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SENSATIONAL JOURNALISM.

Rev. John Lancaster Spalding, bishop of Peoria, has a widespread reputation as a litterateur, a thinker and a critic. His opinion of the daily press is worthy of reproduction. "The press of our cities," he says, "is the great chronicle of our life. What does it record? Murders; suicides, robberies, adulteries, divorces, drunkenness, bankruptcies, official peccadilloes, with now and then a collision of trains and destruction of life and property by mobs. This fills the news columns. In the editorials we meet with reckless assertion, crude generalization, special pleading, ignorant statement of half truth, insincere praise and lying abuses of public men, frivolous treatment of the highest and holiest subjects—all thrown into that form of false reasoning and loose style which is natural to minds that have not time to learn anything thoroughly. And this half mental and half bestial broil-and-grog mixture, brought from the great cities by special trains to every household, falls like a mildew upon the mind and conscience of the people, taking from them all relish for literature, all belief in virtue, all reverence for God and nature, until one may doubt whether we have not lost the power of intellectual and moral growth."

Upon this scathing denunciation an exchange makes this pertinent comment:

"Does not this description fit more than eight-tenths of the modern daily newspapers? There are honorable exceptions, we admit, but they are few and far between. Is it any wonder that a growing generation, fed upon such intellectual pabulum, should produce men and women whose moral visions are horribly distorted? What is the remedy? It must be with the people themselves. So long as they demand the elaboration of all criminal stories just so long will they find publishers unscrupulous enough to do it. If the people would eschew the sensational paper and read only those journals that exclude objectionable matter from their columns, they would soon bring about a material change in the tone and character of the press."

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY.

The "Review of Reviews" thus introduces the president: "Never since the days of Madison and Monroe has a president of the United States entered upon the duties of his office in such an atmosphere of good will and confidence as that which surrounds Mr. McKinley. Everybody seems to wish him well. Even those who were arrayed against him in the recent campaign are disposed to have it understood that they will make no captious criticisms and shall oppose him in no far as they must for the sake of conscience and principle. We are not aware that there is an important newspaper in Boston, New York, Chicago or San Francisco that has adopted toward the new administration a tone of aggressive hostility. Further than that, indeed, we do not know of

a single important newspaper published in any city, north, south, east or west—that is showing bitterness or spite in its discussion of the new regime at Washington. Nor is there even very much of that kind of mild and negative hostility which consists of disparagement by means of faint praise and skeptical suggestion. The country seems, indeed, to have entered upon a veritable era of good feeling. President McKinley's personal qualities give him a singular fitness for precisely such an era. Throughout his congressional career those qualities secured for him the esteem alike of republican as well as democratic members of the house. Mr. McKinley is tactful, considerate, genuinely frank and sympathetic, always approachable, even-tempered, with a genius for seeing the best side of people and things, and most happily free from any trace of morbid egotism or self-consciousness. There are men so constituted that they can go about the work of life with a cheery forgetfulness of self, their minds being fixed upon the work itself. The new president seems to be a man of that kind of temperament."

BANKRUPTCY.

It is to be hoped that congress will soon enact a national bankruptcy law. The extra session, besides passing the appropriation bills, which failed of enactment at the hands of the expiring congress, and besides taking up the tariff question, opened the floodgates at once to new bills and general legislation. If any great matter, next to the tariff bill, deserves handling, it is the subject of a national bankruptcy law. A number of bankruptcy bills are pending, and it is not easy for the laymen to understand their provisions. The Torrey bill, which has been under discussion so long, would seem to have as its underlying motive the benefit of the creditor as against the debtor; and its firmest support comes from New England and the Atlantic seaboard. Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota has presented a bankruptcy bill which is avowedly intended not to provide further or additional machinery for the collection of debts, but rather to help thousands of active and energetic business men, particularly in the west and south, to obtain a discharge from the debts they are unable to pay, in order that they may take a fresh start. Senator Nelson has as high a sense of honor and integrity as any man in the country, and there is no suspicion in his bill of an attempt to avoid the payment of just debts. But, as Mr. Nelson points out, the very men to whose vigor and enterprise the west has owed its prosperity in the past are the ones most deeply involved in the frightful business reaction against which no ordinary prudence could have guarded, and for the results of which these men cannot be held blame-worthy. As matters stand, they can neither pay their debts on the one hand, nor can on the other hand proceed to do business with their undischarged obligations hanging over their heads. Mr. Nelson declares that in the end the creditors of these men would gain most by their immediate liquidation and relief from old obligations. In some form, a bankruptcy law should be enacted. It would be an important factor in the restoration of good times.

Says an exchange, "In English domestic politics the Liberal party has been scoring some decided advances. A number of parliamentary by-elections have shown most remarkable gains for the Liberals as compared with the last general election. The Grecian question is also strengthening the hands of the Liberal opposition, who are fighting the policy of the present Tory government. The Tory majority is so strong in the house of commons that there is no immediate prospect of an upset of the ministry. If, however, an appeal should be taken to the country under present circumstances, the Liberals would stand a very good show of coming into power again. In matters of English legislation, the most important event is the progress of Mr. Balfour's education bill, which is nothing more nor less than a measure to disburse about \$3,000,000 a year out of the national treasury to private and voluntary denominational schools. The friends of

the public schools, of "board schools," as they are called in England, have been fighting the measure, but to no avail. The Irish home rule members being Catholics almost to a man, are in favor of a grant in aid of the parochial schools. On this question, therefore, they vote with the Tories, who are for the most part members of the English Established church. The majority in the house of commons on the second reading of the bill was 205.

The new mayor of Chicago gets a certificate as a genuine American from no less a person than Mr. Michael Davitt, M. P. Mr. Davitt was in Chicago recently, and in conversation with a Times-Herald reporter he recited the following interesting incident: "When I was returning from Australia the crisis was on between the United States and England over Venezuela and foreign monarchical intrusion on the American continent. A number of the passengers were Americans, but their revolutionary ancestors, if they had any, must have been Tories, so devoid were they of true national self-respect. The policy of Washington, Jefferson and Monroe had one champion. He was known as 'the young man from Chicago.' Without bravado, in excellent English and with manifest store of historical and international knowledge, he upheld the American position so effectively that the spurious Americans were gradually compelled to range themselves behind him. The 'young man from Chicago' was Carter H. Harrison, to-day mayor of Chicago."

Says the Boston "Herald": "According to the annual report of the American Protective Association, pretty much everything has come their way this year. Possibly this may be true, but if such is the case, it is due to the fact that the organization has managed to conceal its identity and to lie very low. As a rule, whenever and wherever the great majority of the voters have seen one of the heads of this organization they have hit it." The Apaisists claim they will hold controlling influence in deciding who will be the next mayor of Rochester. If they will only name their candidate now he will never be heard of when election day rolls around.

A Chicago minister has reached the apex of sensationalism. He brought a full and complete gambling outfit into the pulpit and explained to an interested audience the methods by which it was possible to rob innocent victims. His sermons of late have highly attractive, but can any one tell how many young men will become gamblers because of these sermons? The same is true of ministers who use the pretext of exposing vice to give their congregation a directory of places that if they did not know of, they should never be told from the pulpit.

The "Independent" says it knows of "honest converts" from Protestantism to Catholicity, and does not see why there should not be honest converts from Catholicity to Protestantism. "In the absence of reliable samples we shall be obliged to say that there are no honest converts from Catholicity to Protestantism" is the brief but pertinent reply the Boston "Republic" makes to the "Independent's" indirect inquiry.

It is a peculiar fact that the New York "Sun," "Times" and "Evening Post," the three metropolitan journals that applauded the loudest when the United States Supreme court rendered its adverse decision in the income tax, howled the loudest when the same court knocked out railroad pooling.

The "Post Express" coincides in THE JOURNAL'S opinion that there are too many money bags in the United States senate.

Says the "Catholic Review": "The Catholic press is the university of the Catholic people. It is their representative in the newspaper world. It is often their only voice in the form of public opinion. Its field of usefulness is immense. Its success will depend upon the support extended to it."

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THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. John x. 11-16—At that time, Jesus said to the Pharisees: "I am the Good Shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. But the hireling and he that is not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep and fieth: and the wolf catcheth and scattereth the sheep. And the hireling fieth, because he is a hireling, and hath no care for the sheep. I am the Good Shepherd and I know Mine, and Mine know Me. As the Father knoweth Me, and I know the Father: and I lay down My life for My sheep. And other sheep I have, that are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd."

What are we learn from all this? First, what a great happiness it is to belong to a shepherd so loving, powerful and solicitous for our salvation. Secondly, we should constantly thank our good God for His great mercy. Lastly, we should show ourselves loving and obedient sheep.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, May 2—Second Sunday after Easter. St. Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church.—Epist. 2 Cor. iv. 5-14; Gosp. Matt. x. 23-28; Last Gosp. John x. 11-16.
Monday, 3—Finding of the Holy Cross.—St. Alexander (Pope) and Companions, Martyrs. St. Juvenal, Bishop and Confessor.
Tuesday, 4—St. Monica, widow.
Wednesday, 5—St. Plus V., Pope and Confessor.
Thursday, 6—St. John before the Latin Gate.
Friday, 7—St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.
Saturday, 8—Apparition of St. Michael, Archangel.

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