. Gosp. Matr. viii. 23-27.
Monday, Feb. 1—St. Ignace, Bishop and Martyr.
Tuesday, 2—Purification of the B. V. M., Candlemas Day.
Wednesday, 3—St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr.
Thursday, 4—St. Andrew Corsini, Bishop and Confessor.
Friday, 5—St. Philip of Jesus, Martyr.
Saturday, 6—St. Felix, Bishop and Confessor. St. Dorothy, Virgin and Martyr.

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Corsets, 16c, formerly 50c; 32c, formerly 90c; R. & G. corsets, 47c, 62c and 78c for best quality.

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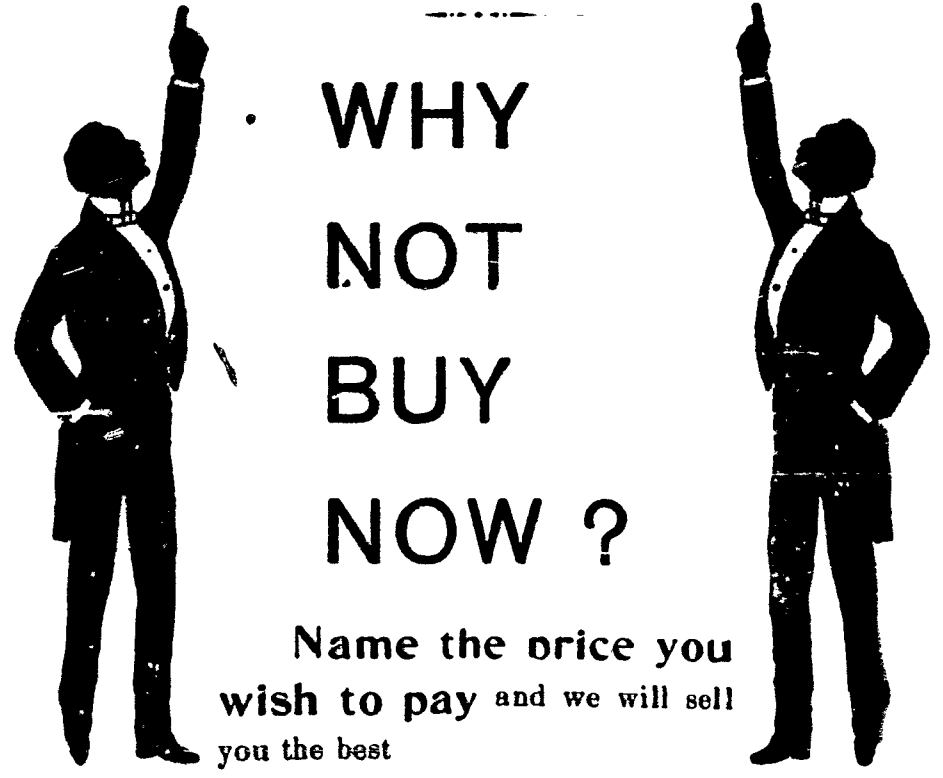
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