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OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Next Tuesday the parochial schools of the city will open for the scholastic year of 1897-8. All Catholic parents should see to it that their children are in school on that day. They should begin on the first day of the term so that they will be on a par with the rest of the pupils; besides, it is an imposition on the Sisters to expect them to spend extra time to coach pupils who start in behind their fellows. It is an equally an injustice to the pupils who are on hand at the required time to expect them to be kept back while the laggards are catching up.

When children are late for school the spot naturally reflects discredit on the parents, and it is not an unnatural inference that the mother is indolent or shiftless.

It may not be out of place right here to remind parents that we are all more or less imperfect, especially children. Therefore, we should not give ourselves the habit of thinking our children can do no wrong and of thinking the Sisters are guilty of discrimination if they chide or correct our little ones. We must take the position that while they are under the care of the Sisters the latter stand in the place of father and mother, and that whatever they do is done for the best interest of the child. There is one other important point to be dealt with in connection with the school question. We do not expect that any of our readers send their children to state schools, or have any idea of so doing. If there should be any we beg of them to change their determination. Aside from the spiritual side, there are many and weighty reasons why you should not send your children to the state schools. The curriculums are now crowded to such an extent that the pupils' health and eyesight are sadly overtaxed, while the results are not satisfactory by any means. Every year new and useless fads are being added to the exclusion or slighting of the really essential branches of education. The standard of the teachers' ability is measured by the number of pupils who pass the Regents' examination, hence the teacher pays her chief attention to her bright and promising pupils, while those who are less apt are neglected. Again: the teachers in the state schools do not intend teaching to be their life work. It is but a stepping stone to the achievement of other ends and aims. On the other hand, the Sisters have chosen teaching as their life work and are constantly striving to improve themselves in their chosen profession. It stands to reason that they will be able to produce better results than their colleagues in the state schools. So far as secular instruction is concerned, the Catholic schools stand fully as high as the state schools so far as the present test is made the standard of

excellence. The official records bear out this statement.

So far every argument is in favor of the Catholic schools. In addition they educate the children in the highest of all studies, the study of their holy religion, and fit them for that highest type of citizenship, the citizenship of heaven.

Catholics who have any love for their church or faith will not send their children to any other than a Catholic school.

THE ROCHESTER COTTAGE

There should be no difficulty in obtaining takers for the \$6,000 stock in the "Rochester cottage" it is proposed to erect at the Catholic Summer school of America. As a matter of personal and local pride the Catholics of Rochester should be only too glad to further this laudable enterprise, especially those belonging to the Catholic Reading circles. It was these organizations that gave the Summer Schools its first impetus, and Rochester was one of the first cities in which the reading circles were planted. It was in Rochester that the first "Central Board of Catholic Reading Circles" was established, and this organization was the means of binding the circles into one strong organization capable of united, earnest effort for the mutual improvement of Catholics along higher educational lines and also in promoting closer social union between the adherents of Holy Mother church.

Rochester Catholics were among the first interested in the inception and development of the Summer school from its disorganized beginning at New London until to-day when it is an assured fact, and one of the most important factors in higher Catholic education. Rev. James P. Kiernan, Speaker James M. E. O'Grady, Miss Emilie Gaffney, Mrs. K. J. Dowling, Miss Anna Comerford and Mrs. Charles R. Barnes have been among the school's friends and promoters from the start.

Aside from these feelings of local pride, the Rochester cottage promises to be an excellent investment from a business standpoint. If this summer's attendance be any criterion it will be no trouble at all to keep the cottage filled, when Rochesterians are not at the school, with boarders.

Subscribe for the "Rochester Cottage stock."

A Protestant preacher named McWilliams recently delivered an address on "Agnosticism" before the convicts at Sing Sing prison. In the course of his remarks the reverend speaker said that Col. Robert G. Ingersoll was a "religious tramp and a spiritual ignoramus, who would take a man's Bible away from him and give him the writings of Tom Paine, and take away his faith in Christ and give only empty husks." This attack provoked the following reply from one of our Catholic exchanges: "Now it has never to our knowledge been charged against Weary Watkins that he sought to abstract the family Bible or tamper with the spiritual concerns of his temporary hosts. His chief reproach is that, like Col. Ingersoll, he has a contempt for work, and it is a tribute to his honesty that he is able to keep out of Sing Sing. Wherefore, then, should the gentlemen outside that establishment have been held up to obloquy along with Col. Ingersoll?"

It seems impossible for the New York papers to tell the truth except as it suits their purpose. One of the boasts of the present "reform" administration has been that the streets of the metropolis were never kept so clean. This is probably true, but the cost has been about double what it was under the Tammany regime. The New York "World", that is anxious that "reform-for-revenue-only" shall continue in vogue with Seth Low as mayor, had the impudence to say a few days ago that Waring, the reform street superintendent, had cost the city only about \$400,000 more on the average per year than his predecessors. Every one knows that Waring wasted more than that in useless fads and whims during the first three months he held the office.

Be sure your children are in the Catholic schools bright and early next Tuesday morning.

Rochester needs a school board made up of men with backbone sufficiently strong to stand up for the rights of the taxpayers and resist all importunities to divert public money to uses it was never intended, no matter how high its advocates stand in church or society. There is no warrant for spending the school money in teaching sewing. If parents cannot teach their children how to sew they should pay for the instruction out of their own pockets, not ask the public to stand the expense.

It is queer that neither the night nor the day patrolman on State street beat discovered the burglary at Gibson & Woodworth's store last week, but that it was left for members of the firm when they came to open the store the following morning. It would seem that if the officers had tried the doors on their beat, as they are supposed to, they would have discovered the broken window, if not caught the thieves at work. It would seem as though the police commissioners might well ask the officers to explain, if they can.

THE JOURNAL is no croaker, but it cannot as yet substantiate the following sweeping statement from the "Post Express": "With wheat going up by bounds, with other grains sympathizing with the rising market, with wool advancing, with mills whirling, with furnaces glowing, and with the constantly augmenting condition of the people in the wisdom and integrity of the administration, there is no reason why we should not all be optimists such as Gen. Grosvenor is."

If the police department of Albany were in as fine working order as is Rochester's "finest," the Conway abduction would never have occurred. If it had not been for the newspapers, the perpetrators of the dastardly crime would still be at large and there would have been a second edition of the "lost Charlie Ross" story.

Rochester women do not seem to take much stock in the New York "Journal's" self-advertisement of the terrible position of Miss Evangelina Cisneros in a Cuban prison with a prospect of twenty years' imprisonment in the awful Ceuta. Anybody pushed by "yellow journalism" is not apt to be popular in the Flower city.

To what are our Episcopalian friends coming to? It is proposed, and apparently in all seriousness, to procure a portion of St. Columba's monument in Iowa to serve as a "relic" in the new Protestant cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, in New York city. We thought only the "Romanists" indulged in such "idolatry."

An instance of the unprofitableness of litigation to all but the lawyers was given last week when the estate of the late Andrew Davis of Butte, Montana, was settled after having been in the courts since 1890. From \$12,000,000, its original figure, it has dwindled to \$5,000,000.

If prosperity is really at hand, the price of labor must soon go up, as well as the price of wheat. For what will it avail if wheat is higher, flour is higher, unless the wage earner's purchasing capacity is increased?

The veterans have gone and all is now dull and stupid in Buffalo, better known as the "Windy City." The shopkeepers, however, are still telling tales about how they "robbed the tenderfoot." According to the Buffalo "Express" the only limit to the rapacity of the shopkeepers and the rest was the victim's pocketbook and the strength of his endurance.

Irving Washington has many journalistic friends in Rochester who are pleased to learn of his appointment by Mayor Carter Harrison to be purchasing agent of the city of Chicago.

His honor, the mayor of Rochester, probably wishes now that he had not suggested the wisdom of obtaining an opinion from William F. Cogswell on the sinking-fund-bond question.

Even the Princess of Wales has gone to try the virtues of the water cure made famous by the late Father Kneipp.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke xvii. 11-19.—At that time, "As Jesus was going to Jerusalem he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered into a certain town there met Him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off and lifted up their voice, saying: Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. Whom when He saw, He said: Go, show yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass, as they went they were made clean. And one of them, when he saw that he was made clean, went back, with a loud voice, glorifying God, and he fell on his face before his feet, giving thanks: and this was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering, said: Were not ten made clean? and where are the nine? There is no one found to return and give glory to God, but this stranger. And He said to him: Arise, go thy way, for thy faith hath made thee whole."

According to the old law it was necessary for lepers to have recourse to the priest to be cleansed from the legal impurity and restored to society. In like manner those who are infected by the vice of impurity have need of the ministry of the confessor to be prepared to participate in the sacraments, to be helped to overcome their bad habits, and to persevere in their good resolutions. For such, frequent confession is undoubtedly the most efficacious means of reform.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, Sept. 5.—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Epist Gal iii 16-22. Gosp. Luke xvii 11-19.
Monday, 6.—Feast.
Tuesday, 7.—Feast.
Wednesday, 8.—Nativity of the B. V. M. St. Adrian martyr.
Thursday, 9.—Of the Octave of the Navity St. Gorgonius, martyr.
Friday, 10.—St. Nicholas of Tolentino, confessor.
Saturday, 11.—Of the Octave. SS. Protus and Hyacinth.

Wise Men Know

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OUR AGENT.

Mr. C. A. Hudson will call on our city subscribers who are in arrears next week. We trust they will be prepared to pay him.

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AT LOURDES.

SILVER JUBILEE OF THE FAMOUS SHRINE TO BE CELEBRATED. BY A World-Wide Gathering of Those Who Have Been Cured.

A quarter of a century has elapsed since the famous Lourdes first became a shrine for pilgrims, and in commemoration of this anniversary it has been decided to hold a great festival at the spot where so many miraculous cures have been wrought. The plan is to gather as many as possible of those who have been cured at Lourdes during the past quarter of a century and to have them take part in the solemn procession with which the annual pilgrimage habitually closes. Pere Baily, who has charge of this jubilee, together with R. P. Picard, says that very many have already accepted the invitation to take part in the procession.

The letter which has been addressed by R. P. Picard to all who have made the pilgrimage to Lourdes during the past years, reads as follows: "We are celebrating this year, the twenty-fifth anniversary of our pilgrimages to Lourdes. During this quarter of a century of union, of faith, and of prayers at the feet of the Immaculate Virgin or at the grotto of Mersabriele, how many cures, how many miracles, have been performed! A thanksgiving festival is necessary, and we will be guilty of gross ingratitude if we do not celebrate the occasion with the greatest solemnity.

We propose to group around Notre Dame de Lourdes those fortunate persons who have been cured of their ailments or who have been the objects of special favors, and we intend that this magnificent manifestation of thanksgiving shall take place during the national pilgrimage of 1897.

The national pilgrimage will start from Paris on Aug. 17, and the pilgrims will remain at Lourdes for some time.

We would like to hold a procession which shall be in some extent unique in the history of the Church, and which will be composed of all those who have been cured.

These fortunate persons are scattered over the globe. It is impossible for us to discover them all, and we ask for all possible aid in this direction. We would like to collect subscriptions for the purpose of paying the expenses of those needy ones who cannot afford to go to Lourdes, but it seems to us that the parishes or communities in which these fortunate persons reside ought to consider it a privilege to look after those on whom so many signal favors have been conferred. They will thus form a splendid crown of grateful souls, and they will thus obtain for themselves and their flock a new harvest of favors and blessings.

The subscriptions, then, will be this year as in former years, wholly for the benefit of the sick, who are already flocking here in large numbers. Their faith and their confidence will increase when they come in touch with the happy pilgrims who were cured in former years, and we will have the joy of obtaining from our Mother of Heaven a more abundant and more bountiful shower of blessing than we have hitherto known."

Responses to this kindly invitation have been received from persons in all parts of the world, and there is no doubt that the coming jubilee at Lourdes will be a great success.

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According to Atchison reports, the people of that town fish for bats about the arc electric lights evenings, baiting the hooks with millers and then waving them through the air.

That the lot of the sailor in the British mercantile marine is no bed of roses is shown by a report of the government board of trade just issued in London and according to which the number of cases of desertion during the 12 months which have just been brought to a close exceeds 14,000. With the exception of a few hundreds only, all these deserting seamen were what are known as long voyage men, and their abandonment of their ships in some foreign port, usually an American one, meant to them not only the sacrifice of character, with the certainty of imprisonment in the event of recapture either at home or abroad, but likewise the loss of all accumulation of pay, which is only given to the men on completing the time for which they have shipped. The board of trade calculates that, estimating the accumulated pay of each deserting sailor at a minimum average of \$60, nearly \$750,000 is thus lost to the sailors and to their families at home, the money, of course, remaining in the hands of their employers. The English government now proposes to devise means by which shipowners and ship masters who often brutally treat their men with the express object of inducing them to desert without demanding their pay should be forced to disgorge all such accumulations of wages for the benefit of the nearest relatives of the deserters. —New York Tribune.

SPINS LIKE A TOP.

A Little Boy Is Tortured by a Peculiar Nervous Malady. A little boy, the son of prominent people in Jersey City, is afflicted with a most extraordinary malady. Involuntarily he spins like a top. Every few steps, whether he walks or runs, he turns his body all the way around two or three times. He wishes not to revolve, he tries not to revolve, but he has no more control over the revolutions of his body than he has over the revolutions of this mundane sphere. These "forced motions" have grown in force and frequency upon the unhappy boy since he learned to walk.

Lately Dr. Charles K. Mills and Dr. W. G. Spiller, two eminent physicians of Philadelphia who are specialists in diseases of the nervous system, carefully examined this whirling boy. "The interesting feature in the case," said the distinguished physicians, "is the tendency of the patient to revolve while walking. He has been taught since he entered the school that he must overcome this impulse. He insists that 'he cannot help turning.' "It is impossible at present to decide whether these revolutions which 'he cannot help' are the result of organic or functional conditions. "If some one would devise a method by which the Roentgen rays could give us a photograph of a brain within a skull, our means of diagnosing would then give positive results in such difficult problems." —New York Journal.

A WONDERFUL CAT.

It Reasons Like a Man and Has Full Knowledge of Cause and Effect.

Charles Talcott of Starrocca, Pa., has a remarkable cat. The other night Mr. Takott came home with his feet wet. He could not find his bootjack, so he couldn't remove his boots. While he was searching for it the cat came into the chamber, remained a moment, listening to his master's opinion of the missing implement's spiritual deserts and then withdrew.

Leaving the house, the cat went directly into the garden of an adjoining house, looked up at a chamber and lifted up its voice in song. In a few moments the window above was thrown up and something was hurled out with tremendous force, striking the earth near the performer. It was a bootjack. The cat, without waiting to finish the note he had just attacked dragged the useful implement up stairs and laid it at his master's feet.—Exchange.

WHEELING TO KLONDIKE.

Two Men Possessing a Total of Three Legs Have Gone to the Goldfields.

Two bicycles lashed together, with a rowboat between them, containing provisions, clothing, bedding, mining implements and an adjustable umbrella-like awning, pushed by two men with three legs between them, attracted much attention in Elizabeth, N. J., the other day.

The rig out was that of Toney Sauer and Paul Ball, who are on their way to the Klondike goldfields. They expect to get to the Klondike in 90 days. Sauer, the one legged man, rides a bicycle with one pedal. He designed their boat, which is portable and can be taken to pieces. Both men have been to the Klondike before, and they expect to return in a palace parlor car.

Sued For His Wedding Expenses.

Joseph Hackett of Long Island City, N. Y., married Miss Grace E. Ferris of that place on Dec. 15, 1895. The marriage was not made public until March, 1896. The couple have since separated. In the police court recently Dr. Patrick J. McKewen brought suit against Hackett for \$37.70, which he said he lent him at the time of the marriage. According to the doctor, Hackett confided to him that he was about to marry Miss Ferris and that he needed \$12.50 in order to purchase the wedding ring. The physician advanced the cash, and a few days later Hackett borrowed \$25 from him to meet the expense of a short wedding trip. Hackett did not defend the suit, and judgment was taken against him by default.—Exchange.

A Frog Centuries Old.

A live toad imbedded in solid clay for centuries without food, air or light. This is the story told by a workman in a tunnel in Illinois when he appeared among his fellows, bearing in his hands a fat and blinking "bopper," which he declared was discovered by him in a bed of hardpan clay and when liberated by a blow of his pick had jumped out and croaked a "good morning" to him. When released, it stretched itself and acted as if it was rejoicing at its freedom. The workmen have the toad at their quarters.—Chicago Times-Herald.



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