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## PRAY FOR THE DEAD

The present month is devoted by  
Holy Mother church to prayers for  
the suffering souls in Purgatory.  
On the first page of this issue of THE  
JOURNAL will be found a concise re-  
sumé of the doctrine of the church  
concerning Purgatory and a brief  
refutation of the objections urged  
thereto by our non-Catholic friends.

Surely there is no more consoling  
thought than that when we have de-  
parted this life our loved ones and  
Holy Mother church will remember  
us and assist us in our escape from  
Purgatory by their prayers and the  
holy sacrifice of the Mass. Is there  
anything that tends to assuage our  
grief, to lighten our sorrow when our  
loved ones have gone from us never  
more to return, than the thought that  
we can still manifest our love, that we  
can still keep our dead in remem-  
brance by praying for them. What a  
consolation this is in the darkest of  
all hours, when the one we loved best  
on earth has been called away. And  
what a help it is to think that they,  
too, are praying for us and thus short-  
ening our stay in Purgatory when to  
us comes that summons which none  
can evade.

What a difference is there when one  
of our non-Catholic friends dies.  
There is no sacrament to cheer him  
on his journey to the world beyond.  
There is no sacrifice of the Mass, no  
prayers for the departed. All is  
cold, dark, unfathomable. To the  
non-Catholic, whose loved ones are  
gone, there is no consolation, no sense  
of nearness even though dead, nothing  
but a dim hope of a meeting in the  
hereafter. Even this is uncertain,  
according to the non-Catholic holding  
that when Death claims us, we go di-  
rectly to Heaven or Hell. Inasmuch  
as our Lord has said that nothing de-  
filed can enter Heaven, it follows that  
the greater part of the non-Catholics  
go directly to hell because they abhor  
the idea of a middle state where we  
can be purged of our venial sin and  
made meet for Heaven. What an un-  
satisfactory belief?

During this month of November let  
us not forget to pray for our departed  
friends and all the poor suffering  
souls. It is a duty we owe. We  
will be benefited as they, in return,  
will pray for us.

Powerless to help themselves, the  
suffering souls call out to us, "Have  
pity on me, at least for my friends."

## A LANDSLIDE

Tuesday's election was a demo-  
cratic landslide. New York state  
that last year gave McKinley over  
200,000 plurality this year elects a  
democratic chief judge of the court of  
appeals by something like 60,000  
plurality. Tammany Hall swept  
Greater New York. Senator Gorman  
will be elected in Maryland, while  
Senator Hanna will probably be re-

feated in Ohio. Nebraska is still  
true to Bryan and free silver.

Here in Rochester the democratic-  
good-government city ticket was  
elected by pluralities so large that  
they prove conclusively that the dem-  
ocrats could have won on straight  
tickets, as did Mayor James K. Mc-  
Guire in Syracuse, irrespective of any  
good government club support. The  
democrats have captured the Com-  
mon Council by a working majority  
and reduced the republican majority  
in the Board of Education and Board  
of Supervisors.

THE JOURNAL is especially gratified  
at the re-election of Police Justice  
Ernst by a splendid plurality. In the  
face of the most persistent, mali-  
cious and uncalled for persecution  
by a hostile press his triumphant re-  
election is a splendid vindication of  
his manly stand for right, justice and  
the majesty of the law. We are  
heartily glad that James L. Whalen  
has been elected to the Executive  
Board. His business experience,  
sound judgment, keen perception of  
men and sterling integrity will make  
him a valued member of the most im-  
portant branch of the city government.  
We cannot understand why it was he  
ran behind the rest of the ticket. He  
certainly received loyal support from  
his democratic friends.

It is also a matter of gratification  
that Aldermen Calihan, Ford, Rau-  
ber, Edelman, Ward, Kelly and  
Reichenberger are re-elected, and that  
James F. Casey, Frank J. Ritz, Wen-  
dell J. Ernst and Charles P. Mead  
were chosen to the Common Council  
in the Ninth, Thirteenth, Sixteenth  
and Seventeenth. The election of  
Dr. James H. Fennessy as school  
commissioner in the Fifth will intro-  
duce to public life a talented young  
man. School Commissioner Keenan  
of the Fifteenth ward deserved his re-  
election, as did Supervisors Knapp in  
the Eleventh, Oberlies in the Thir-  
teenth and Howard in the Fifteenth.  
William J. Quinlan will make a good  
supervisor of the Seventh ward. THE  
JOURNAL extends hearty congratula-  
tions to all these gentlemen.

## CONTEMPTIBLE BUSINESS

One of the most contemptible pieces  
of so-called "journalism" that has  
disgraced newspaperdom in many a  
day must be credited to the New York  
"World." In its over zealous efforts  
to advance Seth Low's interests in the  
contest for the mayoralty of Greater  
New York, it scarcely waited for the  
breath to depart from the body of  
Henry George ere its columns were  
reeking with ghoulish efforts to cap-  
ture the votes of the George followers  
for Low. It mattered not that Low  
and George represented essentially  
different political principles and  
radically opposite ideas of politi-  
cal economy, the "World" would  
have had the George men sacrifice  
their organization, give up their prin-  
ciples, abandon their idea of building  
up a political party that should, ac-  
cording to the mind of their dead  
leader, more nearly represent the Jef-  
fersonian type of democracy than  
either Tammany Hall or the National  
Democracy. This is consistency with  
a vengeance; but then what better  
could be expected from a paper owned  
and controlled by Joseph Pulitzer?  
Those who know of Pulitzer's true  
character, who would learn how he  
repays life long devotion to his in-  
terests should read the October "Truth"  
in which is chronicled the story of the  
inhuman treatment accorded to the  
late John A. Cockerill, who probably  
did more than any one else to build  
up Pulitzer's newspaper properties. It  
is a story that makes one's blood boil.

We regret to say that the "World"  
but followed the lead of Seth Low.  
He had scarcely heard the news of  
Mr. George's death than he rushed  
into print with:

"During the campaign Mr. George  
repeatedly recognized that funda-  
mentally it is a fight against bossism  
and all that implies of political  
degradation and corruption in view of  
Mr. George's death. I wish, there-  
fore, to say to the people of the city  
that I shall give myself to this contest  
in their behalf with a new and higher  
resolve, as though I had received it  
as a last charge from his dying lips."

THE JOURNAL has not often found  
any reason to commend its namesake,  
the New York "Journal," but it

cannot refrain from mentioning the  
difference between its treatment of the  
matter and that of the "World." The  
"Journal" supported Tam-  
many Hall, that more than any other  
political organization had reason to  
dread George's candidacy, yet it  
sought not at all to use the death of  
the latter to Tammany's advantage.  
On the contrary, its editorial tribute  
to Mr. George was one of the most  
touching obituary notices we have  
ever read.

Is it any wonder the decent, self-  
respecting voters of Greater New  
York repudiated both the "World"  
and its candidate?

## AN ABLE DOCUMENT

A telling address has been issued  
by the executive committee of the  
American Federation of Labor repu-  
diating the extravagant language used  
by certain self-constituted labor lead-  
ers at the St. Louis convention, so-  
called.

Among other things the address  
says: "It is not by conventions, with  
irresponsible talk, inflammatory dis-  
courses and revolutionary buncombe  
that the cause of labor can be ad-  
vanced. Violent appeals to the pas-  
sions of the multitude can serve no  
good purpose; trades unions are not  
promoters of social disorder or foster-  
ers of riot or revolution. Our course  
is along the lines of peace, historical,  
orderly development. We are law-  
abiding citizens, and if often the law  
and administration are against us, we  
are confident that a public opinion  
will ultimately correct the wrong."

Language of this kind from labor  
leaders cannot fail to bring about a  
day of complete justice to the labor-  
ing man more quickly than by any  
other policy that can be adopted.  
The great mass of voters in this coun-  
try is in sympathy with the cause of  
the workingman, but only a small mi-  
nority would approve and endorse  
leaders who make dire threats of rev-  
olution and wild assertions of revenge  
that cannot help but fan smoldering  
embers of bitterness into a hatred be-  
tween those who labor for wages and  
those who employ laborers.

The "Catholic Review" strikes  
bogus "non-sectarianism" on the  
head when it says: "Fellow citizens,  
if you have resolved to have a purely  
secular government so as to avoid the  
development of an established reli-  
gion, you have the power to carry  
out your resolution. The Catholic  
church can get along without help  
from nation and state better than na-  
tion and state can get along without  
support from it. It can stand alone  
better than any of the Protestant  
sects. Therefore it can more hope-  
fully than they can face the experi-  
ment of a thoroughly godless govern-  
ment. But let the experiment be  
thorough. Let there be no contin-  
uance of the "non-sectarian" swindle  
by means of which a half dozen Pro-  
testant sects defraud the public into  
the belief that their institutions or  
their management of public institu-  
tions are not religious, and so unite  
church and state, and so establish  
"non-sectarian" Protestantism as  
the government religion. Down with  
that hypocrisy. Down with that dis-  
honesty!"

It is a matter of congratulation  
that during the heated and virulent  
municipal campaign just closed no  
Catholic priest so far forgot his dig-  
nity as to ascend the political plat-  
form and drag their calling in the  
mire of partisan or non-partisan poli-  
tics.

A female philosopher from Brook-  
lyn wishes to see the human race re-  
stored to its pristine excellence, and  
to that end she suggests that all the  
abortive and weakly members be  
killed, off immediately at birth. So  
it will be seen that the "new woman"  
idea is by no means a myth.

One of the most contemptible argu-  
ments advanced in defense of the Lu-  
zerne massacre was that the most of the  
men who were killed were foreigners.  
Who was responsible for the presence  
in our midst of these foreigners? The  
capitalists who brought them here to  
compel American miners to work for  
starvation wages.

Now let's settle down to business.

The "Review of Reviews" fur-  
nishes food for reflection in the fol-  
lowing observation anent the increase  
in the number of lynchings all over  
the United States: "While we have  
given so much time, thought and  
energy to the work of improving our  
conditions of life and social order in  
the great towns—with what, upon the  
whole, has been a very considerable  
degree of success—the country neigh-  
borhoods have been growing more and  
more demoralized. There was a time  
in our history when we relied upon  
the town meeting and the village home  
rule idea as divinely ordained instu-  
mentalities of local progress. But it  
may be true that in the period upon  
which we are now entering we shall  
find that we must couple with local  
self rule the principle of a strong,  
well organized central supervision, to  
hold up the standard and compel  
every neighborhood to toe the mark."

Speaker O'Grady's election was  
conceded, and every one is glad that  
he will again preside over the assem-  
bly. Charles J. Madden made a gal-  
lant run for the assembly in the Third  
district and will probably reach next  
year.

## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew xxii. 15-  
21. At that time: "The Pharisees  
going, consulted among themselves  
how to ensnare Jesus in His speech.  
And they sent to Him their disciples  
with the Herodians, saying: Master,  
we know that thou art a true speaker,  
and teachest the way of God in truth,  
neither carest Thou for any man; for  
Thou dost not regard the person of  
men. Tell us therefore what dost  
Thou think. Is it lawful to give  
tribute to Caesar or not? But Jesus,  
knowing their wickedness, said: Why  
do you tempt Me, ye hypocrites? Show  
me the coin of the tribute. And they  
offered Him a penny. And Jesus saith  
to them: Whose image and inscription  
is this? They say to Him, Caesar's.  
Then He saith to them: Render there-  
fore to Caesar the things that are  
Caesar's, and to God the things that  
are God's."

We see and admire a divine pru-  
dence in this reply of Jesus Christ,  
for by this answer, and without of-  
fending one party or the other, He  
taught the obedience due to those in  
authority, and enlightened the con-  
science of the Jews, by calming the  
opposition of one and the scruples of  
the other.

## Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, November 7.—Twenty second Sun-  
day after Pentecost. Epist. Phil. 1. 6-11  
Go-p Matt xxii 15-21.  
Monday, 8.—Octave of All Saints. The  
Four Coronati, martyrs.  
Tuesday, 9.—Dedication of St. John La-  
teran. St. Theodore, martyr.  
Wednesday, 10.—St. Andrew Avellino,  
confessor. SS. Tryphon and compan-  
ions, martyrs.  
Thursday, 11.—St. Martin, bishop and con-  
fessor. St. Mennas, martyr.  
Friday, 12.—St. Martin, Pope and martyr.  
Saturday, 13.—St. Dídacus, confessor.

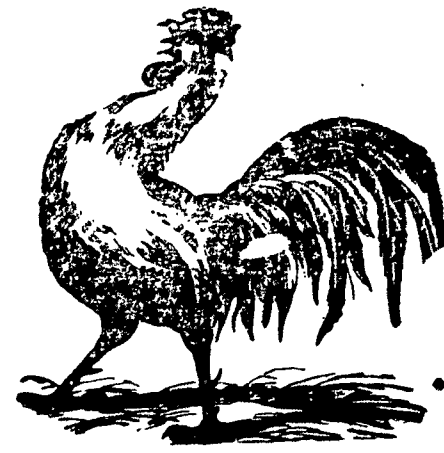
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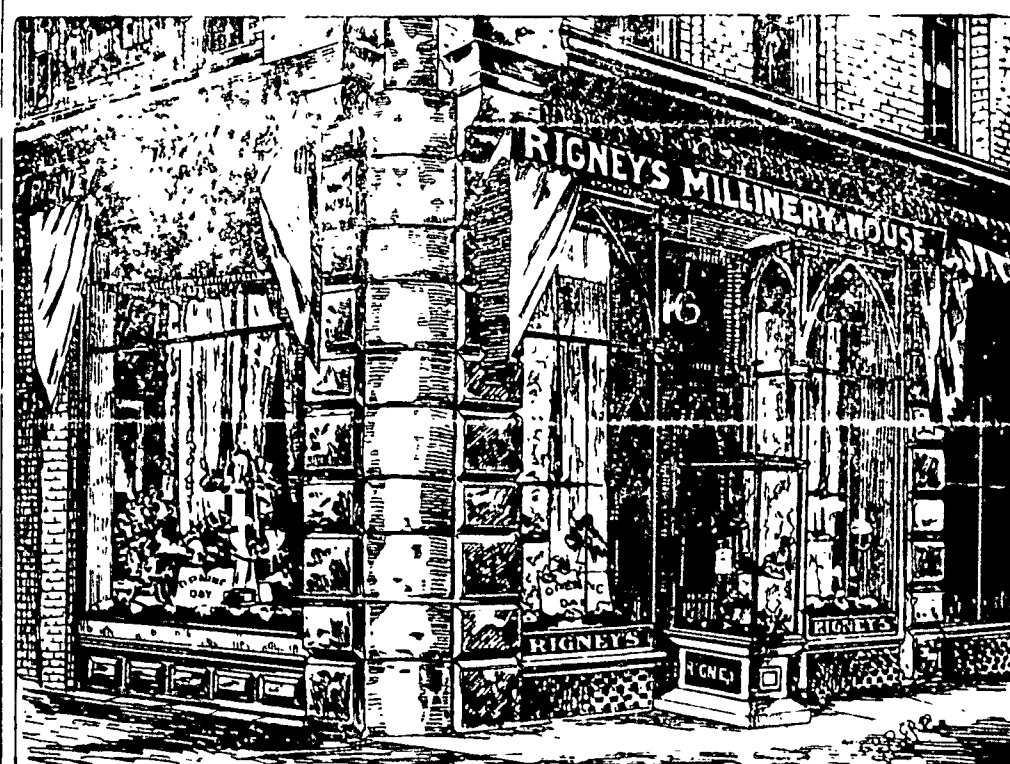
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