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IT IS DEAD

THE JOURNAL takes great pleasure
in announcing that the proposed codifi-
cation of the school laws, in which it
was sought to sneak an authorization of
the sectarian proposition to put back
the Bible in the public schools, is dead
for 1898, at least. The legislature
failed to approve it, the bill not being
even reported from the committee.
Inasmuch as it was practically the
only Catholic paper in the state that
opposed the bill or seemed to know
anything about the measure or its ex-
traordinary propositions, THE JOUR-
NAL feels that it is entitled to some
credit for killing the bill.

The Bible clause was not the only
one in the defunct bill that was ob-
jectionable. The control of training
classes and the power to issue teach-
ers' certificates was taken out of the
control of local school authorities and
turned over to State Superintendent
Skinner. It also contained a propo-
sition to extend Skinner's term from
three years, the period for which he
was elected a few days ago, to six
years. Indeed, the bill should have
been labeled "An act to increase and
consolidate the powers of Charles R.
Skinner."

The thanks of all educators, of all
who appreciate honesty and fair deal-
ing even by public officials and poli-
ticians, are hereby tendered to Hon-
Joseph T. McDonough, state commis-
sioner of labor statistics, for his per-
sistent and well planned battle against
the Skinner bill. It was fought
against odds and against the advice of
well-meaning but misguided persons
who feared the result of an open fight.
Mr. McDonough kept right on how-
ever, and victory is assured.

Nevertheless the fight is not over.
The Skinner bill will be introduced
next year, and a determined effort
made to pass it.

CONTEMPTIBLE

It has always been supposed that
Roosevelt hospital in New York was an
eminently respectable institution.
It undoubtedly is, but it is also a
another shining example of the type
of non-sectarian institutions that our
non-Catholic friends are constantly
holding up as an example of the only
proper sort of institution that should
be allowed to prevail.

A few days ago Rev. Thomas
Burke, of the Paulist order, was
called to Roosevelt hospital to attend
a patient. The latter was found to be
in a critical condition, and the priest
at once proceeded to administer the
last rites of the church. Before he
had finished an attendant told him he
must leave the ward because the doc-
tors were making their rounds, there
being a rule of the hospital that all
visitors must leave the wards while
the doctors are going through. Father
Burke protested, saying that he would
be through in a few minutes, and that

the patient's condition would not per-
mit of delay. To his amazement no
attention was paid to this most reason-
able request, but the attendant in-
sisted that he go, and go he did. God,
in His mercy, permitted the patient to
live until evening when the priest re-
turned and administered the sacra-
ment. The superintendent of the hos-
pital insisted that the matter was due
to a mistake, but Father Burke says
that such experiences are common
enough and that patients have died
under similar circumstances without
the consolation of the last rites.

The public should know of this con-
dition of affairs in Roosevelt hospital.
We cannot believe that fair-minded
non-Catholics will tolerate such ramp-
ant bigotry. As Father Burke says,
"It is not a matter of religion, but
common decency." If such a con-
dition is allowed to continue, how-
ever, Catholics should not patronize
Roosevelt hospital but should leave it
severely alone.

THE LEGISLATURE

For the first time since it was es-
tablished the legislature of the state
of New York has adjourned sine die
in March. It is therefore a record
breaker in that respect.

Although the session of 1898 has
not been marked by any exciting
scenes such as were enacted when the
Raines bill was under fire in 1896 or
the Greater New York charter in
1897, still it has made a splendid
record and enacted a number of im-
portant measures, two of which are
likely to prove as far-reaching in their
effects as the Raines law. These are
the primary law and the uniform char-
ter for second class cities. The first
is designed to and undoubtedly will
result in honest caucuses, squarely
conducted, with an absolutely secret
ballot. It will injure the business of
the political thugs and heelers and in-
crease the interest of respectable per-
sons in public affairs, in state and na-
tional politics, which is as it should be.
The uniform charter bill applies to
Rochester, Troy, Albany and Syra-
cuse, and is a radical measure, the
value of which time will be needed to
estimate. It is a grave question
whether the public weal is best con-
served by concentrating municipal
government in the hands of one man
or a few men or by increasing still
more the number of elective offices
and thus keeping the city government
as close as possible to the people who
have to foot the bills.

In addition the legislature of 1898
has taken the initial step toward giv-
ing the city of Rochester what its
manufacturing interests so greatly
need—an increased water supply for
commercial purposes.

Very few vicious bills or objection-
able measures have been adopted or
progressed by the legislature of 1898,
and the cormorants, alias lobbyists,
have not waxed fat this winter. This,
in itself, is a great compliment to the
legislature.

Much of the credit for the good
record of the legislature of 1898 is due
to the firmness, the acumen, the ab-
solute honesty of Speaker O'Grady.
It is a pity an O'Grady could not al-
ways occupy the speaker's chair in
the assembly.

What a scathing arraignment is
this delivered by Judge Chandler of
Atlanta, Ga., from the bench a few
days ago: "I cannot conceive of any
more worthless human being in this
world than a young man with a drink
of mean liquor in his stomach, a
cigarette in his mouth, a pistol in his
pocket, and a copy of the 'Police Ga-
zette' or one of those vicious pictures
in another, walking the streets of a
civilized city. Nothing short of a
miracle can save such a man. Yet
we are manufacturing such specimens
every day in this city."

Irishmen do not take kindly to an
alliance between the United States
and Great Britain. They advance
the argument that no son of Erin can
sanction any such agreement while
Ireland is not accorded her rights.
But if a condition precedent to the al-
liance were the giving of Home Rule
to Ireland, what then?

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fice—best work and lowest rates.

This, from an esteemed contempo-
rary, is well worth reproduction: "A
funny position is about to arise in
Saxony. In that country the king is,
by virtue of the constitution, not only
the head of the Lutheran church, but
what is styled 'summus episcopus,'
too. This anomaly is not found ri-
diculous so long as the monarch agrees
in belief with the Lutheran majority,
but otherwise it may lead to some
opera-bouffe effects when the case is
otherwise. We learn from the 'Lu-
theran Observer' that a law has just
been passed vesting the supreme
governing power of the church in a
committee, because the present King
of Wurtemberg has no male heir, and
his right and title will pass at death to
a collateral branch of the family who
are Catholics. This is one of the in-
congruities which Protestantism has
originated by allowing the state to as-
sert a supremacy over the church.
Could anything be more farcical than
the transformation of a committee into
a 'summus episcopus,' and by a fic-
tion changing a corporation into an
individual? Our Teutonic friends
are notable for their faculty of solemn
extravaganza, but this is broad bur-
lesque."

Theodore Roosevelt was made to
say some queer things—for a man in
his position—in the New York "Jour-
nal" a few days since. The next day
he promptly repudiated the interview
and said emphatically that he refused
to give the "Journal" an interview
of any sort whatever. Such is "yel-
low journalism."

The Boston "Republic" is usually
so accurate that we are more than sur-
prised to note in its columns that
Archbishop Janssen will keep the an-
niversary of his consecration during
the month of April.

Last Sunday's "Herald" gave what
purported to be a reproduction of the
first engraving published in the new
world. It is the title page to Juan
Gerson's "Treparrito" published in
1542 in Mexico. It bears the in-
scription "Ave Maria Gratia, plena
Dominus tecum;" another proof that
Catholicity and education are near
neighbors.

Henryk Sienkiewicz, author of
"Quo Vadis," was the subject of a
long and eulogistic memoir in a recent
issue of the "Osservatore Romano."
This is a rare distinction, especially
in view of the fact that the Roman
correspondent of the "Catholic Stand-
ard and Times" says with apparent
sincerity that he knows of but two
ladies in the Eternal City who are
reading "Quo Vadis."

A text book recently introduced in
the Hoboken public schools on "His-
tory of Education" distorts Catholic
doctrine in many points and assails
the Catholic church in other particu-
lars. The Catholics of Hoboken have
protested against the use of the book,
and it will undoubtedly be eliminated.

Some of the London papers made a
queer mistake last week. They mixed
up Bishop Neumann of Philadelphia
with Cardinal Newman and announced
that Rome was considering the canon-
ization of the late cardinal.

The late "reform" administration
of Brooklyn apparently could give
the Tweed ring of unsavory memory
points and then come out ahead.

The San Francisco "Monitor" ob-
jects to the professional Irish buffoon
who talks with an accent never heard
in real life and who mimics characters
who never existed. The "Monitor"
is right, too.

Mayor Maguire of Syracuse has
friends who would have him a govern-
or. Well, why not? Any man
has a right to have ambitions. Joking
aside, wouldn't Maguire make a great
presiding officer for the state senate?

Assemblyman William W. Arm-
strong is getting to be as much a ter-
ror to lobbyists as he has been a po-
tent force in favor of better roads and
increased facilities and privileges for
the wheelmen.

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THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew xxi. 1-9.
—At that time: "When they drew
nigh to Jerusalem, and were come to
Bethphage, unto Mount Olivet, then
Jesus sent two disciples, saying to
them: "Go ye into the village that is
over against you, and immediately
you shall find an ass tied, and a colt
with her; loose them, and bring them
to Me, and if any man shall say any
thing to you, say that the Lord hath
need of them: and forthwith he will
let them go. Now all this was done
that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by the prophet, saying: Tell
ye the daughter of Zion: Behold Thy
King cometh to thee, meek, and sit-
ting upon an ass and a colt, the foal
of her that is used to the yoke. And
the disciples, going, did as Jesus com-
manded them: And they brought the
ass and the colt: and laid their gar-
ments upon them, and made Him sit
thereon. And a very great multitude
spread their garments in the way: and
others cut boughs from the trees and
strewed them in the way: and the mul-
titudes that went before, and those
that followed, cried, saying: Hosanna
to the Son of David; blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest."

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, April 3, Palm Sunday—Epist. Phil.
ii. 5-11, Gosp. Matt. xxi. 1-9. Passion,
Matt. xxvi and xxvii.
Monday, 4—Feria.
Tuesday, 5—Feria.
Wednesday, 6—Feria.
Thursday, 7—Maundy Thursday.
Friday, 8—Good Friday.
Saturday, 9—Holy Saturday.

THE FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

April 17—Palmyra, East Rush,
Webster, Canandaigua, Cayuga, St.
John's, Elmira. April 24—St. Brid-
get's Rochester; Newark, Bath, Wa-
verly.

PERPETUAL HELP SOCIETY.

At the meeting of the Perpetual
Help society of St. Mary's hospital on
Wednesday afternoon, March 30th,
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and Mrs. L. W. Maier received
visitors.

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