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**OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER**

This week the pressure on the ad-  
vertising columns of THE JOURNAL is  
so heavy that we are forced to en-  
large our paper in order to give our  
readers their full quota of reading  
matter. It has always been our cus-  
tom, no matter how great the amount  
of our advertising, never to decrease  
the amount of reading matter. While  
we firmly believe the average news-  
paper reader is as much interested in  
the advertising pages as in any other  
—provided the advertisements are  
judiciously distributed and do not  
crowd out the reading matter—still  
we know full well that our subscribers  
take THE JOURNAL in order to know  
the Catholic "news" of city and di-  
ocese, and we have not and do not  
intend to fall into the habit of some  
newspapers of curtailing the amount  
of reading matter to make room for  
unusual advertising pressure. We  
choose the other alternative and en-  
large the size of the paper.

Still it is gratifying to the pub-  
lishers of this paper that their efforts  
and publication are so well thought  
of by the advertising public as to  
make it necessary to add extra pages  
to this issue. Business men place  
their advertising where it is read and  
where it will bring results. They  
realize full well that the religious  
weekly is read through, not tossed  
aside after a casual glance. They  
know that each member of the family  
into which it goes cons its pages, and  
hence their advertisement is not over-  
looked.

A word to our readers: This is an  
age of co-operation. The merchants  
who advertise in THE JOURNAL co-  
operate with its publishers in making  
it possible to send out a good Catho-  
lic paper, fit to be read by all, young  
and old, man, woman and child, with-  
out any danger of contamination to  
faith or morals. Therefore we hope  
that our readers in making their pur-  
chases will keep up this plan of co-  
operation and patronize those mer-  
chants whose advertisements appear  
in THE JOURNAL.

**THE MASK IS OFF.**

During the municipal campaign of  
1897 THE JOURNAL was impelled to  
say that it doubted the friendly of-  
fices of the so-called "Good Govern-  
ment" men toward Catholics in gen-  
eral. There were individual Catho-  
lics who sharply criticized our opin-  
ions at the time and even went so far  
as to attribute ulterior motives to us  
for expressing them. In deference to  
their wishes—but at variance with  
our better judgment—we refrained  
from pressing these opinions further.  
We thought then, and still think,  
that we were fully justified in our  
course, and that our frank utterances  
had the intended effect of compelling  
the Good Government men to "play  
straight" with certain Catholic gen-

tlemen they had nominated or en-  
dorsed for office. Nevertheless cer-  
tain of these gentlemen failed to re-  
ceive as many votes as other candi-  
dates on the same ticket, notwith-  
standing that they received many  
complimentary votes from personal  
friends in opposite political parties.

If passing events had not justified  
our ante-election opinions a sermon  
delivered at the Lake Avenue  
Baptist church last Sunday week  
by the Rev. Clarence A. Bar-  
bour, one of the most prominent Good  
Government leaders during the last  
two years, would amply justify every  
word we said prior to the election.

The sermon was the first of a series  
purporting to deal with "The Ten  
Commandments." Here is what the  
"Post Express" reports Mr. Barbour  
as saying:  
"God deliver us from the union of  
church and state. Aye, and God  
will deliver us. This people will  
never suffer it. It is going, it is well  
nigh gone, and the sooner the last  
vestige of it is gone, the better for the  
people. The church and state separ-  
ate! The state not to interfere with  
the church, and the church in no way  
having authority or drawing support  
from the state! No money for sectar-  
ian schools, no ecclesiastical hier-  
archy drawing its sustenance in whole  
or in part from the public treasury.  
I would not be sorry to see the day  
when any possible reproach is removed  
by the levying of taxes upon church  
property. The burden upon individ-  
ual members of the churches when  
there is taken into considera-  
tion the lowering of the tax  
rate by the addition of a large  
amount of taxable property would  
not be very great. If it were great it  
ought to be borne, and borne will-  
ingly."

"We insist upon no favors from  
the state save those which are granted  
to all its citizens, and we insist that  
churches which are not accorded other  
citizens stamp themselves as un-  
worthy and un-American."  
We have not the slightest doubt  
that Mr. Barbour's remarks were di-  
rected at the Catholic church and in-  
tended as a thinly veiled threat to the  
newly elected city officials that they  
must not dare favor the Catholics in  
any way under penalty of Good Gov-  
ernment disfavor.

Catholics will not quarrel with Mr.  
Barbour in his pronouncement against  
any union of church and state. We  
inveigh against it as much as he. We  
insist, however, that there must be a  
bona fide separation of church and  
state. No institutions of any sort are  
to draw money from the public treas-  
ury unless they are owned, controlled  
and operated by the public. "Non-  
sectarian" must not and shall not be  
construed to mean "non-Catholic."  
We do not propose that the City hos-  
pital, for instance, which is a private  
corporation, officered to be sure by a  
board of managers on which all the  
non-Catholic sects are represented,  
shall be held to be a non-sectarian  
institution and be permitted to re-  
ceive pay for patients sent by the  
city or county overseers of the poor  
from the public treasury, while St.  
Mary's hospital, because it chances to  
be under the supervision of Catholics,  
shall be adjudged a "sectarian" in-  
stitution and not entitled to receive  
any remuneration from the public  
treasury for the board and treatment  
of patients sent there at the order of  
the city or county overseer of the  
poor. Would you call that justice,  
Mr. Barbour? Yet is not that ex-  
actly what you seek to convey to the  
public, although you mask it beneath  
the veneer of patriotic sentiments and  
an unmanly appeal to the worst  
prejudices of humanity. Why not  
be a man, Mr. Barbour, and come  
out in the open?

So far as taxing churches is con-  
cerned, the Catholics can stand it as  
well as their non-Catholic brethren.  
If such were the law we'll wager that  
not a few non-Catholic edifices would  
be sold at sheriff's auction.

The newly elected city officials will  
prove themselves unworthy the con-  
fidence of the people if they allow  
themselves to be swayed by Mr. Bar-  
bour.

It is to be hoped there will not be  
such a large criminal calendar in  
Monroe county's courts in the future  
as there has been the past few months.

One of those who have done much  
to elevate the tone and uphold the  
general character of the Catholic press  
passed away a week ago in the person  
of Charles A. Hardy, president of the  
Catholic Standard and Times com-  
pany of Philadelphia and publisher of  
the "American Catholic Quarterly  
Review." Mr Hardy had been  
identified with Catholic journalism  
and other means for promoting Catho-  
licity for many years, and his death  
will leave a void not easily filled. He  
was a comparatively young man,  
having been born in 1848. May his  
soul rest in peace.

Richard Croker is either grossly  
misrepresented in the newspapers or  
he is assuming altogether too many  
dictatorial airs. We have no great  
sympathy with the policy that must  
needs attack Croker and Tammany at  
every turn, but we do not believe  
Croker has a license to run the United  
States. It is true the voters have  
practically declared that they en-  
dorse Croker's mastery of New York  
city, no such verdict has been ren-  
dered by the voters of the Empire  
state.

Cardinal Moran has high hopes for  
the future of the church in Australia.  
He recently expressed the public  
opinion that Australia would be a re-  
gion of great "spiritual life and en-  
lightenment, as well as of intellectual  
advancement and commercial pros-  
perity.

Says an exchange: "The whole  
population of the Greek schismatic  
village of Biath has embraced the  
Catholic faith with the exception of a  
single family, and also 42 families in  
the neighboring village of Rufoir.  
Both places are in the diocese pre-  
sided over by Bishop Geraghty."

President McKinley's message to  
congress is a long, tedious document,  
but it is an eminently "safe" paper,  
inasmuch as it makes really no posi-  
tive recommendations and but few  
negative ones.

Will there ever "come a day"  
when the Board of Supervisors will  
come to an amicable agreement on the  
question of equalization? There have  
been many sins perpetrated under  
cover and in the name of equalization.

It is to be hoped we will see no  
more six day bicycle races. They are  
as unnecessary as prize fights and  
fully as demoralizing. Nothing is  
settled by them. They are not sport.  
They are on a par with the old gladi-  
atorial contests.

If Fitzsimmons will stick to this  
resolution (to enter the pugilistic  
arena no more) all will be forgiven,"  
shrieks a contemporary. Let the  
newspapers refuse to print the mouth-  
ings of the prize fighters and it  
will not be long ere there will be no  
prize fights.

One of our bright dailies the other  
day perpetrated this: If Father Kier-  
nan goes to St. Mary's Father  
Thomas F. Hickey will succeed him  
as rector of the cathedral and "coad-  
jutor" to Bishop McQuaid. This will  
be news to all concerned, especially  
Father Hickey and the Bishop.

In the death of D. W. Powers  
Rochester loses one of her most prom-  
inent and public spirited citizens.  
His place in the financial world will  
be hard to fill.

The intimation that an "anti-foot-  
ball" bill is to be introduced into  
the legislature of 1898 and pressed to  
passage is probably an intimation that  
some impetuous legislator would be  
glad to deplete the pocketbooks of the  
college athletes.

THE JOURNAL does not intend to  
offer advice to the new Executive  
Board, but it is our candid opinion  
that it will be a long while before it  
finds a more competent clerk than the  
incumbent, Thomas J. Neville.

Plans for currency reform are as  
thick as bees in swarming time, but  
none of them seem to have much pros-  
pect of adoption by the present con-  
gress.

President McKinley will have the  
sympathy of the entire country in the  
loss of his venerable mother.

**A Royal Christmas Gift!**



A Card.  
We wish to state we are not now, nor never  
have been, in any way connected with any firm of  
similar name. Don't confound the old firm with  
the new one recently started next door to us. Look  
for the drum above the door and see that the sign  
reads  
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are now, and have for many years been among  
the most popular Christmas presents. There  
is good reason why they should be. In present-  
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easier or surer way of making your

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GIFTS for your own home. It cost only a little down and a little each month until paid for. You  
can surely afford that outlay when you think of the benefit it will secure for you and yours.  
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inspection.

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ments. Artistic cases in all fancy woods.  
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**THE GOSPELS**

GOSPEL: St. Luke, iii. 1-6—At  
that time: "In the fifteenth year of  
the reign of Tiberius Cæsar, Pontius  
Pilate being governor of Judea, and  
Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and  
Philip, his brother, being tetrarch of  
Iturea and the country of Trachonitis,  
and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina,  
under the high-priests Annes and Cai-  
phas; the word of the Lord was made  
unto John, the son of Zachary, in the  
desert. And he came into all the  
country about the Jordan, preaching  
the baptism of penance for the remis-  
sion of sins, as it is written in the book  
of the words of Isaias the prophet: A  
voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord: make  
straight His paths. Every valley  
shall be filled: and every mountain  
and hill shall be brought low: and the  
crooked shall be made straight, and  
the rough ways plain. And all flesh  
shall see the salvation of God."

Isaias, in foretelling that the val-  
leys would be filled up, the mountains  
made low, and the crooked ways  
straight, announced that the grace of  
God would remove all obstacles that  
would make our salvation difficult;  
that by means of grace the weak and  
lowly would be filled with heavenly  
strength; that the proud would be  
humbled; that the erring would re-  
turn to the straight path; that our af-  
fections would be regulated and our  
passions overcome. The history and  
annals of the church show that this  
prophecy has been fulfilled.

Medical men say rheumatism is the  
forerunner of heart disease. Hood's  
Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism by its  
action on the blood.

**Desirable Christmas Gifts.**

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| Barney & Berry Skates,  | Chafing Dishes,   |
| Hand Sleds,   | Table Kettles,  |
| Boys' Coasters,   | Tea and Coffee Pots,  |
| Child's Cutters,  | Fruit Knives,   |
| Boys' and Men's Tool chests filled<br>with Superior Tools,  | Nut Picks and Crackers,   |
| Work Benches,   | Spoons, Forks,  |
| Carving Tools,  | Tea and Crumb Trays,  |
| Sets of Carvers and<br>Table Knives with<br>Handles of Pearl,<br>Ivory, Stag Horn, etc.             | Brass Fire Sets,<br>Carpet Sweepers,  |
| Fine Pocket Knives,<br>Superior Razors,<br>Safety Razors,<br>Manicure Sets,<br>Scissors and Shears, | Bird Cages, Alarm Clocks,<br>Folding Card Tables,<br>Wire Plant Stands,<br>Doll's Beds,<br>Lap Robes,<br>Horse Blankets,<br>Fine Whips. |

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