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THE NEW YEAR.

Once again the months have rolled by and another year has passed into eternity. Whether it has been a blessed season for our readers, only they and the Almighty know. We hope that 1897 has been fruitful of many joys to all of our readers, and that 1898 will also bring many happy days to them.

The JOURNAL wishes all its readers and friends a Happy New Year and all the blessings of the season.

DR BARBOUR ANSWERED

The JOURNAL a few weeks since criticised certain utterances of Rev. Dr. Barbour, pastor of the Lake avenue Baptist church relative to appropriations for "sectarian" and "non-sectarian" institutions. The succeeding Sunday the reverend gentleman deliberately insulted every Catholic in Rochester by mis-stating our doctrines and falsifying our position with reference to the statues of the saints and other articles of devotion.

Rev. Mr. Barbour has aroused an antagonist worthy of his steel as will be seen from a perusal of a sermon preached by Bishop McQuaid last Sunday morning at the cathedral, the substance of which is reproduced in another column of this week's JOURNAL. While the bishop mentions no names his well merited castigation will not be relished by the person to whom it is intended to apply.

SOME PRIVATE SECRETARIES

Hon. Merton E. Lewis is too well liked at Albany to permit his retirement from legislative life entirely. Some persons may incline to the opinion that the position of private secretary is not quite equal to that of an assemblyman, but such are either hypercritical or have forgotten the fate of recent private secretaries. There's the Hon. Daniel Lamont, who has become a millionaire since he entered public life as the private secretary of Grover Cleveland. Ashley W. Cole, who was Governor Morton's private secretary, is now a state railroad commissioner at \$8,000 a year. "Tim" Williams, who was ex-Governor Flower's private secretary, is now drawing a good big salary as manager of a big system of trolley roads in Brooklyn. George T. Smith, who was William F. Sheehan's private secretary when the latter was lieutenant-governor, is now filling the more or less congenial and lucrative position of business manager of the Buffalo Courier-Record and "Enquirer."

A Swiss doctor has apparently demonstrated that the stomach, while not so absolutely useless a portion of the human anatomy as the vermiform appendix still is not a necessary part of the human make-up, by removing the entire stomach from a patient and arranging by a system of ligatures and intestines so that the food can be digested in the alimentary canal and pass hence to the bowels. The patient is reported as doing splendidly and as being able to digest even solid food. Great, indeed, are the wonders of medical science when guided and directed by an all-wise God.

The Syracuse "Post" must be well satisfied with things in general, to judge from the following outburst: "However beautiful the colors of autumn may be, they are tints that prefigure the dying year. They foreshadow the passing away of physical vigor and strength. But when the shortest day has passed and the new year with its re-creation comes again, human hearts respond gladly to the signs of a awakening life, to expanding powers and glorious possibilities."

The Rochester "Herald" is evidently opposed to free public baths but does not like to say so plainly so long as the project is championed by Alderman Selye, a democrat who may be a potent factor in deciding what paper shall receive the "printing pap."

An exchange pertinently remarks: "Those extreme utilitarian spirits that are anxious to wipe Santa Claus out of existence, because the exaltation of this imaginary personage involves the deception of childhood, must contemplate with feelings of gloom and despair the innumerable evidences that the patron saint of Christmas is as vigorous and omnipresent as ever, and, furthermore, that his enterprise is in keeping with modern progress."

David B. Hill has furnished the wisecracks who have been reading him out of politics of late something to reflect on in the following trite remarks: "So Croker thinks I am not the democratic leader of the state, hey? If he is right, then all the shafts and arrows that have been aimed at me by the opposition press for many years have been directed at the wrong man. I have a mind to go into court and ask that the case be reopened on the ground of newly discovered evidence and subpoena Mr. Croker as the chief witness to prove my case."

The death of ex-Congressman and ex-Judge Charles Daniels, of Buffalo, removes from public life one of the best known and most highly respected men who have enjoyed the suffrages of their fellow-men in recent years. He was a man of strict probity who had worked himself up from the lowest walks of life to a high position in the ranks of his fellow men.

There will be a "concursus" on January 4th for the vacant irremovable rectorship of St. Mary's church in this city. The newspapers will there fore be able to announce definitely who will succeed the late Rev. John P. Stewart, not print irresponsible rumors.

If that Swiss doctor's operation is a success it may happen that to have your stomach removed will soon be as popular as to have your vermiform appendix taken out.

Representative Pearson of North Carolina is a rara avis in congressional life. He has refused to accept the extra mileage voted representatives for last summer's special session.

Skaters should remember that thin ice is almost as fatal as football.

"Neo Weyler" as an appellation is in exceedingly bad taste.

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CATHOLIC EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

Cardinal Gibbons' Summary of the Most Important Church Happenings During 1897.

As a summary of the important events in Catholic circles during 1897 His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons submits the following:

January 19—The Very Rev. Dr. Conaty was installed as rector of the Catholic University of America.

January 28—The Catholic Missionary Union was organized in New York under the presidency of His Grace Archbishop Corrigan, for the propagation and support of Catholic missions in the United States.

February 21—Father Fidelis, the distinguished Passionist, preached in Appleton chapel, Harvard University, on "The Efficacy of Divine Grace."

March 21—The Catholic Winter School at New Orleans, La., was brought to a close with appropriate ceremonies. The session was most successful, 15,000 persons having attended the lectures.

April 22—Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia celebrated his twentieth anniversary of his episcopal consecration.

May 8—A careful compilation of statistics reveals the fact that about 1,500,000 children are at present being educated in the Catholic schools of the United States, as also that there are more than 250 orphan asylums under Catholic auspices in this country.

May 15—At this date missionary bands have been organized in seven dioceses in the United States for work among non-Catholics.

May 20—At the anniversary dinner of the Chamber of Commerce at Cleveland, Ohio, Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland was the guest of honor and delivered an address on "The Sure Foundation of a True Citizenship," his theme being fidelity to conscience.

May 22—Very Rev. Dr. Conaty, rector of the Catholic University of America, received from New Orleans a check for \$150,000, the bequest of Colonel Patrick B. O'Brien, deceased. The money was apportioned into the founding of the three chairs of chemistry, physics and Roman law.

May 22—The fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Albany was commemorated. His Excellency Mgr. Martinelli presiding.

June 15—At a conference of the pastors of the Diocese of Newark it was determined to erect a cathedral in that city at a cost of \$1,000,000.

June 21—The project to establish near the Catholic University of America a college for the higher education of young women to-day assumed definite shape. The school will be under the control of the Sisters of Notre Dame of Namur, Belgium, and contemplates post-graduate work exclusively. The blessing has the indorsement, approval and blessing of the Cardinal-Archbishop of Baltimore.

August 10—The Catholic Summer School, in session near Plattsburg, enjoyed a visit from President McKinley. He was received with every evidence of joy and enthusiasm. The curriculum of the past year included subjects historical, philosophical, theological, scientific and distinctively literary in their scope.

August 14—The Jesuit Fathers laboring in Alaska have determined to open a hospital in the neighborhood of the gold district, with a view to administering to the spiritual and temporal wants of those who settle in that region.

October 13—In testimony of the high esteem in which he is held in the capital of the United States, a banquet was tendered to Most Rev. Archbishop Keane prior to his departure for Rome, which was attended by men distinguished in church and state. President McKinley's cabinet was represented by the secretary of the treasury, the attorney-general, the secretary of the navy, the postmaster-general and the secretary of the interior.

October 20—As a public protest against blasphemy 10,000 men in Brooklyn marched to a church to make reparation to the holy name of Jesus.

October 23—Rev. Father Fitzgerald of St. Joseph, Mo., recently appointed to a chaplaincy in the army, is the third priest who holds such a commission in the United States service.

November 20—Rev. John G. Hagan, S. J., director of the Georgetown University, announced the publication in the near future of "The Chart of the Variable Stars," a work upon which he has been engaged for years and which will be of deep interest to the scientific world.

November 30—It is estimated that about 30,000 persons are annually received into the Catholic church in the United States. The number of conversions in the Archdiocese of Baltimore during the past year was 1,105.

BISHOP PROTESTS.

TAKES ISSUE WITH REV. MR. BARBOUR.

The Use of Images in Catholic Churches Not Idolatrous.

Rt. Rev. B. J. McQuaid at the cathedral last Sunday, spoke on the gospel of the day. Taking up the stoning to death of Stephen as the topic, the bishop delivered a sermon which was in reality a reply to a sermon delivered on the last preceding Sunday by Rev. Clarence A. Barbour of the Lake Avenue Baptist church on "Graven Images and Idol Worship," and it is to his remarks as to the Catholic church that the bishop takes exception. Bishop McQuaid said in part:

"When in an age like this a minister of the gospel of Christ stands up before an intelligent audience without the courage to speak openly, hurls his vile epithets at the doctrines and practices of the old church, but in a mean way to save himself from the reproach of open calumny, insinuates calumny upon followers of Christ, one's heart revolts at the lack of courage, at the evident ignorance, at the display of malice. Now we wonder why it is that men, ministers of religion, who profess to teach the doctrines of Christ Jesus, cannot confine themselves to the utterance of the doctrines which they hold and profess for the salvation of their people."

"On Sunday when words of charity and peace should be spoken, there was heard instead the low language of the politician and the coarse and vulgar speech of the demagogue. It is the minister of religion and peace thought his brother was in error could he not have offered a kind word and showed his error without resorting to deception and misrepresentation?"

"We go back 300 years to the breaking out of Protestantism in Europe, when our churches were stolen from us and all the statues and crosses and religious ornaments were put into the burning pile. Then the cross of the crucified Lord became a mark of contempt and derision. In some parts of Europe Catholics who remained faithful were hunted to death. The British Isles were devastated, made desolate, as Jerusalem of old had been made desolate, all these helps of religion being removed from the sight of the people. But the people who remained faithful ever cherished the simplest help of religion they could find."

"Their pulpits were taken from them; their churches were stolen; but the worship of God can take place in the open air, down in the remote cavern, out in the fields, by the hillside, in the valley, with no other canopy above that altar save the canopy of heaven. All the priest needs is the altar for convenience and the bread and wine. Then the consecrated priest standing there, taking the elements visible to the eye, external, tangible, pronounces over these elements the words of Jesus, 'This is my body. This is my blood.' These elements, open material objects, are touched by that divine power of heaven itself and changed into the flesh, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ himself."

"This was the state to which the Catholic religion was brought all over these islands of which I have spoken. The buildings were too large to be crumbled to the earth. They remained shorn of this beauty, denuded of their rich endowments. They remained cold, with nothing to warm the hearts of Christian believers and with nothing to raise the heart from earth to heaven. Where these depredations occurred no church was left, but the sacrifice of Calvary went on the same wherever a priest could be found and a few faithful adherents could be brought together."

"My story comes down nearer to these times. At the outbreak of the Reformation the cross was carried into countries like China and Japan as the symbol of our redemption and the sign of our religion. The cross told in its simplicity the whole story of Christ as plainly as the book of Scriptures relates it to us in more extended form. Thousands of these pagans embraced the doctrines of redemption and preferred to give up their lives rather than trample upon the cross of salvation."

"It was traders from the countries of persecution in Europe who turned simple, ignorant Chinese and Japanese against Christian missionaries by telling that the missionaries would bring these countries within the power of European nations."

"A change has been coming over the land in the last few years. Some sixty years ago I stopped in a little village in Northern New York on my way to college. Having a few hours to spare I looked around for a Catholic church to enter and pray. I saw a cross over a building and I went in, but soon noticed there was no altar. Where there is no altar there is no Catholic church. For the first time I learned that already the Reformation was coming back on itself. The

wave of this sea had spent itself and now coming back left wrecks in its pathway. It was seen that to reach the heart it was necessary to use sensible means, all ways that appeal to the senses of a man.

"A change is coming over the land here and in Europe. It is not strange now to see the cross upon churches of any kind. We have never lowered ours. It might have been devoid of all artistic taste, and many a time it has been so. Two of the rudest boards, one crossing the other, will constitute a cross, and the cross always had its place above the house of God. Perhaps no towering spire was there, but that rude cross was fastened to the most prominent part of the church.

"This is but a small part of the change. Now we find, in many ways, a coming back to things more sensible, more consonant with right reason. We find on all sides is recognized the necessity of finding the outward expression of religion.

"There was a time when the organ was forbidden, when painted windows were looked upon as idolatrous. Now we see, in these churches, the organ. They began some time ago to decorate their walls with beautiful inscriptions. They have also stained glass windows - beautiful works of art. And all is very comfortable. The old Puritan ideas of plain box pews, and very uncomfortable they were, too, have long since passed away."

"What does all this mean? It simply means that there is a law of God seated in the human heart which craves for sensible things in order to raise the mind and hearts to spiritual subjects."

"Now we are told that as Christ has gone to heaven he is no longer in this world, that the cross may become a temptation and lead a man to idolatry. Why did he not say openly, like a man, 'These people are idolatrous.' It would not have disturbed us so much. It would be the same old story. His listeners know me, they know you; they know the Catholic people throughout the city. They know we are not idolaters. Why did he not come for information? Why did he not go to some poor old woman, unable to read or write, telling her beads, perhaps, and ask her if she adored or worshipped the wood of the cross? Why did he not ask any Catholic child? Or why did he not take the catechism of our Christian children to learn the truth as we have it, and not fall into the ridiculous blunder of calumniating us, his neighbors?"

"There is nobody that believes anything of this kind. Go to their own houses. What do we find there? We see pictures of their family, of their dead. We see a husband weep at the sight of a picture of his wife who has gone before him. Do we call this idolatry? Go to the house of congress in Washington, see the sculptures of great men honored by the people. I never heard of one being led into idolatry through them. There is no danger of idolatry in any of these cases. But they say there is danger of idolatry before the form of the crucified Lord."

"Perhaps I do not know the youth of our day as I did the boys of sixty years ago. But I do know that then every child was born a patriot. The boys then needed no minister to teach them to love the American flag. It was born in them. Yet to the mind of these ministers is there no thought of danger that the flag may stand for too much and so lead to idolatry?"

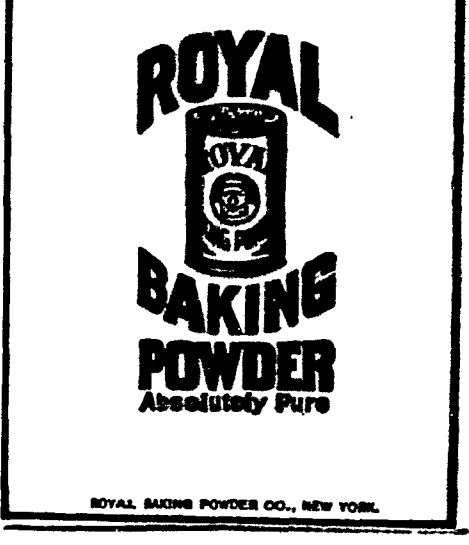
"What difference is there between this printed page, telling the story of the Savior, which I, as a man of education, may read, may comprehend, and that crucifix which tells the same story precisely to the most humble and illiterate worshipper?"

"We wish to live at peace with our neighbors. We may have private opinions of others' religious views. We do not go into the pulpit and vent our spleen at them. But we will not stand and allow men who are ignorant of our doctrines to criticize our tenets without crying out in their defense."

"We know the people of Rochester are fair minded. When any minister stands up in his pulpit and tries to misrepresent another denomination, then we know that he is a stranger here. The respectable ministers of Rochester do not do this. There was a time, a year or two ago, when some, believing that certain political principles were then in the ascendant, tried to ride on that wave to their personal advantage, but they soon found themselves dismissed by their own congregations. So during the A. P. A. excitement there were displays of this kind, but they were not sustained by the people."

"We all expect now and then to see a 'converted priest,' or perhaps an 'escaped nun' mount the platform, for there are enough ignorant people to pay admission, but we do not expect a respectable minister of religion to throw out mean insinuations against us from his pulpit. It is rare indeed for us to have to speak on such a subject, and I hope I will not have to recur to it again."

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"The motto of the citizens of Rochester is, 'Let every man mind his own business.' There should be charity toward all, malice toward none. In religious matters it does no one good to vilify his neighbor. We do not do it and we do not want to have it done."

"I would not say a word against the humblest even of the Salvationists. While I may hold that they are deluded in their religious ideas, yet if they pick up from the gutters any wrecks of humanity and take them to their place of worship, who shall say they are not doing good in their own way?"

"So in these closing days of the year, while the nineteenth century is drawing to its end, we firmly protest against these misrepresentations of our religion."—Post Express.

THE GOSPELS

FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION. NEW YEAR'S DAY. GOSPEL: St. Luke, ii. 21— "And after eight days were accomplished that the Child should be circumcised, His name was called Jesus, which was called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb."

Nothing that is earthly can satisfy the soul of man. No matter how great his possessions, he can never be contented. But the just soul finds all in Jesus Christ. The intellect, the will, and the heart find in this name satiety, sweetness, and happiness. Be holy and you will experience the force, the value, and the truth of these words.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, January 2—Octave of St. Stephen. Less. Acts vi. 8-10 and vii. 54-59; Gosp. Matt. xxiii. 34-39.
Monday, 3—Octave of St. John. Tuesday, 4—Octave of the Holy Innocents.
Wednesday, 5—Vigil of the Epiphany. Thursday, 6—Epiphany of Our Lord. Friday, 7—Of the Octave of the Epiphany. Saturday, 8—Of the Octave.

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A Novel Swindle.

A well-known Italian confectioner in the downtown district was recently made a dupe in a novel swindling scheme that cost him \$50. A stranger came to his fruit stand and while looking over some bananas suddenly took his glass eye among the fruit. After searching for a while, he went away, saying that if the Italian found his eye he should take it to his hotel, and there he would receive \$100 for it. A few moments later another stranger came along. The Italian saw him grasp the glass eye while examining some fruit. That was too much for the owner to stand, and he offered the stranger \$50 for the eye. The offer was accepted, but when the Italian took the prize to the hotel there was no one there to reclaim it. He notified the police of the swindle.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

Ameer Becoming Exhausted.

It is said that the price of amber is likely to advance considerably owing to the fact that the greatest deposit of this substance in the world is almost exhausted. This deposit is on the Samland Peninsula, which juts out into the Baltic Sea.

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