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FATHER FIDELIS

The announcement recently made that the Passionists had summoned the well-known Father Fidelis (James Kent Stone), to Rome, to act there as a consultant of his order, interested the whole Catholic community of this country, to whom Father Fidelis is well known by reputation at least. The many friends and admirers of the eloquent and gifted preacher while they may regret his departure from these shores for a while, rejoice in the high honors that have been conferred upon him by his being chosen to the responsible position which he is to fill in the eternal city.

Father Fidelis is a convert to the Catholic faith and is now in his 57th year, having been born in Boston in 1840. The Boston "Republic" gives this sketch of his life:

His father, Dr. James S. Stone, was in his day the head of the theological school of Cambridge University, and his mother was a daughter of the distinguished author of "Kent's Commentaries," a standard work still. The future convert and Passionist began his classical studies at a private school, in which he was fitted for Harvard, which institution he entered in due course of time. So forward was he in his studies and so endowed with abilities that he was able to graduate at Cambridge before attaining his majority. Then he crossed the Atlantic and took a post-graduate course at the famous university of Göttingen, where he was located when the civil war broke out. His American patriotism then drew him back to his native land, and the next heard of him was his enlistment as a private in second regiment, M. V. M., with which force he went to the front, was wounded and promoted to the rank of an officer for the bravery he displayed in action. After the war he resumed his theological studies and was made an Episcopalian minister and a doctor of divinity. Then he was chosen president of Kenyon College, in Ohio, and afterwards transferred to a similar post at Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., both of which institutions are managed by the Episcopalian sect. His theological studies and researches had led Dr. Stone to investigate the Catholic religion closely, and the outcome was that he became convinced that Catholicism was the only true faith and determined to embrace it. He, therefore, resigned his college presidency, and shortly afterwards made his profession of faith and was received into the church at Madison, N. J. Once a Catholic, Dr. Stone conceived an ardent desire to become a priest. He wanted, furthermore, to join one of the religious orders whose members engage in missionary work, and his first desire was to Passionist habit. When he made his wishes in this matter known to his spiritual adviser, he was counselled because of the delicate condition then of his health, to ask admission into some order whose rules were not so severe as those of the Passionists. Rather reluctantly Dr. Stone acted on that advice and made application for admission into the Paulists, stipulating, however, that should his health improve he would be allowed to carry out his original design later on and join the Passionists. After a course of Catholic theology he was accordingly ordained and for several years remained a member of the Paulist congregation. Then, to his great delight, his health grew better, and after some half a dozen years as a Paulist, he felt impelled to ask leave to go to the Passionists. That permission was,

of course, granted to him, in accordance with previous arrangements, and Father Fidelis made his novitiate at the mother house of the order, at Pittsburgh, where he also assumed the religious name which he now bears. Shortly after his conversion he published "The Invitation Heeded," a work wherein he lucidly sets forth the reason why he became a Catholic, and in 1873 "My Clerical Friends," another scholarly and valuable work of his pen, appeared. In the pulpit Father Fidelis is a cogent, attractive and eloquent preacher. He now enters upon a new line of labor, but his past successes are ample assurance that he will discharge faithfully and efficiently all the duties that devolve on him, however delicate or difficult they may prove.

THE GOVERNOR'S COURAGE

Governor Frank S. Black is disappointing the bigots. They rather thought he was one of them or, at least, that he would sympathize with them. He has demonstrated conclusively that he does not intend to travel in their class. It may be that this is for policy's sake but we think not. We really think that, even though the governor may have seemingly affiliated with the bigots in his early political career, he has now made up his mind to have no more to do with them.

The reason for reaching this conclusion is found in something that happened in Albany last week. The Sons of Erin at the State Capital are loyal to St. Patrick's memory and on March 17th they had planned to have a great parade and they thought it would be fitting and proper for the governor to review the marchers. He was called on and willingly consented. Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff did so as well.

The day before St. Patrick's two men called on the governor. One was Rev. Dr. Watkins, whose residence was given in the press dispatches as Albany, the other person's name is lost to history. They preferred the modest request that he break his promise and refuse to view the Irish parade and the New York "Herald's" special dispatch gives this account of what happened:

ALBANY, N. Y., March 16, 1897.—Both Governor Black and Lieutenant-Governor Woodruff turned their backs on the A. P. A. to-day, when a delegation from the local branch of that order waited upon them and served upon each a copy of a letter from the secretary of the order petitioning them not to review a St. Patrick's day parade in this city tomorrow because it intended to flaunt the Irish flag.

The delegation first called upon the governor. It had Dr. Watkins, the leading representative of the order in this city, at its head. When it came the turn of the delegation to speak with Governor Black Dr. Watkins approached the big red desk and handed the governor a copy of the letter. The governor read it.

"Who wrote that?" he asked. "Our secretary," said the doctor. The governor said not another word, but, turning his back, he allowed the delegation to take a sorrowful departure.

The delegation then visited the Lieutenant-Governor in his office. Mr. Woodruff asked the delegation if it were in a foreign country on the Fourth of July if each wouldn't wear in his button hole an American flag. They all said they would, to which the lieutenant-governor replied that he could see no objection to Irishmen doing the same thing on St. Patrick's day here.

The governor and lieutenant-governor are to be highly complimented on their manly action. They gave the impudent callers to understand that they and the organization they represent are not welcome at the executive chamber. We hope and trust that Governor Black will continue so to act during his entire term.

"YELLOW JOURNALISM"

The peculiar part of the position taken by the daily press on the recent prize fight was that each protested bitterly against such "brutal exhibitions" and at the same time published columns about the "brutality" on the plea that the public demanded the news and that if one paper did not give it another would, and that the people patronized the paper that gave the "news" no matter whether it was unfit to print or not.

That is the excuse the "new journalism" gives for all the disgusting mass of filth and rubbish it spreads broadcast over the land.

Most of the papers of the country are run on what their proprietors call "business principles," that is to make money. Any sort of news will be printed, all sorts of disgusting details will be elaborated on; all sorts of suggestive advertisements will be published because, forsooth they add a trifle of filthy lucre to the coffers of the owners.

If the reading public showed that it did not sympathize with or approve of such published matter, it would never be printed or circulated.

It may be asked: How does the public show that its sympathy is with such sort of published matter? The answer is plain and easy: By patronizing the papers that print it. If the public ceased buying, reading or advertising in "yellow journals," they would soon be sold under the sheriff's hammer or they would stop printing objectionable matter.

Another good remedy, or antidote for the evil, so far as Catholic newspaper readers are concerned, is to subscribe for a Catholic paper.

There has been a new charter for the city of Rochester drafted by some estimable gentlemen and sent to Albany where it has been introduced in the assembly by Mr. Lewis. This instrument is modeled on the lines of the White charter for second-class cities noticed in the "Journal" a few weeks ago. At that time we expressed our opinion that there was too much power placed in the mayor's hands and that it was a safer policy to follow in the long run to keep as close to the people and not to place too much power in the hands of any one man. We have the same criticism to pass on the charter drafted by the Rochester gentlemen. It may be the best sort of legislation for the Flower City but we must beg leave to differ with the gentlemen who have proposed the measure.

This Holyoke item appeared in a recent issue of the Springfield "Republican": "The Sisters of Charity on Hampden street, are doing good work in caring for a family in South Holyoke, the members of which are ill with diphtheria. The family consists of a woman and seven children, the oldest being 7 years and the youngest 3 weeks. One of the children contracted diphtheria, and the mother took it and died. There are two children now sick with the disease, the sisters have taken entire charge, and are giving them attention that no one else would.

"The Post Express" justly criticizes most severely ex-Senator John J. Ingalls because he lowered himself so much as to consent to act as a reporter of the recent prize fight for the New York "Journal." Ingalls has fatally damaged his reputation by accepting such a commission. It looks, though, as if all that Ingalls cared about lately was money. He seems to have ceased to care about reputation.

"The Robber Tariff" is the new democratic papers call the new Dingley measure. On the other hand the republican papers say it is the greatest revenue bill and the greatest boon of the age for the great American people. The people will record their minds in the matter at the next congressional election.

A CORRECTION.

The following letter has been received at this office, and we cheerfully give it space. Our correspondent was misinformed.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, }
Rochester, March 15, 1897. }

Editor of THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL: My attention has been directed to a statement in your paper in regard to the school of St. Michael's. If neither you nor your correspondent are familiar with the number of children in the Catholic schools, please read the "Cathedral Calendar" of November, 1896, and you will find that St. Michael's school is not only by far the largest German Catholic school in the diocese, but not even the largest. Yours, respectfully,
D. LAURENZI.

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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT.

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The traveler's feet to guide
O'er the rough places, safe unto the fold,

At even-tide
So shine upon my way, thou blessed light,

Across the coming years
Lead safely home my soul through all the night
Of doubt and fears.

CHARLES WILLIAM BARNES.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John vi. 1-15.—At that time: "Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias; and a great multitude followed Him, because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased. Jesus therefore went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Pasch, the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand. When Jesus therefore had lifted up His eyes, and seen that a very great multitude cometh to Him, He said to Philip: Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this He said to try him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him: Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, saith to Him: There is boy here that hath five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many? Then Jesus said: Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed to them that were sat down: in like manner also of the fishes as much as they would. And when they were filled, He said to His disciples: Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost. They gathered up therefore, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above to them that had eaten. Now these men, when they had seen what a miracle Jesus had done, said: This is of a truth the prophet that is to come into the world. Jesus therefore, when He knew that they would come to take him by force and make Him king, fled again into the mountain Himself alone.

What are we learn from the Gospel? That Christ has promised the charitable that their aims will be abundantly rewarded, and this fact of the gospel is a proof of it. He distributed five loaves, each at and was satisfied, and still there remained twelve basketsful at His disposal. In the same manner, if we help our neighbor for the love of God our aims will relieve his wants, the act will be to our advantage, and before God we will gain a hundred fold.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, March 27—Fourth Sunday in Lent —Epsl. Gal. iv. 22-31. Gosp. John vi. 1-15.
Monday, 28—Feria.
Tuesday, 29—Feria.
Wednesday, 30—Feria.
Thursday, April 1—Feria.
Friday, 2—Most Precious Blood. St. Francis of Paula, Confessor.
Saturday, 3—Feria.

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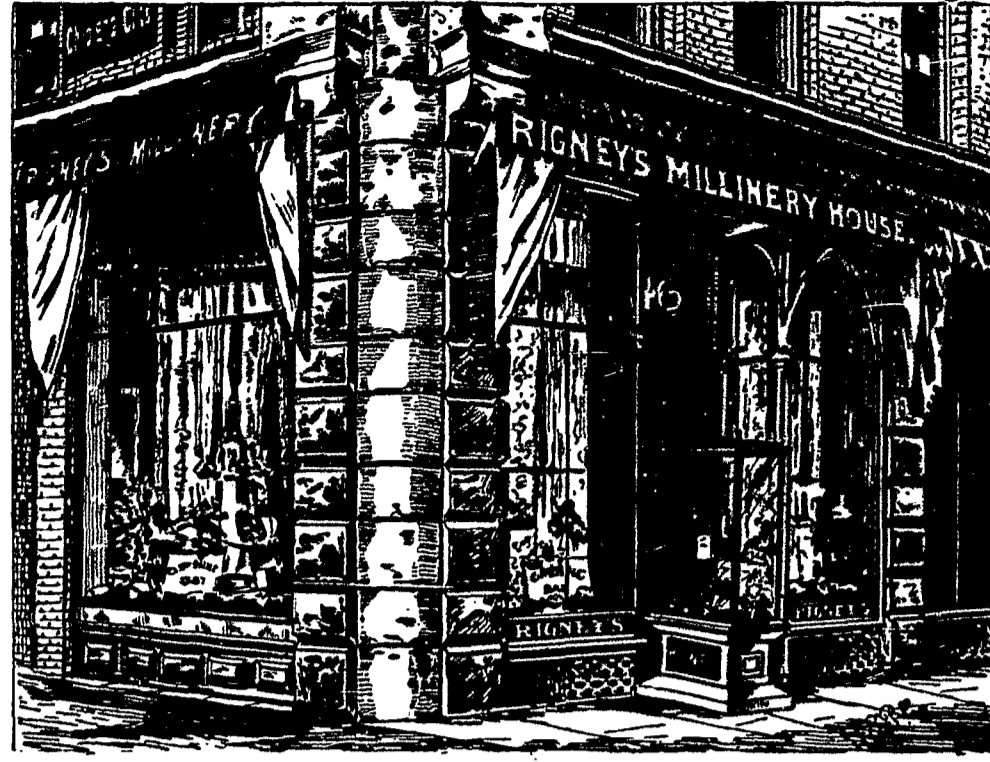
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