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SUNDAY SCHOOL OR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, WHICH?

"The proportion of Catholic children attending the public schools is enormous and is getting larger every day. It is perfectly useless to say that Catholic children ought to attend Catholic schools. They don't, most of them, and they won't! And what are you going to do about it? The first thing that seems necessary to be done is the widening and strengthening of the Sunday school."

The above statement made by Mary J. Onahan in the Catholic Citizen recently, is so false and ridiculous that it deserves the stinging rebuke administered by a writer in the Review, who says:

"Every sentence of that statement is offensive to Catholic ears. The first sentence is a slur upon the Catholic priesthood. Wherever there is a pastor who does his duty the proportion of Catholic children attending the public schools is growing less every day. And our Catholic Directory shows that the overwhelming majority of priests are working in that direction, above all in such dioceses where the bishops insist on the Catholic education of youth.

"It is perfectly useless," says a petitioner, "to say that Catholic children ought to attend Catholic schools." Doing or even attempting things "perfectly useless" is the part of fools. Thus our feminine wiseacre stamps as fools all the prelates of the Plenary Councils of Baltimore, may, the venerable Pontiff, Leo XIII, who but a few months ago repeatedly condemned the goddess education given in the public schools, and exhorted the bishops of Germany (Canisius Encyclical), and those of Canada (Apostolic letter 'Affari Vos'), to do their utmost in procuring Catholic schools for Catholic children. Of course, the set of Catholics of the Onahan stripe in these United States, and also in other countries, have no use for these utterances of the Sovereign Pontiff; they were not directed to the "Americans," they concern only the Canadians and the Germans.

"They don't, most of them, and they won't. What are you going to do about it?" The first part of the sentence we have refuted already; if further proof is needed, we refer to the statistics of the Catholic Directory. "They won't?" That is a slur upon our good Catholic people, who, in their great majority, are not obstinate, like certain clerical and unclerical liberals. In big and small parishes stray sheep can be found, and fortunately they form the exception. But suppose they were the majority? Will you propose to send their children to the public school if it be offered

them on the same terms as the public school? I emphatically say no. For fifteen years I have been on the mission. I have started a school in two different missions where religious fervor was conspicuously absent, and does not shine even to-day, and nevertheless the schools flourish in both places. In my present station I started with 17 children in 1885, and, without increase of families since 1885 counted 102 pupils last year, and 96 this year. In the other mission I had 75 right away in the first year. But the secret was, the schools were made free from the beginning, supported by voluntary contributions. At first there was kicking, petitions were circulated for my removal; but if to-day I were to close the school there would be greater kicking against closing than there was against opening. We have children attending our school whose parents never set foot in church except at funerals, but many a parent has learned his catechism from the little ones attending the school, and by degrees is taking up the practice of his religion again.

The one who says, "most of our Catholic parents won't send their children to the Catholic school," lies. And to answer the question, "What shall we do about it?" by saying "Widen and strengthen the Sunday school," is un-Catholic. What can the Sunday school do except give a varnish of Catholicity that grows dim inside of a week after the school is quit, and is rubbed off within a year, unless God sends extraordinary graces; which, of course, he can do, but which, as a rule, He does not do. Open Catholic schools free to all the Catholic children of the parish, and you will have no trouble in getting the children. Those who are able will contribute their share just as well when the school is free as when it is a pay school, and many a one may feel inclined to do even a little more, especially if the priest himself sets a good example and makes his people understand and realize the truth, that the Catholic school is the mainstay of the faith in the parish."

Gov. Black has reappointed Mrs. Anna P. Cleary and Hon. Richard Curran of this city as managers of the New York State Woman's Relief Corps Home at Oxford, Chenango county.

We Appeal to Our Friends and Patrons
To join with us and thousands of patriotic citizens throughout the country in raising at once a war relief fund of \$1,000,000 needed in 30 days to care for sick and wounded soldiers and starving Cubans. We with other business houses throughout the country are volunteering to take subscriptions for this national relief fund, to be expended by the Red Cross society and the Cuban Relief committees appointed by President McKinley. Every subscriber who gives at least \$1 will be presented with a copy of the beautiful picture, "The Accolade," now on exhibition at this office. Call and see it. This picture will be a beautiful historical souvenir of this great uprising of the American people to defend and set free outraged Cuba. Every patriotic American should subscribe at once. Your help is needed! Our boys are at the front! Let us stand by them! We do not receive any commission of any kind, and no profit is made by any persons from this fund. Subscriptions received at this office.

THE BISHOP'S PICTURE.

Every Catholic Family in the Diocese Should Have One.

As this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid as a priest and his thirtieth as a bishop, every Catholic family in the diocese should be in possession of our beautiful large photograph (not lithograph), 11x14 inches of the Rt. Rev. Bishop. The picture 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 the cost of framing. 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, glass and back. Those who have received the premium are more than satisfied, and say that they do not see how we can give so much for so little money. Now is the time to send in your orders.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke, xv. 1-10.—At that time: "The publicans and sinners drew near to Jesus to hear Him. And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying: 'This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them.' And He spoke to them this parable, saying: 'What man of you that hath an hundred sheep, and if he shall lose one of them, doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after that which is lost until he find it? And when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulders rejoicing, and coming home call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them: Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost? I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance.' Or what woman having ten groats, if she lose one groat, doth not light a candle and sweep the house and seek diligently until she find it? And when she hath found it, call together her friends and neighbors, saying: Rejoice with me, because I have found the groat which I had lost. So I say to you, there shall be joy before the angels of God upon one sinner doing penance."

By this parable Christ wished to excuse sinners. He desired to encourage them to be converted, and to let them know how dear they are to the most merciful God, Who goes in search of the lost, Who helps them with His grace in their repentance, and Who rejoices with His angels in heaven when they return to the path that leads to salvation.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, June 19.—Third Sunday after Pentecost. St. Juliana Falconieri, Virgin. SS. Gertrude and Protase Martyrs. Epiphany. 2 Cor. x. 17, 11, 12. Gosp. Matt. xiv. 1-13. Last Gosp. Luke 15, 1-10.
Monday, 20.—St. Silvester, Pope and Martyr.
Tuesday, 21.—St. Aloysius Gonzaga Confessor.
Wednesday, 22.—St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop and Confessor.
Thursday, 23.—Aged of St. John Baptist.
Friday, 24.—Nativity of St. John Baptist.
Saturday, 25.—St. William, Abbot.

SOCIETY NEWS.

(Continued from 1st page.)
At a meeting of Division 2 A. O. H. held June 6th, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That Division 2 deeply sympathize with Brothers Deane, John, William and Edward O'Brien in the loss of their mother Mrs. Catherine O'Brien who died on the 5th of June. In her they had a faithful mother and the Cathedral parish a true Christian. Mrs. O'Brien leaves one brother Edward, Professor of Moravia and one sister in Ireland Mary McQuirk also two daughters of this city, Miss Rose O'Brien and Mrs. Henry Doyle.
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL, also a copy be sent to the family.
We loved her, yes we loved her, And how well no tongue can tell God loved her too, and he thought it best, To take her home to be at rest.
JOHN J. MEEHAN,
MARTIN B. O'NEIL,
JAMES MORONEY,
Committee.

At a special meeting of Company A, Hibernian Rifles, the following resolutions were adopted and ordered printed:
Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to visit by the angel of death the family of our esteemed Corporal W. J. O'Brien, and take therefrom his beloved mother, Catherine O'Brien, therefore be it
Resolved, That in the loss sustained by our comrade and family be has the heartfelt sympathy of the officers and members of Company A, Hibernian Rifles; therefore be it
Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of that omnipotent God, we equally mourn and feel the loss of that precious one that from him is gone.
A voice he loved is stilled—
A place is vacant in his home
That never can be filled
God in his wisdom has recalled
The one his love had given.
And though her body smoulders here,
Her soul is safe in heaven.
CAPT. M. QUINLIVAN,
LIEUT. JOHN CULLEN,
SERGT. TIMOTHY MOLONEY,
LIEUT. C. J. DOLLEN,
Committee.

At a regular meeting of Council 44, C. R. & B. A., resolutions were unanimously adopted as follows:
Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from the family of our sister Katharine Keating a beloved sister, Mrs. E. Carey of Fairport, who died May 28th, be it
Resolved, That this council extends to our sister our heartfelt sympathy in her deep affliction, and commend her for consolation to the Divine Power who doeth all things for the best.
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and also published in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL.

NELLIE SWENNEY,
MINNIE O'CONNOR,
DANIEL CAHILL,
Committee.

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The Alum Heart.

Many People are suffering from some form of heart disease who have no idea of the cause of it.

Any disturbance of the digestive organs affects the heart's action, and therefore every food which interferes with digestion is responsible where there are troubles of this character. It has been discovered that the use of baking powder made from burnt alum coagulates the blood very rapidly, which interferes with its free flow through the arteries of that organ. Formerly alum was used as a specific for children's croup, but owing to its tendency from the causes named to produce heart failure, physicians no longer employ it.

In face of such facts and in view of the overwhelming testimony of scientists as to the poisonous character of this drug when used for food purposes, can there be any excuse for the ignorance or unconcern which permits any one to take from the grocer a package of alum baking powder, simply for the sake of saving a few cents in price?

It is a healthful sign that many states are limiting by law the sale of alum baking powder. Very soon it will be prohibited in all the states, or treated as a poison, as it should be. But for such laws, how are the alum powders to be known by consumers?

Where alum powders are not branded as such, nor their sale prohibited by law, it is better to avoid the use of any new or doubtful brand until it has been analyzed. The purity of all powders may be suspected if they are sold at a price lower than the price of the best standard brands. We know the Royal to be a first class cream of tartar baking powder, and if consumers insist upon having that brand, they will be sure of a pure, healthful article. In view of a recently reported case of poisoning of a whole family near Logansport, Indiana, from the use of alum powder, it behooves every one to use care in purchasing their supplies. We do not hesitate to recommend the Royal to all who are in doubt as to the powder they have been using, as the United States government tests placed that brand at the head of all the tartrate powders.

Whereas, The Supreme Ruler of the universe has removed from our midst our late brother John C. Hamill, therefore be it
Resolved, That in the loss of our late brother we lost a faithful brother, a practical Catholic, and his family a loving brother and affectionate son, one who has always endeavored his utmost to advance and promote the interests of Division No. 1, A. O. H., therefore, be it further
Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of affliction and sorrow, remembering that our loss is His eternal gain, be it further
Resolved, That our charter be draped for thirty days, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, spread on the minutes of our meeting, and that they be published in the CATHOLIC JOURNAL, for
He has gone! He has gone! but in white God shall dress him.
And bathe him in light of a golden display.
He has gone! He has gone! but ever in our hearts we shall miss him.
The soul of our brother that has passed away,
It seems not like death, but a glorious transition
From the burdens of earth to the glories above.
When he passed to his Father in infinite love.
C. J. DOLLEN,
CHARLES SHATZEL,
M. CLAFFEY.

Oregon Gold.

As an old miner up in Oregon, where gold is being found galore, says: "The same energy and money and time expended in this gold belt of southern Oregon would undoubtedly produce greater results than in the Klondike and with no privations whatever. Suppose, for instance, that when the millions were taken from the two gulches within gunshot of Jacksonville it had been impossible to get away with the gold until some certain season of the year, and all that was transported in a lump sum, as was the Klondike, what would have been the result? Why, a genuine Klondike rush. And you will not have to wait much longer to see a great mining boom here in spite of the fact that one can come here in a palace car and instead of snow and ice find the finest climate in the world. The vast placer fields here are rich in gold, and they have been scarcely touched. From a single eminence here one may get a bird's-eye view of 100,000 acres of placer ground which will average thirty feet in depth and 25 cents per cubic yard from grass roots to bedrock."
And this is not an isolated instance of hitherto neglected gold regions coming to the front. Great discoveries, like misfortunes, never come singly. We are learning of gold finds all along that great mountain chain which runs from Patagonia to Alaska. The auriferous wave is upon us. We have only to hold our hats and let the nuggets drop into them. We may choose between Alaska and Bolivia, the frozen North and the historic South, but I believe the golden mean lies somewhere in the California region, where one may get a satisfactory amount of gold with the least attendant discomfort.

Cleaning the Oven.

To prevent a gas oven smelling, clean the inside with hot water and soap and then scrub with pumice stone. This should be done when warm. It will bake better pastry after it has been cleaned.

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