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## THE POUGHKEEPSIE PLAN

Although practically dead, the A. P. A. still hopes to keep up a semblance of life. In Poughkeepsie St. Peter's church owns two school buildings in which parochial schools were held twenty-five years ago. Then they were placed under the control of the board of education at a rental of \$1 a year. The city has always employed four Sisters as teachers in those schools. The other teachers have been young women not under vows. Up to a few weeks ago religious exercises have been held in these schools by the nuns preceding the regular morning sessions, but, owing to the agitation on the subject, these exercises have ceased.

Edward Keyser, said to have been a state leader of the A. P. A. when the cellar gang was alive, has demanded not only that the nuns be removed as teachers but that the city be compelled to build new school edifices to accommodate the pupils in these schools. Inasmuch as the Catholics of Poughkeepsie will doubtless prefer to continue the parochial schools at their own expense as is done in other cities, the city of Poughkeepsie may be compelled to spend thousands of dollars to purchase a site and erect a new school building to provide the comparatively few non-Catholic children who have been attending St. Peter's schools with educational facilities.

The matter is now in the hands of State Superintendent of Public Instruction Skinner. Judging from his decision in the Watervliet case the superintendent will decide against the retention of the Sisters as employees of the city, even though they possess the necessary teachers' certificates and are concededly as competent instructors as could be found. It is a great pity that the legislature has not spunk enough or decency enough or justice enough to pass a law permitting a review of the decisions of the state superintendent by the courts. At present there is no appeal from his decisions. Such a law as we suggest was introduced last winter in the assembly but Mr. Skinner openly lobbied against it and secured its defeat. It is high time that state officials—employees of the people—should be taught that the people have some rights, something to say, and that the people's employees are not the masters of the people.

Meanwhile the admirers and advocates of the so-called "Poughkeepsie Plan" can see of what profit it is when a hostile superintendent is in control of the state department of public instruction.  
"Corporation Council" is the way the "Democrat and Chronicle" styles the position of Adolph J. Rodenbeck is filling.  
James L. Whalen was deservedly honored in being re-elected state member of the Knights of Columbus.

## AS TO THE A. P. A.

The poor old A. P. A. is getting it on all sides. Its high officers have been convicted of all manner of crimes. The furniture in its supreme council headquarters has been sold for debt, and the "great American organization for Americans only" is fast going the down grade. To add impetus to its downfall came the prompt confirmation of Attorney-General McKenna to be a justice of the Supreme court of the United States. The bigots all over the country made a stand against McKenna but to no avail.

Recent McKenna's confirmation the Pittsburg "Press" says: "The A. P. A. were McKenna's letters of recommendation." Also the Philadelphia "Times" remarks: "The result in McKenna's case further indicates that the proper place for the A. P. A. is in the uncalled-for-letters department." The Northwestern "Catholic" adds fuel to the fire by asserting that "The American Protective Association is now in effect a Catholic Aid society." The climax is capped by the "Western Watchman" in this neat bit of sarcasm: "People are beginning to comprehend the truth, so palpable to Catholics, that Apatism is a mild form of insanity."

"Out of a population of nearly 280,000,000 in India and Ceylon," says the "Ave Maria," there are nearly 2,000,000 Catholics. Northern India appears to be more sterile in the matter of conversions to the faith than southern India. Ceylon stands ahead of India in this respect. There are twice as many native priests as Europeans, the number of native priests being 1,599 and Europeans 796. The work of Catholic education in India is steadily progressing. Among the most flourishing institutions is St. Aloysius' college, Mangalore, which has done much to improve the mental status and elevate the moral character of the natives of the district. The ranks of the professors, by the way, have lately been strengthened by the addition of two priests from America—Fathers Moore and Sullivan, S. J.—in whom literature and science find erudite exponents."

According to the English official Catholic directory for 1898 the Catholic population of the United Kingdom is nearly 5,500,000. Ireland has 3,549,956, England 1,500,000, Scotland 365,000. If there be added to these figures the statistical returns from Australia, India and British America the total Catholic population of the British dominions will be found to be over 10,000,000. In England and Wales there are 17 archbishops and bishops, 2,098 priests—an increase of 12 priests since last year—and 1,482 churches, chapels and stations—an increase of 19 in twelve months; in Scotland, 7 archbishops and bishops, 421 priests and 350 churches, etc. There are 27 archbishops and bishops in Ireland. Of the 3,119 priests of Great Britain 2,181 are of the secular clergy and 938 of the regular clergy. There are 19 Catholic members of the privy council, 31 members of the House of Lords and 73 members of the House of Commons.

This is good advice from an esteemed contemporary: "Pay no attention to slanders and gossippers. Keep straight on your course and let their backbiting die the death of neglect. They are annoying, it is true, but not dangerous so long as we do not stop to expostulate and scold. Our characters are formed and sustained by ourselves, by our own actions and purposes, and not by others. Let us always bear in mind that 'calumniators may usually be trusted to time, and the slow but steady justice of public opinion.'"

The bigots must relish the following from a recent issue of the New York "Sun": "The experience of Wichita, where the Masons, who a few years ago bought the First Baptist church at foreclosure sale, recently purchased the Y. M. C. A. building under similar conditions, gave point to the words of a Topeka clergyman, who said that the lodge room was superseding the church in Kansas."

We commend the New York state legislature as the best living exponent of how to keep up a semblance of working hard and doing nothing.

Rev. H. Clay Peepels has been pretty fair for a non-Catholic in his preaching, but sensible non-Catholics, as well as Catholics, will reverse their good opinions if he continues to assert that the Catholics are persecuting the Jews in France so that the monarchy may be restored and the republic suffer downfall. The idea is too absurd to need refutation. There is too much proof that the best friend of persecuted Jews in all Europe has been the Vatican.

Buffalo newspapers and Buffaloes generally have a high opinion of the Windy City. Witness this from a recent issue of the Buffalo "Express": "A number of boom towns offer the government a free site for an armor plant and some are willing to give a bonus in addition; but if the government is wise, it will locate its plant in some city like Buffalo, whose natural advantages are too great to admit of offering bonuses."

The indecencies of "yellow journalism" were well illustrated the other day. Senator Nelson introduced a young woman in a friendly way to President McKinley, who conversed with her as he would with any one presented in such a way. A few days later a sensational New York daily not only published the private conversation, but garbled and distorted it to suit its own ideas!

Rumor has it that James M. E. O'Grady will go to congress. If he does it may easily happen that in the near future the speaker of the House of Representatives will hail from Rochester. He could fill the bill, too. Mr. O'Grady is as masterful, as vigorous as forceful as Thomas B. Reed, but far more suave, urbane and tactful.

A contemporary says the first mayor of Greater New York is a pretty small man. He seems big enough to heads of departments who seek to sneak through increased appropriations and enlarged salary lists.

Secretary of the Navy Long is somewhat of a fresh water man, even though he be popularly supposed to be an old salt. He has been re-elected president of the Massachusetts Total Abstinence society.

Rev. P. C. Yorke, editor of the San Francisco "Monitor," has very decided opinions and a strong way of expressing them. For instance he says that his private idea of hell is to be compelled to spend eternity reading the New York "Independent."

George J. Gould says he will frame a check for \$10.81 recently received in payment for his services as grand juror in New Jersey. As the Rochester Herald pertinently remarks: "There ought to be more of these souvenirs in the homes of rich men."

**ST. JOSEPH**  
The Sisters of St. Joseph of the diocese of Detroit, have the pious custom of offering up all their prayers and good works during the entire month of March for all who seek their aid in this way.

Such as desire their prayers, will write their requests, and sign the same, and forward them to the Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth Academy, Kalamazoo, Mich., on or before the 1st of March.

Through the intercession of this Glorious Patron and this devotion, the sick claim they have been healed, extraordinary vocations have been obtained, unhappy marriages have been blessed, sin has been overcome and virtue acquired.

**A BEAUTIFUL PHOTOGRAPH GIVEN AWAY.**  
A beautiful large photograph 11x14 inches of Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid will be given to every subscriber of THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL, who until further notice pays a full year's subscription for 1898 in advance, and send us fifty cents extra to cover part of cost of the frame. The photograph is a reproduction of the picture of the Bishop which hangs in St. Bernard's Seminary and is certainly a work of art. It was made by Mr. E. E. Nier, the celebrated artist of Powers Block. The photograph will be handsomely framed with an elegant gold bordered white frame, and glass, all ready to hang up when received. Now is the time to send in your orders.

THE JOURNAL begins in this week's issue a Catholic serial story, "The Two Cousins," by Mary Rowena "O'ter. The story is an interesting one, and we are sure it will be appreciated by our many readers.

## THE GOSPELS

**GOSPEL: St. Luke, viii. 4-15.**  
At that time: "When a very great multitude was gathered together, and came out of the cities unto Him, He spoke by a similitude: A sower went out to sow his seed: and, as he sowed, some fell by the wayside and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock: and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns, and the thorns growing up with it, choked it. And other some fell upon good ground, and sprung up, and yielded fruit a hundred fold. Saying these things He cried out: He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him what this parable might be. To whom He saith: To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables: that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. Now this parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And they by the wayside are they that hear: then the devil cometh and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they should be saved. Now they upon the rock are they who, when they hear, receive the word with joy: and these have no roots, who believe for a while, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who have heard, and going their way, are choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground are they who in a good and perfect heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience."

The seed is the word of God, the teachings of the Gospel, and the sower is Jesus Christ, Who once in person sowed this seed of holiness, and Who continues to sow it to the end of time by means of His ministers, who are charged with the office of His eternal priesthood.

## Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, February 13—Sexagesima Sunday. Epist. 2 Cor. xi. 19-xii. 9. Gosp. Luke viii. 4-15.  
Monday, 14—St. Valentine martyr.  
Tuesday, 15—SS. Faustinus and Jovita, martyrs.  
Wednesday, 16—Feria.  
Thursday, 17—Office of the Blessed Sacrament.  
Friday, 18—St. Simeon bishop and martyr.  
Saturday, 19—Office of the Immaculate Conception.

## THE FORTY HOURS' ADORATION

February 27—First Sunday in Lent, Holy Family, Auburn, Scottsville, Clyde.

## THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH.

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## WASHINGTON LETTER

(Continued from 1st page.)

The friend to whom it was written, thinks it of such value that he gives it to the Catholic press.  
It is pleasant to be able to state that both the Great Catholic Universities of Washington are being unusually well attended. The Georgetown University has a much larger number of students than ever before. Father Richards the head of the University, is serving his fourth term and has proven himself one of the great educators of the country, who also possesses the executive ability to manage so large an institution.

Mgr. Conaty had established his reputation, both as an educator and executive officer, before he was called on to assume the great responsibility of rector of the Catholic University. The conduct of Mgr. Conaty since assuming control and the condition of the University establish the fact that his previous reputation hardly did justice to his ability. Every discordant element has been eliminated and the University moves harmoniously on its great work.

Some weeks ago these letters told the establishment of a great university for women was contemplated. Its establishment is now an accomplished fact. Of course the buildings are not ready nor the classes opened, but they will be in the very near future. It is intended that in this institution women will have all the advantages offered in any school now in existence. It is possible that by next September arrangements will have been completed for the opening of some of the departments.

## GIFTS TO BISHOP McQUAID.

The bishops of the province of which Archbishop Corrigan is metropolitan, have presented Bishop McQuaid with a massive gold chalice, in commemoration of his golden jubilee. The presentation was made by Archbishop Corrigan. The chalice is a beautiful specimen of the goldsmith's art, and is richly enameled by the celebrated works of Armand Gagliat, the most noted manufacturer of golden vessels in the world.

The Alumnae association of Nazareth Academy gave a reception to the bishop Thursday evening in commemoration of his golden jubilee. The reception, which was in the form of an entertainment, was held at Nazareth convent. During the evening the Alumnae Association presented a magnificent gold ewer and server to the bishop. This will be used in pontifical ceremonies.

## NEW YORK STATE CANALS.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—OFFICE** of the Superintendent of Public Works, Albany, N. Y., Monday, February 7th, 1898.  
Pursuant to chapter 508, laws of 1897, sealed proposals will be received by the Superintendent of Public Works, at his office in Albany, N. Y., until Friday February 18, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon of that day, for the construction of a bridge over the Erie canal at Hamilton street, in the city of Buffalo, N. Y. Plans and specifications may be seen from the date of publication of this notice to the date of receipt of bids, at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works, Albany, N. Y., and at the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, Thomas Wheeler, Syracuse, N. Y., and at the office of the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, R. G. Lav, Rochester, N. Y. Every proposal for said work must be accompanied by a draft or a certified check upon some good banking institution in the city of New York or Albany, issued by a national or state bank in good credit within the state, payable at sight to the Superintendent of Public Works, for the amount expressed below as required to be deposited with bid for the proposed work. The amount of deposit with bid for the same will be 10 per cent of the proposal, and will be retained as a part of the security until the completion of the work; the amount of labor and material required on execution of contract will be 35 per cent of the proposal; the amount of bond for faithful performance of contract, on execution of contract, will be 40 per cent of the proposal. All proposals for the above work must be addressed to the Superintendent of Public Works, Albany, N. Y., and must be enclosed in an envelope, "Proposal for bridge over Erie Canal at Hamilton street, Buffalo, N. Y." The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.  
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Superintendent of Public Works.

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## CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities—Current Calendar.

A special meeting of the county board was held at A. O. H. hall Sunday, February 6th, for the purpose of electing county president and other county officers. Bro. McDonald of Division 7 and Bro. Driscoll of Division 6 were the candidates for the office of president, and both were eloquently and ably supported by their respective admirers. The election resulted in the election of Bro. McDonald. The following brothers were elected to fill other offices: Vice-president, T. J. Somers; recording secretary, M. Claffey; financial secretary, J. McGuire; treasurer, L. G. McGreal; finance committee, J. Powers, P. Frazer, E. Gannon; standing committee, M. O'Connell, C. E. Gore, C. J. Ford, G. Weidock, M. Enright, L. McNery, J. D. Flemming, E. J. Tobin; sentinel, J. P. Hayden; sergeant-at-arms, L. McNery. J. E. Burke of Division No. 1 installed the officers elect.

**Hibernian Rifles.**  
On Tuesday evening the largest number of members were present than at any meeting this year. The drill hall presented an appearance that was encouraging to look at. A full company and the third sergeant busily engaged in introducing several new recruits in the manuals of a soldier. It was a surprise to the veteran captain to see so many members and the activity displayed by them on his arrival after a two week's absence on account of sickness and for the first time he seemed satisfied and no complaints were heard from him for not having a good representation of the company present. It was also encouraging to the new second lieutenant to see so many present the first night he formally took charge of his duties. A very encouraging report was heard from Division No. 6, A. O. H., that the division intends to send seven new men fully uniformed to the company. The boys were glad to hear of this news from division 6 and will accept the pleasure of the division. The new members will receive a kindly and brotherly welcome from Company A, as captain to private is equally interested in this patriotic move and hope others will follow. The company was present in full uniform on Thursday evening at the opening of the fair of Division No. 1. The hall presented a fine appearance and a shower of congratulations was heaped on Captain Quilivan for the neat appearance of the boys and their equipments. Several outbursts of approval was heard from all over the hall, from strangers and friends alike. "There all right."

On Thursday evening the following applications were received and approved by the board of officers: James McGinnis and Thomas O'Connell, both of whom will be mustered in at next meeting and given over to Sergeant Connors for instructions. Several other applications are in the hands of the membership committee awaiting approval.

Grand President Ryan of the C. M. B. A. has appointed the following district deputies for Monroe county: John L. Kernan, John R. Galen, William T. Connor, Joseph F. Ribstein, Lawrence G. McGreal, Charles M. Bayer, P. J. Lechleitner and Edward J. Ernst.

Dr. Finnessy was elected medical examiner of Branch 251, L. C. B. A. of Corpus Christi church, this week.

## Society Calendars.

**C. M. B. A.**  
Monday—58, 81.  
Tuesday—12.  
**C. R. & B. A.**  
Monday—25, 52.  
Tuesday—18.  
Wednesday—58, 74, 40.  
Thursday—75.  
**D. O. F. E.**  
Monday—1.  
Tuesday—5, 6.  
Wednesday—2.  
**A. O. H.**  
Tuesday—3, 5.  
**C. W. B. L.**  
Tuesday—40.  
Wednesday, 82.

## THE BERLIN

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