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THE WATERLIET CASE.

The Philadelphia "Catholic Standard and Times" says:
 "An esteemed Minnesota correspondent writes to say that we were misinformed regarding the religious garb bill to which we referred in a recent issue as having been passed by the Legislature. The bill, he intimates, has only been introduced; and we know that mere introductions are by no means guarantees of eternal friendship. It is one of those "hardy annuals" which are regarded more as standing jokes than as serious legislative propositions. The sapient Mr. Skinner, the state superintendent of New York, from whom one might have expected better, has received some enlightenment on this same point. His decision against the garb of the teaching Sisters has been reversed by a legal pronouncement on behalf of the board of education, declaring in effect that teaching qualifications are the test for educational officers instead of the quantity of political "pull" they are able to command, that we might be spared the reproach of such puerility and silliness as rulings like that of Mr. Skinner bring upon a whole state."

Our contemporary is misinformed in the New York case—the West Troy or Watervliet affair—because the legal pronouncement of the board of education has no legal weight, the laws of the state not permitting any appeal from the decision of State Superintendent Skinner. The latter's ruling was outrageous and made with an idea of currying favor with Governor Black. In this he was not successful, but he did succeed in another instance. A bill was introduced in the assembly by Mr. Mazet to permit appeals from the decision of the state superintendent. If this bill had passed the courts would have had a chance to pass upon Mr. Skinner's ruling. Inasmuch as the highest court in Pennsylvania has ruled directly opposite to him in a similar case, Skinner, with his usual spinal weakness, feared the passage of the Mazet bill. So he bulldozed or cajoled its author into abandoning it.
 There is a day of reckoning at hand, however. Skinner's term expires next year and the legislature of 1898 will elect his successor. It is to be hoped that body will be composed of men with sufficient backbone to turn down the pettifoggery, log-rolling Skinner.

MAY DEVOTIONS

The month of May is set apart by the church for special devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We cannot pay too much reverence to the Blessed Mother of our Lord.
 She is all powerful to intercede with her dear Son for poor suffering humanity, her children. Therefore it is that we should, during the month, invoke her prayers in our behalf, and for the benefit of those of our loved ones who have gone on before.

THE CHURCH

In the words "Let him who is first among you become the servant of others" we find the true basis of society. Hence, when Christianity passes on to the social scale the people are no longer for the kings, but the kings are for the people, and from this has come the law of gentleness and equity, which distinguishes Christian people, and it is to the influence of the church that we are thus indebted for these advantages, since idolatrous people are still ruled by the law of the despot. Their kings are despots.

The influence of the Church is seen on civil order by the abolition of polygamy and divorce, the two sources of slavery, disgrace and misfortune, and wherever the Church loses her influence, the two scourges reappear. Thus, under the influence of the church, national laws, political laws, civil laws, all the relations of men are modified, sanctified. The church was the triumph of charity over brute force, of regenerated man over degraded man, of the spirit over the flesh.

The church produces that perfect development of men's powers which is the foundation of real progress; there is no faculty of the soul which she does not feed with appropriate food. The mind she illumines with brightest rays of truth, and to memory she recalls sweetest recollections. The unimaginative she makes glow with grandest fancies, the heart she fills with purest emotion and, as the crown of all, to evoke the possibilities of manhood, she links the soul to God, its first, principal and final end.
 We stand as yet in the vestibule of nature; science has not yet explored all her wonders, and as with nature so with grace. The history of the church runs parallel with the civil history of the nation. America stands in the forefront of the fight. Her progress is ever onward.

THE NEW CHARTER

Without deliberation, without consulting the wishes of the taxpayers of the four cities involved, the legislature jammed through, within an hour of final adjournment, a charter that is to apply uniformly to Rochester, Syracuse, Troy and Albany. Since Governor Black hails from Troy it is to be presumed that he will approve the bill.
 Without expressing opinion on the merits of the White charter, as it is termed, from a cursory reading we think it a piece of crazy-quilt legislation. The JOURNAL wishes to place itself on record as utterly opposed to such "railroading" of important legislation through the legislature. As Senator Cantor truly remarked the other day: "The day of deliberate legislation is past in New York state. In its place has come one man power, the autocratic rule of the party caucus and the party boss."
 How long will this sort of business be permitted by the people of New York state?

Says the New York World: "Judge Rufus Peckham, like his father, before him, is nothing if not judicial. The decision of the supreme court upholding the anti-trust law, which he had the honor of writing, and which has equally astonished and delighted the country—accustomed as the people had become to the other kind of decisions from our courts—will not therefore be attributed to anything except sound judgment as to the law and an inflexible regard for the public's rights. And yet so deep and keen is the popular feeling on the questions involved that it will not be strange if Judge Peckham shall be a candidate for the presidency in 1900."

It is to be hoped that the Catholics of Rochester will take interest enough in the Summer School to subscribe all the money necessary to build a "Rochester Cottage" at Plattsburg. The reading circle movement had its great impetus here, hence it is meet that the Flower City should be at the front in support of the summer school.
 Will either of Rochester's candidates for ambassadorships attain the coveted position? President McKinley knows, but he is not telling just at present.

Very pertinently says the Louisville "Courier-Journal": "The latest development in medicine is the specialist who treats bicycle diseases. The bicycle can well afford to give a little business to the physician, considering the much greater business that it has taken away from him." On the whole, though, we think the physicians have gained, rather than lost, by the bicycle habit.

In learning to ride a bicycle the other day a Watertown man died of nervous shock. Still there will be no diminution in the sale of bicycles to nervous persons.

Rev. M. O'Shea, pastor of St. Gabriel's church, Hammondsport, N. Y., was a welcome caller at the JOURNAL office during the week.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John xvi. 16-22—At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me, because I go to the Father. Then some of His disciples said one to another: What is this that He saith to us: A little while and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me, and because I go to the Father? They said therefore: What is this that He saith, A little while? We know not what He speaketh. And Jesus knew that they had a mind to ask Him, and He said to them: Of this do you inquire among yourselves, because I said, A little while, and you shall not see Me; and again a little while, and you shall see Me; Amen, amen, I say to you, that you shall lament and weep, but the world shall rejoice; and you shall be made sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but when she hath brought forth the child she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. So also shall you now indeed have sorrow, but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice; and your joy no man shall take from you."

Weekly Church Calendar
 Sunday, May 9.—Third Sunday after Easter.—Patronage of St. Joseph Less. Gen. xlii. 27-28. Gosp. Luke iii. 21-23. Last Gosp. John xvi. 16-22.
 Monday, 10.—St. Anthonis, Bishop and Confessor. SS. Gordian and Epimachus, Martyrs.
 Tuesday, 11.—St. Mark, Evangelist (April 25).
 Wednesday, 12.—St. Nereus and Companions, Martyrs.
 Thursday, 13.—St. Leo I., Pope, Confessor, and Doctor of the church. (April 11).
 Friday, 14.—St. Anselm, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church (April 21).
 Saturday, 15.—St. Gregory, Nazianzen Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church (May 9).

How can we apply all this to ourselves? We must know that if we are faithful followers and true friends of Christ, we may expect sorrows, tribulations and sufferings here on earth, but all this will be for our greater glory and joy in heaven.

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WORK OF A CARDINAL

IT IS ALMOST AS ARDUOUS AS THAT OF THE PRESIDENT.

A Glance at the Daily Routine of Cardinal Gibbons—All His Letters and Sermons Are Written by His Own Hand. How His Day Is Divided.

There are few men in public life who manage to accomplish more work than is daily turned out by that prince of the church, Cardinal Gibbons. Next to the president of the United States he is probably the busiest man of high position in this country. He is never in bed after 6 o'clock. He celebrates the 7 o'clock mass every morning. At 8 he takes his breakfast, and until 9:30 he is busy with his secretaries, his mail and the morning papers, which he never fails to read. His work almost always goes over its allotted hours, for his mail is heavy, and he answers a great many of his letters personally. People often comment upon the fact that nearly every note or letter received from him has been in his own handwriting, and when it was suggested that it must be a great deal of work to write so much and that a typewriter certainly offered a way out of it he replied that he found that he could get shades of expression and meaning with the pen that somehow escaped him in dictation. When to this correspondence we add the fact that he writes his sermons and, most astonishing of all, that he has written all of his books, some of them twice over, with the pen, we have in this very performance a great deal more than the average man accomplishes.

At 10 o'clock, or possibly earlier, the calls begin, and from then until 12 visitors take up his time. These are of all kinds and conditions, for the cardinal is as popular among the poor as he is among the rich, and those who come in carriages and those who come afoot fare alike in attention. Never was tact better illustrated than in his disposition of these callers. He goes into the heart of the matter at once, and when the conversation is over he rises, tells his visitor he is glad to be of such service as he can and leads the way to the door, making the adieu most charmingly, but most conclusively. A great many Protestants call, for he is much liked by them, and it is easy to separate the Catholics and Protestants, for the Catholic kiss his ring. Those who are rabid in their religious prejudices may be surprised to know that many of the Protestant ministers and the cardinal are on terms of cordial personal friendship, and one of the most brilliant of the Protestant preachers of Baltimore was once heard to say that the cardinal was a priest among men and a man among priests and one of the most deeply spiritual men he ever knew.

At noon there are religious duties, and at 1 o'clock dinner is served—a plain meal, for the cardinal is a small eater. He rests after this, but it is only for a short time, for there are more letters and matters to be attended to. The work goes on steadily until 3 o'clock, when the afternoon visitors begin to arrive, and from then until 5 the parlors and reception rooms are generally well filled. After 5 comes the cardinal's walk. Then he feels as if he has a little time to himself, but it is not always that way, for a dinner engagement may interrupt his programme, or he may be down for an address at some important function. As a rule, however, his evenings are spent in his library, which is a splendid collection of books of over a century's growth, where he reads diligently and outlines his sermons and his literary work.—Exchange.

Children Honor Archbishop Ryan.
 The parade, which was the first feature of the recent celebration in honor of Archbishop Ryan at Philadelphia, was participated in by boys of the parochial schools to the number of nearly 10,000, representing 50 churches. Shortly before 9 o'clock the line formed at the Philadelphia baseball park, Broad and Huntingdon streets, under the direction of Chief Marshal James J. Murphy, Jr. The pupils of the Catholic high school were at the right of the line, being nearly 600 in number.

Spared Relics.
 The Rev. W. J. Hill, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic church in Brooklyn, brought back from Italy a portion of the skeleton of St. Paul, the patron saint of the church, and the relic will be put on exhibition for the first time on June 13. This and also a relic of the martyred St. Perpetua were presented to Father Hill by the bishop of Narni, with accompanying authenticating documents. A reliquary is being specially prepared for the relics, the use of which has been sanctioned by Bishop McDonnell.

A Prayer.
 "Our Father in heaven,
 Oh, feed this bright flame,
 Within our young hearts,
 "To hallow thy name,
 May thy kingdom come,
 A pure white dove,
 It rests now upon us,
 The symbol of love,
 "Thy will be done."
 Our sweetest thoughts flow
 To thee in high heaven,
 While on earth here below,
 "Give us this day,
 Needful food for our task,
 No more do we need,
 No more should we ask,
 "Forgive us our debt,
 And thus while we live,
 To one and to all
 May we always forgive,
 "Lead us not into temptation,"
 We would leave that behind,
 And joy and calm rest
 In pure thought find,
 "Deliver us from evil."
 Thou alone canst do this,
 Thou leadest from earth
 To a haven of bliss,
 "For thine is the kingdom,
 The glory and power,"
 So, kneeling, we ask thee
 "By bless us this hour,
 Each other to guard, guide,
 Protect and to keep,
 In sorrow or joy,
 Awake or asleep,
 "Thou, when thou callest,
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 My God, 'tis sufficient,
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