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THE REAL REASON

It has been a matter of speculation why there is such a hue and cry these days for the abolition of the Regents' examinations in the public schools as a test for entrance to the academies. Here in Rochester it is no secret that Superintendent Noyes has long entertained conscientious objections to the Regents' examinations as unnecessarily difficult and absurd(?) but the demand for their abolition is so general as to excite suspicion. The "Regents" has long been the pride of the public school devotees in the Empire state. They have lauded the board and its work to the skies to the wonderment of other states where our dual system of Regents' and state department of public instruction are not followed. Is it possible that the demand is urged because of the fact that the pupils of the Catholic schools are equaling and surpassing the record of the public schools on the basis of the Regents' test? Bishop McQuaid hinted this in his opening address at the Catholic Teachers' institute last Monday.

Referring to the work of the parochial schools, the bishop told his hearers that they must not be satisfied with equalling the record of the public schools, but they must seek to excel it. Such had been the record of the parochial schools so far, and it must be maintained. He then referred to the movement to abolish the Regents' examinations and insinuated that much of its impetus was due to the fact that the pupils of the parochial schools were outstripping the pupils of the public schools in the competition that had been instituted with the idea of distancing the Catholic pupils. They tell us that the Regents' examinations are breaking down the health of the pupils, that their nervous system is deranged and that they approach the examinations with fear and trembling. Poor things. We are not the ones who are clamoring for the abolition of the Regents. We do not care how high the standard is set, so long as it is fair. We will meet our opponents on an equal footing and then distance them. In addition to the secular instruction, we impart to the child knowledge in the grandest of studies—the study of religion, the study of the Creator, of the Redeemer. This is a priceless gift.

If that be the reason for demanding the abolition of the Regents it should fail and fail utterly.

The "Post Express" would naturally be expected to stand by the board of regents, but does our contemporary mean to have the public infer that it favors all the fads and nonsense that have been inserted in the public school curriculum in the last few years? There is too much trash taught in the public schools and little that is practical.

It is quite plain that the Good Government men intend to support Mayor Warner for re-election.

IRISH CHURCH AND POLITICS

The Irish hierarchy, headed by Cardinal Logue, Archbishop Croke of Cashel, and Archbishop Walsh of Dublin, have issued a manifesto relating to the part the clergy should play in politics. It is evidently intended as a reply to the recent Redmondite circular against "clerical interferences," although Mr. Redmond's name is not mentioned. The salient paragraph in the letter of the hierarchy is as follows:

"We quote from their declaration as follows: 'To say that the clergy have no right to intervene in such questions, where oftentimes the highest of religion are at stake; that they ought not to point to their flocks the line of conscientious duty, and call upon them to follow it; that they cannot and ought not to advise them in such political matters to choose as leaders men of high character and sound principles, is, indeed, a great and pernicious error involving a manifest denial of the teaching authority of the church.'"

Many true friends of Ireland thought Mr. Redmond made a serious mistake in issuing his ill-advised circular. The strong language and argument used in the bishop's letter confirms that opinion.

We do not believe for a moment that any party can thrive in Ireland whose basic principle is opposition to the church, even in political affairs.

The Irish people cherish a traditional reverence for their clergy. The loyalty and devotion of the priests in the old penal days is not forgotten. Neither do the people forget the services rendered by them in the rural districts where they acted as the judges, arbitrators, teachers and counsellors. In every attempt to secure Ireland's freedom bishops and priests were to be found among the leaders. Some of them went to jail for activity and bore their punishment with sublime fortitude. Mr. Redmond cannot obliterate the record of the Irish clergy nor turn the people of Ireland against them.

JUBILEE INCIDENTS

There were several noteworthy incidents in connection with the queen's jubilee. First, of course, was the refusal of the Irish Catholics to take any part in the ceremonies.

It is noteworthy in the second place that the only ecclesiastic in Protestant England who took part in the jubilee procession was Mgr. Sambucetti, the representative of the Holy Father. Accidental though the arrangement probably was, by that strange irony of circumstances which so often rules and overrules temporal events, the Catholic church was the only church represented in the procession. The Anglican dignitaries were present especially at the ceremony in St. Paul's cathedral, the Greek church was there represented by Archbishop Antonius, the Non-conformists by Dr. Berry and others. The Catholic clergy, of course, could not attend that religious service, but the procession was an act in which all creeds could and did join, and it is noteworthy that the single official representative of religion was the envoy of the head of the Catholic church. The Liverpool "Catholic Times" gives vent to the following, which conveys facts that are worthy of being noted:

"In some quarters expressions of gratitude have been used for the liberty accorded to Catholics in England. No doubt the justice they have experienced during her Majesty's reign may be acknowledged, though how far modern constitutional monarchs are to be credited with the liberty enjoyed by their subjects is a point not so easily determined. However, we have no wish to strike a discordant note; we only ask that this gratitude be not too effusive. Freedom is our right, and if we are grateful at all it might well be for the fact that former oppressors have not succeeded in ruining England and the empire by their tyranny. It has been said that we have more liberty than our co-religionists in Catholic countries. In some respects, no doubt, this is true; in others it is not. The laws in England are still intolerant; our religious are proscribed, our church property is subject to mortmain, and so on. If Queen Victoria

has promoted a true liberal spirit—and to some extent it has been so—we thank her. But that we enjoy a large and sufficient measure of liberty is far from true. And as for Ireland, there cannot be the slightest doubt that she is suffering for her faith. Racial hatred, it is true, has helped to limit her freedom, but the most serious bar to just concessions has been ill-will towards Catholicism. Had her population been Protestant, she would to-day be at least as free as the most advanced of our self-governing colonies."

WHY IS IT?

Wherefore comes the wide-spread demand for the abolition of the Regents' examinations? Is it to shut out the pupils of parochial schools from competition with those of the public schools? Are the public schools worshippers jealous of the proficiency of the parochial school pupils?

The "Standard and Times" says: "Were Charles Albert of Sardinia alive how must he blush for his grandson, the present Prince of Naples! This up-to-date young sprig of royalty makes no secret of his disregard of religion and his infidel tendencies. He scandalized all about him in London recently by refusing to attend a public mass at the Italian church in Hatton Garden, solely for the reason that the Pope's envoy was to be the celebrant. The excuse is, of course, the strained relations which exist between the Italian monarchy and the Papal court; but it is asserted that the real reason is the prince's dislike to all forms of religious service. Like Junius, the devout hero of Novara might exclaim, as he beheld his relative's degeneracy: 'I do not give you to posterity as a pattern to imitate, but an example to deter.'"

According to the "Post-Express" there are forty-six million \$1 bills in circulation in this country, fifteen million \$2 bills, fifty-four million \$5 bills, thirty million \$10 bills, ten million \$20 bills, eight million \$50 bills, eight hundred thousand \$100 bills, forty thousand \$500 bills, ninety-three thousand \$1,000 bills, one thousand \$5,000 bills and one thousand two hundred and forty-eight \$10,000 bills.

The Somerville (Mass.) "Journal" is responsible for this: "How much pleasanter it is to swing in a hammock and watch a man struggling with a lawn mower, and think how much pleasanter it is to swing in a hammock and watch a man struggling with a lawn mower than it is to struggle with a lawn mower and think how much pleasanter it is to swing in a hammock and watch a man struggling with a lawn mower."

The "Post Express" says that the price of coal has been steadily decreasing the last few years. We suppose our contemporary means the wholesale price. It certainly cannot dispute the fact that the retail price of coal was never so high in Rochester as it is at the present time. Or does our contemporary get a special rate?

When is Mayor Warner to quit meddling with the republican police commissionership?

The "Post Express" would like to be with the republican organization, but also wants to be independent at the same time. It is a difficult job.

Bishop McQuaid was in Chicago this week to deliver an address to the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, of which he is the supreme spiritual adviser.

It looks as though the story that Japan and Spain will attack us if we interfere in Hawaii or Cuba is a "fake." Both nations evidently think discretion the better part of valor.

What will probably be the tariff law has been agreed on. How do you like it?

If Prussia will not permit American insurance companies to do business there, her companies should be shut out of New York state.

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Rochester had the honor of leading the van in the institution of the Catholic Teachers' Institutes that have already become so popular throughout the country that their number has increased from seven in 1896 to fifty in 1897, and the prospect is that in 1898 there will be an institute held in every diocese in the United States.

In addition to the benefit the teaching sisters derive in acquiring the latest methods in imparting knowledge, these institutes cannot fail to awaken new interest and enthusiasm in the cause of Catholic education, and will undoubtedly lead to the institution of Catholic schools in localities where none exist. They are also likely to result in more liberal contributions to the support of Catholic education. As Mrs. Burke, the talented leader in the institute work well styles it, it is "the first organized effort on the part of the laity to aid the cause of Catholic education."

There have been some noteworthy addresses delivered at the institute which closed to-day, not the least of which was that on "Educational Thought" by Rev. James P. Kiernan, rector of the cathedral. Although Father Kiernan was not slow in acknowledging the worth of the secular instruction imparted in the state schools, he was firm in his contention that the parochial or Catholic schools possessed the one essential necessary to a full education, instruction in religion. Father Kiernan upheld in his unimpeachable language the Catholic doctrine that moral development was the most important element in the matter of education. In short, Father Kiernan followed closely the advice of the old philosopher: "Never give way before an advancing enemy; never pursue a flying foe further than is necessary to achieve a victory."

Prof. Libert's lectures on "Methods of Imparting Christian Doctrine" were unusually instructive, as were all the other talks.

The institutes furnish ample demonstration that nothing is spared to make the Catholic schools of the diocese of Rochester equal in every respect to the state schools.

The question that is most interesting to Speaker O'Grady these summer days is: Will the next assembly contain a democratic or a republican majority?

The Sugar Trust appears to have received pretty nearly what it asked at the hands of the tariff experts.

Bishop McQuaid painted Superintendent Skinner in his true colors last Monday at the teachers' institute.

Could Hardly Get to Breakfast.
"I was troubled very much with my stomach and could hardly get to breakfast in the morning. I read about Hood's Sarsaparilla and began taking it, and it has cured me. I recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all who are troubled with weakness of the stomach."—Miss Mamie H. Hedges, Freeport, N. Y.

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Weekly Church Calendar.
Sunday, July 25, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. St. James the Greater, Apostle. St. Christopher, Martyr. Epist. 1 Cor. iv. 9-15. Gosp. Matt. 20-23; Last Gosp. Mark viii. 1-9.
Monday, 26—St. Anne, Mother of the B. V. M.
Tuesday, 27—St. Pantaleon, Martyr.
Wednesday, 28—SS. Nazarius and companions, Martyrs. St. Innocent I., Pope and Confessor.
Thursday, 29—St. Martha, Virgin.
Friday, 30—SS. Abdon and Sennen, martyrs.
Saturday, 31—St. Ignatius Loyola, Confessor.

The New Tariff Law
Which has just been signed by the President may be appropriately considered an Industrial Declaration of Independence. An official text of the law has just been published by the American Protective Tariff League, and should be carefully examined by every citizen. Protectionists ought to have a few copies of this law for distribution. Five copies will be sent to any address for ten cents. Ask for Document No. 30 and address W. F. Wakeman, General Secretary, 135 West 23d street, New York.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities—Current Calendar.

The Following Letter has been Issued by the Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK STATE GRAND COUNCIL CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION. Grand Secretary's office, Hornellsville, N. Y., July 1, 1897.

To the New York State Branches of the C. M. B. A.:

The First Triennial and Fourteenth Convention of the New York State Grand Council will be held at the Academy Hall of St. John's Cathedral, Syracuse, N. Y., opening Tuesday, August 31, 1897. Officers and representatives will assemble at the hall above mentioned at nine o'clock a. m. on the above date, and after being called to order will proceed in a body to High Mass, which will be celebrated in St. John's Cathedral at 10 o'clock. After Mass the Council will return to the hall for roll call and formal opening of the Convention. Headquarters will be at the Globe hotel. Rate per day \$2.00 and upward. Good rates may also be secured at other hotels. If you wish to secure room at headquarters in advance, address the proprietor of the Globe hotel. Negotiations for special rates on railroads have failed, the railroads demanding guarantees which the Board of Trustees feels that it has no authority to bind the Association to. Special rates can be secured locally by the membership in principal cities, and we would recommend that effort be made at such places to secure as good rates as possible.

The Catholic Aureola club held its annual outing at Silver Lake on Sunday, July 18, and had a very enjoyable time. Among those present were M. Connors, Miss E. McCaffery, T. Conway, Miss Katie McCaffery, Miss M. McCort, C. J. Dolan, Miss M. O'Neil, Miss S. Redmond and Miss McCort. From the pleasant time the club had they will not soon forget their outing. One of the events to be especially worthy of mention was the quartette consisting of Mr. Paul, Miss E. McCaffery, Miss M. McCort and Dr. Winters, who, standing by the old Poyness well, sang in a very effective manner "The Old Oaken Bucket," and in the same able manner "We thank Thee, God, from whom all blessings flow." Owing to rain in the afternoon the tally-ho party was postponed, but it will come off in Rochester in the near future, when all out of town members will be with their comrades at the quarterly meet.

Hibernian Rifles

At the last meeting of the company the biennial report was read, which showed the company to be in a flourishing condition financially. From the manner in which the report was presented it not only showed completeness in accuracy, but proves that the young members, if they are not ahead of the old, they are nothing behind.

Captain Quinlivan has issued this order. All drills of Company A, Hibernian Rifles, are hereby suspended from July 14 to September, except first Tuesdays of each month, when the company will drill and transact civil business. The foregoing order will go into force from above date.

M. QUINLIVAN, Capt.
J. CULLEN, 1st Lieut.
J. L. SULLIVAN, Orderly.
T. SEXTON, Commissary.

Many of the members are enjoying a good time at the summer resorts.

Comrade C. J. Dolan is on the sick list with bronchitis and malaria, but we hope that after his leave of absence and the skillful care of Dr. Guinan and Wilbour, and the refreshing breezes of the Thousand Islands, he will soon improve his physical condition.

The boys are of opinion that Private Graham swore off playing pool. Frowley has made Secretary Conway perform the same act. Good thing, boys—keep the resolutions.

At a meeting of Branch 53, C. M. B. A., the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, to call from our ranks our late brother, Henry Kuhn, who in submission to His will, remembering that we know not the day or the hour when death may come to us all. Be it therefore

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Henry Kuhn Branch 53, C. M. B. A., has lost a faithful, energetic and untiring member, ever ready to perform all duties imposed on him by the Branch. Be it further

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved widow and family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy, remembering that our loss is his eternal gain. Be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, spread on the minutes of the meeting, and that they be published in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

FRANK G. ROESCH, MELCHION KASTNER, GEORGE M. AMAN, Committee.

Hibernians to Picnic.

The twelfth annual reunion and field day of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Monroe county, to be held Thursday, August 19, at Sea Breeze, will be of especial interest this year from the fact that many distinguished members of the order are expected to be present and deliver short addresses. Among those who have been invited and are expected to be present are: Mayor McGuire and State Secretary Enright of Syracuse; Capt. Frank J. Killen, state president of the order, and Prof. M. J. Candee of Buffalo; Senator Thomas P. Grady of New York, and Speaker J. M. E. O'Grady of this city. In the morning there will be a parade of the members of Monroe, Livingston and Genesee counties, headed by the Fifty-fourth Regiment band and the Hibernian Knights and the Hibernian Rifles, two uniformed bodies of the order. At Sea Breeze there will be a programme of sports run off, for which a large number of prizes will be given, donated by business men. Old time Gaelic sports will be given, and dancing and a band concert will help to entertain all. The arrangement committee is composed of the presidents of the nine divisions of the county.

The annual picnic of council 25 was held at Windsor Beach Wednesday. A large number attended and numerous sports were indulged in. J. P. Henry and John Reddington are reported winners in the married and single men's races.

The central council, C. R. & B. A. picnic will be held at Windsor Beach next Wednesday, July 28th. Be sure and attend and bring your friends.

The fifteenth annual convention of New York State Council of the C. B. I., was held at Plattsburgh last week. The convention was the largest ever held in the State and was in session but two days. Mr. J. P. Henry of this city was selected Vice-president of the organization which is recognition of the work done by the Rochester Council. The following officers were elected and installed by Comrade Harding, Supreme Marshal of New Jersey: President, Richard J. Hutchinson; vice-president, Joseph P. Henry, Rochester; secretary, Thomas B. Lee, New York; treasurer, James J. Reid, orator, George M. Mullin, Buffalo; spiritual adviser, the Rev. John D. Roach, New York; marshal, Adelbert M. Woods, Brooklyn; guard, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Brooklyn; Supreme representatives—Bernard J. York, alternate, Charles W. Conrath, William J. Buttling, alternate, Michael J. Goldrick, Anselm J. Smith, alternate, Martin Judge, Thomas J. O'Sullivan, alternate, James McCarty, alternate to Joseph P. Henry resigned, James M. McNamara, Finance Committee—Oliver S. Blaser, Peter J. Higgins, William Reynolds, Trustees—Michael Brennan, Peter J. Eppig, George Zimmerman, Jacob Radell, B. J. Mahoney. The next convention will be held at Saratoga.

At a regular meeting of Council 27, C. R. & B. A., the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite power, wisdom and goodness, to remove from our midst our worthy sister, Catherine Call, and from a mother, sisters and brothers a loving daughter and sister, be it

Resolved, That we, members of Council 27, C. R. & B. A., extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their time of trouble, and pray God to have mercy on her soul, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased sister, one to the CATHOLIC JOURNAL, and also that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

Mrs. JOHN McDONALD, ELIZA McCURKER, MAMIE HOBSON, Committee.

Society Calendar.
C. M. B. A.
Monday—58, 81, 93.
Tuesday—12, 82, 121, 159.
Wednesday—34, 88, 117, 131.
C. R. & B. A.
Monday—52.
Tuesday—17.
Wednesday—23, 66.

D. O. F. E.
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Tuesday—7.

A. O. H.
Tuesday—6.
Wednesday—3.

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