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## UTTER NONSENSE

It is queer how many persons there are who seem to think that the public schools are the greatest institutions ever devised, that they cannot be improved, and that there is nothing they cannot accomplish. One stock argument is that when people are educated they will be better and that there will be less crime.

The "benefits" of the public school system are now extended well nigh over the whole land. Is there less crime now than in former years? No sane man will say there is. On the contrary there is more. For the last five years the record of horrible crimes has been steadily growing until today we, as a nation, hang our heads in shame. The JOURNAL is not so warped that it will argue that extension of education and the public school system is responsible for all this but will content itself with pointing out the fact that education has not diminished crime in the slightest degree. The horrible lynchings of recent weeks were not engineered by the ignorant masses; they were in most instances, led by the educated men of the community.

Most of the worshippers at the shrine of the educational institutions are astounded at the carnival of crime now rampant, and are privately admitting that there is something wrong, but they will not concede that the absence of religious instruction in the school curriculum has much to do with the increase of vile crimes—crimes that are perpetrated by educated persons, because ignorant persons would not possess sufficient ingenuity.

Many publicists are being convinced that the Catholic system of education is the logical one, and would like to copy it, but are either ignorant how to proceed or are afraid to advocate any radical innovation. Dr. Lyman Abbott has an article in the current "Outlook" on popular education. In opening the doctor tries to throw dust in the eyes of his readers by apparently repudiating the argument that it is proper and possible to teach religion in the public schools. He then goes on with this rapid argument:

"Denominational tenets are not necessary to good citizenship. Good citizens are to be found among Roman Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and so-called unbelievers. We do not argue for the perfunctory reading of the Bible. Perfunctory exercises of any kind are of very little value. We do not argue for devotional exercises in the public schools. It is not the business of the state to conduct worship. But it is the business of the democratic state to see that all the people are educated in all the elements of character necessary to good citizenship in a self-governing community, and this includes fashioning the affections and the will into an earnest and loving desire to move in harmony with the eternal, immutable, divine laws of life. This state, therefore, has a right and a duty to teach whatever truth, to maintain whatever disci-

pline, and to establish whatever standards are necessary for this purpose." Is there any sense or logic in the above? How would the doctor do all this? There are thousands of persons who can point out flaws to the one who can outline a rational remedy. Evidently Dr. Abbott is not one of the thousand.

The Rochester "Herald" is usually about as irrational as can well be imagined on educational, economical and sociological questions but it is not far astray when it treats Dr. Abbott to this castigation:  
"Imagine the kind of teachers that you can get for \$500 or \$600 a year doing a kind of work that only persons of the highest mental and moral endowments are capable of. Imagine them doing it under the direction of the men that constitute the boards of education throughout the country and the superintendents of public education and their assistants throughout the various states. As well might you expect a silver whistle to be made out of a pig's tail."

It should be observed that the salary makes no difference. As a rule, the higher priced the public educator the more theoretical he is, and the more possessed of fads. It is usually the case that when an educator gets loaded up with fads he has no time or inclination to think of religion. To impart religion to pupils requires religious teachers, and those are not bred in the public schools. If there are religious teachers in the schools it is not because of the present public school system, it is in spite of it.

## THE ASSUMPTION

To-morrow the Catholic church will celebrate the most important summer festival in the calendar, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. All the feasts of the Blessed Virgin are replete with much significance, but this event recalls the crowning event of the Blessed Mother's career in this world and marks its glorious ending.

The history of the flight of our Blessed Lady into Heaven is too well known to need repetition here. As this year the feast falls on Sunday it will be observed with special devotion in the United States. To-morrow the churches will be resplendent with fine flowers, emblematic of the purity of the Blessed Mother.

All Catholics should assist in celebrating to-morrow's feast with more than ordinary devotion. A good way to remember departed friends is to approach the sacraments and offer up communion that the Blessed Mother, on this anniversary of her ascension into heaven, will intercede with her Divine Son for the deliverance of all suffering souls.

## SOLD HER SOUL FOR PELL.

Dr. Cadwallader, a "blue blood" of Philadelphia, recently married his housemaid, Bridget Mary Ryan, who renounced her religion to please her liege lord. Commenting on the fact, the Philadelphia "Catholic Standard and Times" said:

"Several of our secular contemporaries have been trying to make a mountain of a molehill in the importance given to the recent marriage in this city of a member of one of our old aristocratic families and his housemaid. Happily, the particular circumstance which gave sensationalism to the event is so rare in these days that we are sure no intelligent Catholic will be scandalized by it. We refer to the subject at all only to state that many of the details as given were absolutely untrue, and especially is this the case as regards some of the religious questions involved."

Nevertheless, dear contemporary, the fact remains, does it not, that the housemaid renounced her religion to climb up into a high social position? Are there not hundreds of servant girls in Philadelphia who would have chosen the "better part?"

The death of the venerable Father Havermans, of Troy, is said to leave to leave Rev. P. Cuddey of Milford, Mass., the oldest priest in the United States, though the Massachusetts clergyman lacks some years of attaining the great age of 91, which Father Havermans had reached.

**FIE! FIE!**  
It is not a matter of surprise to find western folk belittling New York, but we never expected that the Boston "Republic" would fall into the habit as it did the other day when it said:

"The old story that Archbishop Corrigan presides over the largest Catholic diocese in the world is again going the rounds of the Catholic press. As a matter of fact there are American dioceses that surpass the New York one in different particulars. Montreal, for instance, has more priests than it; and what comparison is there between the 800,000 Catholics in Archbishop Corrigan's jurisdiction and the 2,060,000 in the Brazilian archdiocese of Bahia, the 1,900,000 in the diocese of Olinda, one of the suffragan districts of that see, or the 1,570,000 in the archdiocese of Buenos Ayres?"

In point of importance the sees cited by our contemporary are not to be mentioned in comparison with New York. Had the word "greatest" been used in the above extract instead of "largest" no possible exception could have been taken by any one.

Says the Boston "Republic":  
Bishop McQuaid, whom it is said Archbishop Williams will soon visit, was in Chicago at the annual convention of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Union, in which the Rochester prelate takes an active and practical interest. The bishop sang the pontifical mass with which the convention opened, and he also delivered an address at the initial session of the gathering. This union, though only seven years in existence, has a membership now of nearly 30,000, its greatest strength being said to lie in the numerous branches that exist in New York state."

There are queer Protestant preachers in Indiana. According to a press dispatch Rev. John Walster was preaching at "Concord Christian church" and did not give satisfaction to his hearers. He was warned that he would be treated to a present of eggs. This was not at all to his liking, and he purchased a revolver which he carried into his pulpit, warning his congregation that he was prepared to use it. There was some disturbance outside the church and Walster fired in the direction of the noise, killing a little two year old girl.

In the Rochester "Union" last Friday appeared this paragraph: "Rev. Peter Havermans of Troy, N. Y., is the oldest Roman Catholic priest in America. He was ordained 67 years ago, and for nearly three score of those years he has done efficient service in Troy." Father Havermans, may God have mercy on his soul, had been dead and buried several days when the above was published.

The editor of the "Post Express" must be fond of bigots. Speaking of that arch-b bigot, "Bishop" John P. Newman, he had this to say recently: "Few men do more to make life a continual comfort than he. Wherever he is, the atmosphere is charged with cheeriness." How the political parson must like that sort of taffy.

The white employees of the Georgia internal revenue office are not models of Christian charity. They have declined to serve under Collector Rucker, who is a colored man recently appointed by President McKinley.

The United States coast and geological survey has officially decided that "Klondike" is the proper way to spell the name of the new gold field.

A new metallic compound, said to be harder than a diamond, has been invented recently. But it cannot be much harder to get.

Melbourne, Australia, has a policeman who is the compiler of a dictionary and the editor of a newspaper. When does he sleep? On his beat?

A Catholic priest of Cleveland, O., last week turned into the city treasury \$900 from an unknown source, as conscience money.

Those who like warm weather should move to Dallas, Texas. The thermometer stood 108 in the shade last Friday.

## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke, xviii. 9-14  
—At that time: "To some who trusted in themselves as just and despised others Jesus spoke this parable: Two men went up into the temple to pray: the one a Pharisee and the other a publican. The Pharisee standing prayed thus with himself: O God! I give Thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men: extortioners, unjust, adulterers, as also is this publican. I fast twice in a week; I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes toward heaven, but struck his breast, saying: O God! be merciful to me a sinner! I say to you this man went down into his house justified rather than the other: because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbly himself shall be exalted."

What are we to learn from all this? We should learn to avoid the vice of pride and not to confide in our own good qualities, if we happen to have any, in order not to become, like the Pharisee, an object of aversion to God. To avoid this vice, let us bear in mind that the proud man is odious to heaven and earth, and that God, as St. Peter says, resists the proud and covers them with confusion, as he did Lucifer, the sons of Babel, Holofernes, and many others.

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, August 15—Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Assumption of the B. V. M. Less. Eclius xxiv. 11-20, Gosp. Luke x 38-42, Last Gosp. Luke xviii 9-14.  
Monday, 16—St. Hyacinth, confessor.  
Tuesday, 17—Octave of St. Lawrence.  
Wednesday, 18—Of the Octave of the Assumption, St. Agapitus, martyr.  
Thursday, 19—Of the Octave  
Friday, 20—St. Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of the Church  
Saturday, 21—St. Jane Frances de Chantal, widow.

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## What Tommy Said.

Uncle John—Well, what do you mean to be when you get to be a man?  
Little Tommy (promptly)—A doctor, like pa.  
Uncle John (quizzically)—Indeed; and which do you intend to be, an allopath or a homeopath?  
Little Tommy—I don't know what them awful big words mean, Uncle John; but that don't make no difference, 'cause 'tain't goin' to be either of 'em. I'm just goin' to be a family doctor an' give all my patients Hood's Sarsaparilla, 'cause my pa says that if he is a doctor he's 'bliged to own up that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best family medicine he ever saw in his life.

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## SOCIETY NEWS.

(Continued from 1st page.)  
Knights of Columbus.

A new council will be instituted at Niagara Falls on Sunday, August 15, at 2 p. m.

The institution will be in charge of the Buffalo council, and they have extended a very cordial invitation to the members of Rochester council to attend. Quite a number of the Rochester council have signified their intention to make this trip a pleasure trip to the Falls, taking their wives, daughters or lady friends with them. The new council will tender the visiting knights a banquet after the third degree is conferred, at which a number of prominent members will respond to various toasts. If 50 or more persons will go, the rate will be \$1.50 for the round trip, tickets good to come back any time, Monday if so desired. Parties going can leave Rochester on regular Falls train, Sunday, at 8.15 a. m., reaching the Falls at 10.40. Returning, the ladies can leave at 6 p. m., reaching Rochester at 9 p. m. The members of the council can leave at any time or can go home by way of Buffalo on later trains, after attending the third degree and the banquet to follow.

This will make a very pleasant outing for the lady friends of our members, and will tend to dispel the idea that the men are to enjoy all the privileges of the order. Members who wish to do so can take the 9.50 train on Buffalo road, reaching the Falls at 1.30 p. m. The 8.15 train on the Falls road is the best train, as it gives about three hours more time at the Falls.

A council will be instituted at Waverly on the 22d inst. The degree work will be performed by members of Binghamton council.

A new council was instituted at Fulton last Sunday. District Deputy Hogan of Syracuse officiated.

The editor desires to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the first grand reunion of the Hibernian organizations, comprising the eleven Divisions of the A. O. H. of Onondaga county, which was held at Kirkwood park, Syracuse, on the 12th inst. The speakers on the occasion were Hon. P. J. Carey of Buffalo, Mayor James K. Maguire, James Devine and John J. Cummins of Syracuse.

The many friends of Mr. C. J. Dollen of this city are glad to learn that by skillful manouevering and careful anchoring he has captured a steurgeon of enormous size, weighing 354 pounds. We congratulate Mr. Dollen on his miraculous escape, as the boat was overturned, leaving him with but one oar; but he displayed all the energy and skill of an experienced fisherman by overpowering the monster and hauling him to the shore. Well done, Charlie; you'd better take half a dozen oars along the next time.

Marshal J. E. Burke has issued this general order:

HEADQUARTERS OF A. O. H., }  
MONROE COUNTY.  
General Order No. 1:

The officers and members of A. O. H., Monroe county, are hereby notified to be and appear in regulation dress, cane, white gloves and badges, at A. O. H. hall, 198 West Main street, Thursday, 9 a. m., August 19th.

By order:  
J. E. BURKE,  
Marshal of the Day.  
Aides—Presidents of the various Divisions.  
Council 88, C. R. & B. A., picnicked at the Newport Thursday.

The following resolutions were adopted at the last meeting of Branch No. 93, C. M. B. A.:  
Again we are called upon to mourn the loss of a brother, Almighty God has been pleased to take from among us in the prime of his manhood, our much esteemed and beloved brother Martin Tobin.

We mourn his death because he was endeared to us by fraternal union, by his gentle manner, his kind words and charitable acts as brother, as president and as chancellor and the ever good and faithful citizen. With the bereaved family we join in mourning the loss of the benign husband and father, and we tender to them our most sincere sympathy, but in the height of our sorrow we must not stop, let us follow him in the spirit of charity, and in prayer beseech the most amiable Jesus to meet him with the sentence of the most Supreme Judge in favor of the just. Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord. Now be it Resolved, That this testimony of our sorrow be spread on the minutes of the meeting, printed in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL and a copy sent to the family in their bereavement.

E. T. BURKE,  
B. V. LOGAN,  
J. C. HALLIGAN,  
Committee.

## Doing Her Own Work.

"I was afflicted with liver and kidney difficulties, and was in such a condition that I could hardly turn myself in bed. I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla and it did me more good than any other medicine. I have taken five bottles and am now able to do my own work."—Mrs. Hannah Russell, Burke, N. Y.

## FIRST GOLD IN ALASKA.

Native Used It to Ransom Captive Friends.

Captain Harry Meigs, U. S. A. (retired), who is said to be a relative of the man who built Meigs wharf, San Francisco, away back in the fifties, tells a wonderful tale of the discovery of gold in Alaska in the latter part of the sixties. He was on duty in that country at that time at a point near Juneau, and says that even in those early days great lumps of gold were exhibited by the natives.

"Often natives from the interior would come down wearing necklaces made of nuggets picked up from the creeks in the interior," he said the other day. "At one time there was a tribe which had been conquered by another and a penalty was exacted. Some of the conquered tribe came over the Chilkat pass with a certain amount of gold, which on being weighed was found to be short of the price demanded by the conquerors. Several chiefs were held as hostages while the remainder of the tribe was directed to cross the mountains and procure a sum sufficient to liberate the others. They were gone several months, and when they came back an amount more than needed to pay the ransom was brought in. No one could ascertain whence the money came, but from the direction in which they went and the length of time occupied in making the trip it was believed that they went many miles inland.

"I believe that these men went into the passes of the Klondike country and panned up by the crude means at their command enough gold to secure the amount needed to complete the ransom. It was a topic of discussion among those who were detailed on duty at that time, and many plans were laid to secure information relating to the location of the claims, but these Indians kept the matter secret and would never disclose where they derived their treasure. I believe that even so far back as 80 years ago they went into the country which is now exciting the attention of the whole world and obtained the money necessary to release their relatives."—San Francisco Chronicle.

## DIED AT HIS POST.

A Dead Engineer's Hand on the Throttle.

With his hand on the throttle of his engine and flying over the road at the rate of between 40 and 50 miles an hour, Charles Torrey, an engineer on the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroad, was stricken with paralysis the other day and died without speaking a word. Even after he died the body of the engineer still remained in his seat at the side of the cab.

James McDonald, the fireman, sat on the other side of the engine, looking down the glistening lines of rail and for a time did not know that there was anything wrong with the engineer. He glanced in that direction, but only saw the body of the engineer still in the seat and did not think of him being dead.

The train was increasing in speed, when McDonald noticed that Torrey did not whistle for the crossing. He rang the bell vigorously, and just then the train thundered by a station at which it should have stopped.

Then McDonald crossed over to the engineer's side of the cab and saw that Torrey's head had fallen on his breast. The rocking motion of the engine caused it to roll from side to side. The fireman thought him asleep, called to him, then pulled him by the arm, and Torrey fell to the floor of the cab a corpse.

The fireman stopped the train and told the other trainmen what had happened.

When Torrey died, he was leaning back in his seat in the cab, looking ahead at the track. His eyes did not close when death struck him, but were wide open and staring when the fireman discovered that he was dead.

Engineer Torrey had been in the employ of the road 18 years.—New York Journal.

## Captured a Fish Snake.

A queer looking reptile was captured near Windsor, N. Y., a few days ago. It is about three feet long, of a yellow striped color, but has scales all over the body like a fish. Its eyes are exceedingly small, and an investigation of its mouth showed an entire absence of fangs, but instead small, fishlike teeth. When placed on land, it squirmed and twisted about, but could not crawl like a snake. The conclusion of all who have seen it is that it is a hybrid of half snake and half fish. Nothing like it has ever been seen before in this section.

Heli Chatelain, the traveler in Africa, says that among the 200,000,000 of people in the dark continent 50,000,000 are slaves.

The average weight of the brain of the despised Chinaman is larger than that of any other race on the globe except the Scotch.

A Roman soldier in marching order carried 80 pounds weight and was expected to march four miles an hour for six hours a day.

**Society Calendars.**  
C. M. B. A.  
Monday—12, 134.  
C. R. & B. A.  
Monday—25, 89.  
Tuesday—18.  
Wednesday—59, 74.  
Thursday—75, 40.  
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