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THE CATHOLIC PAPER.

A great deal has been said in regard to Catholic newspapers, but the following abstract from the first number of the Wales Catholic Herald, written by Rt. Rev. Bishop Hedley of Newport, Wales, is interesting.

The bishop propounds the question, "What do we want in a Catholic paper?" and replies as follows:

"In endeavoring to answer this question it is necessary to speak in very general terms. It would be folly, even if it were possible, to describe the ideal Catholic paper and denounce actual Catholic papers for not coming up to it. We must do what we can, means and circumstances considered. What one organ cannot furnish it may happen that another can.

"First, then, and foremost we want Catholic news. There are three departments of Catholic news—local news, foreign news and papal news.

"News from Rome—news which more or less directly concerns the Holy Father—must necessarily be a feature of a Catholic paper. But it should be understood that 'personal news' from Rome, of the 'M. A. P.' kind, is almost impossible to obtain.

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mon at full length. But there are sermons and sermons. It is certain that ninety-nine out of a hundred of the Sunday sermons, even of London, will not bear reporting. This is no mere expression of critical disapproval. The ordinary Sunday sermon is not meant—and I venture to say should not be meant—for the reporter. It is useful, substantial, practical, devotional, but it is commonplace. Then the ordinary reporter sometimes does great injustice to a sermon in taking it down. I admit that he sometimes improves it, but this is not what we keep reporters for. A most admirable and profitable work might be done by an editor who attended to the reporting of sermons and parts of sermons.

"There are some readers who imagine themselves to be cynical and to have an appreciation of humor, who declare that of all departments of a Catholic newspaper they most enjoy the letters to the editor. The enormous seriousness of a man who thinks he can do any good by writing to the papers invariably (so those persons affirm) furnishes their own superior minds with delightful amusement. It would, therefore, be a fatal mistake for an editor to be too particular in printing such letters. I trust, however, that in Wales we shall always maintain charity and discretion, although we may have, like other people, our devotional, literary, liturgical and musical hobbies and may feel impelled to exercise them in the columns of the Welsh Catholic Herald.

Here is a tribute to Catholic journalism from our new territory: WATKINS GLEN, N. Y., Oct. 26. Editor CATHOLIC JOURNAL:

We are pleased that the CATHOLIC JOURNAL is to become a weekly visitor in this our great summer resort, Watkins Glen. That it is a journal of great worth is evidenced by the many kind words of appreciation expressed by its goodly number of readers already found in this village. Your representative, Mr. Herman, I believe, experienced no difficulty in introducing your paper, as its intrinsic worth was highly commented upon from the altar by our pastor, Rev. Father Morrison. That introduction was a guarantee to the advent of your journal, and I believe its wide circulation here is going to be permanent. The necessity of every Catholic family (worthy of the name) having a Catholic paper coming into their homes is patent. Instead of the necessity I should have said duty—for in this age of newspaperdom there should be at least one Catholic paper on the table of every Catholic home. If Catholic parents would only conform to that duty they would experience less difficulty and sadness in their old age in regard to their own children.

It is a source of disgrace to note the great number of young Catholics (so-called), especially in the public schools, who are more or less confronted with pertinent questions from Protestant young people about our Holy Mother the Church, and are not able to defend and answer the same. That is the best one of the many instances of the absolute duty of Catholic parents seeing that their homes are provided with a good, sound, Catholic journal. We are not yet blessed with a Catholic school here in Watkins, and on that account I am happy to learn that your journal has found its way into many homes. (Right here I might make mention of the bare fact that among the eight members of the board of education here in Watkins we have not one Catholic. Yet Protestants will very impudently ask why we build Catholic schools. Here we are. "Taxation without representation." Our good bishop will veto that kind of business some day when he will order us to have a school of our own.) It is a pity that the law against indecent publications includes only those of the utterly undignified filthy class. There are others, though not illustrated with filthy pictures, that are but little less destructive to the morals of the young. The reading matter in some of those newspapers appeals forcibly to the lowest passions of human nature, and is more dangerous in one view, as it makes its approaches under the guise of a pretended moral sentiment. That is another reason why the CATHOLIC JOURNAL should be in every Catholic home. One dollar a year! That is a very, very small amount for fifty-two visits in a year, giving instruction and information by a Catholic journal on all important subjects concerning the Catholic citizen. It is religion alone, with a proper knowledge of God—by good Catholic reading—which can repress budding vice and cause those virtues that make many happy through life to grow up and perform his duties as a good, upright Catholic citizen. Your humble correspondent has acquired mere solid information in Catholic matters by the reading of Catholic journals than by referring to Catholic books. The Catholic newspaper when placed on the table is surely read weekly, whereas the books of a good Catholic book

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The czar's disarmament proposal is evidently not bothering either England or France. The press of both nations are evidently hopeful of peace, but preparations are hurriedly being made for war. The British government has issued another "blue book" on the Fashoda question, which is a rejoinder to the French government's "yellow book" on the same question.

Rochester's war trophy, a Spanish gun taken from the Reina Christina after the battle of Manila, has arrived in this city.

Judge Van Wyck and Col. Roosevelt both visited the city this week and addressed large meetings at Fitzhugh hall. The standard bearers have no reason to complain of the reception accorded them in Rochester.

The Canadian Freeman issued an excellent souvenir number in honor of the consecration of Archbishop Gauthier.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew xxii. 15-21.—At that time: "The Pharisees going, consulted among themselves how to ensnare Jesus in His speech. And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man: for Thou dost not regard the person of men. Tell us therefore what dost Thou think, Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not? But Jesus, knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt me, ye hypocrites? Show me the coin of the tribute. And they offered Him a penny. And Jesus saith to them: Whose image and inscription is this? They say to Him: Caesar's. Then He saith to them: Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

We see and admire a divine prudence in this reply of Jesus Christ, for by this answer, and without offending one party or the other, He taught the obedience due to those in authority, and enlightened the conscience of the Jews, by calming the opposition of the one and the scruples of the other.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, October 30.—Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost. Epist. Phil. 1:6-11. Gosp. Matt. xxii. 1-21. Monday, 31.—Vigil of All Saints Fast. Tuesday, Nov. 1.—All Saints. Holyday of Obligation. Less. Apoc. vii. 2-12. Gosp. Matt. v. 1-12. Wednesday, 2.—All Souls. Thursday, 3.—Of the Octave of All Saints. Friday, 4.—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop and Confessor. SS. Vitalis and Agricola, Martyrs. Saturday, 5.—Of the Octave.

FORTY HOURS' ADORATION. October 30—St. Francis Xavier's, Rochester; Honeoye Flats.

OUR NEW PREMIUM

We have had a number of calls for the picture of St. Anthony lately and in order to satisfy our subscribers we have decided to give to each subscriber who pays one dollar in advance a beautiful picture of the saint, 12 x 16 inches, also an artistic aluminum medal. Those who have not yet obtained a picture of our Rt. Rev. Bishop can obtain one on the payment of one dollar in advance and twenty-five cents extra. Every household should have a picture of our venerable bishop.

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CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

What is Transpiring in the Different Fraternities—Current Calendars.

PICKINGS FOR THE GOOD OF THE C. M. B. A.

BY J. J. H., J. S.

THINK IT OVER. Why not enter a friendly rivalry to see which branch will make the greatest increase before the end of the year? It will be a noble work to engage in, for it is the uplifting of our fellow-men to a higher and nobler life.

It is to relieve suffering and distress; it is also teaching the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, uniting in the closest bonds of fraternity. Remember, when laboring in this great cause, we will have to practice a little self-denial and make a few sacrifices. But we will surely receive our earned reward later, and you may feel assured that many prayers will be sent up from those who will receive the benefits of our association. They will ask for blessings for ourselves and ours, from Him who will double and triple repay us for every such kind act we may do or cause to be done for our fellow man, for we are not only helping others to help themselves, but are assisting to carry out in all its fullness the principles of the C. M. B. A. Furthermore, does not the association promise to fully compensate us for our extra efforts by paying a cash premium for five new members and upwards? For members under 30 years two dollars (\$2.00), and for members between 30 and 40 years of age one dollar (\$1.00) each. I fear a great many don't even know that every assessment notice since March, 1898, contains full instructions on this matter. Read your last assessment notice and learn, and hustle accordingly. Increase the membership in your branch, and instruct your representative to the Central Council to report at the annual meeting how many members have been initiated during the year, and thereby learn who are the hustlers. Of course the report is made at every meeting, but it should be reported again and stated in full at annual meetings. Think it over once. FRATELLI, J. J. H., Br. 81.

The following resolutions have been adopted by Division 7, A. O. H. Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from the family of our respected members Arthur and Lawrence Ennis, their father Patrick Ennis.

Resolved, That in view of the loss they have sustained, be it Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family and near friends and that we respectfully commend them for consolation that Divine Power which doeth all things well, feeling sure that to them, as to us, there is comfort in the knowledge that the deceased was not only honorable and manly in all respects, but was also a devoted and consistent Christian. Resolved, That in token of our sorrow that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and published in THE CATHOLIC JOURNAL. Committee, Frank C. Ward, Joo. S. O'Malley, Patrick P. Kelly.

Attorney William F. McNamara was in New York for several days last week. Rev. Father J. J. Griffin of St. Mary's church gave an interesting as well as instructive account of his recent travels in Europe in the Soldiers' Home chapel on Thursday evening of last week.

M'ELROY-M'DONELL. William McElroy, editor of the Post Express until a few days ago, was united in marriage to Miss Mary L. McDonnell, daughter of Mrs. Thomas A. O'Hare, by Bishop J. J. McQuaid, at the residence of the bride's mother, No. 8 Strathallen park, last Thursday evening.

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The aim of "Our Boys and Girls' Own" is to be entertaining, bright and merry, with a dash of wisdom, and to be a source of instruction to the young folks, at the same time forming in them unconsciously the highest ideals of living, thinking, and literary taste, for the Sunday paper is to be the best. Our foremost Catholic writers are to fill its pages. It is to be as American as the Star-Spangled Banner. It is to be a periodical of the age, country, and church, faithfully representing them in every syllable. The first number begins with

A New Serial by Father Finn "THE KING OF THE COLLEGE," which will be followed by a serial entitled: "LOYAL BLUE & ROYAL SCARLET." A Story of '76, by Marlon Ames Taggart.

Besides these we have already secured contributions from our foremost Catholic Juvenile writers, as Ella Lorraine Dorney, Mary G. Bonestell, Marion J. Brunson, Mary C. Crowley, Eleanor C. Donnelly, Maurice F. Egan, Sallie Margaret O'Malley, Katherine Jenkins, Anna T. Sedgley, Sara Trainer Smith, and Mary T. Wagnans.

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This Fur Store, Second Floor, will make a larger place for itself this season than ever before. It's to be all that your notions of a Fur Store would make it except the high prices—big profits, that part of the fur business we haven't learned and don't intend to.

It's to be a decidedly Fur season, if indications go for aught. We have planned for it.

First Fur talks are naturally of Collarettes—wanted earlier, desired more generally than anything else in the Fur line. We have every right form, every correct combination in Collarettes.

Noticing that the pointed yoke did not meet with universal favor, we have had many handsome garments made with the round yoke and deep flounces.

A special word of some of these and others: Collarette with top collar and round yoke of Baltic Seal, with flounce of Imitation Chinchilla; fancy silk lining, \$4.00.

Collarette of Baltic Seal with pointed Astrachan yoke, four tails and two heads in front; plain brown satin lining, \$4.75.

Collarette with top collar and round yoke of Baltic Seal, with flounce of Imitation Stone Mar. Ten-inch plain Collarette of Electric Seal, with purple satin lining, \$5.00.

Collarette with pointed Astrachan yoke, with collar and flounce of Brown Opossum; plain brown satin lining, \$6.

Collarette with pointed star yoke of Baltic Seal, Brown Opossum collar and flounce; plain brown satin lining, \$7.50.

Collarette with pointed Gray Krimmer yoke. Imitation Moufflon collar and flounce; purple satin lining, a novelty, \$10.00.

Collarette with round yoke of Electric Seal. Imitation Blue Fox collar and flounce; purple satin lining, \$10.00.

Ten-inch Collarette, plain natural Sable, fancy figured lining, \$10.00.

Collarette with round yoke of whole skin Persian Lamb, Electric Seal collar and flounce; purple satin lining, \$15.00.

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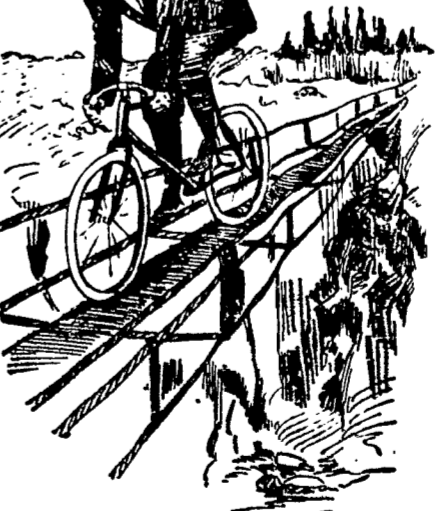
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A CYCLIST'S DARING RIDE.

He Scroches Over a 200-Foot Gorge on a 10-Inch Plank.

Across the Hoosac river, close to the Vermont state line, swings and sways a bridge that makes a person with nerves shudder when he walks across it. The bridge is 180 feet long, and one looks down from it 200 feet to the river beneath. It was across this structure that George Round, a bicycle rider, scroched on his wheel recently, accomplishing a feat that to those who watched him seemed sure to result in the rider's death.

The bridge is composed of stringers, held in place by two wire cables. For



QUESTIONS. "Well, I started a little bit slow, and then it came to me that the sooner I got to the other side the sooner I would be away from any possible danger, and so I just scroched it across, as hard as I could. The bridge shook a great deal and once I held my breath for a second when the wheel struck something and swerved a bit, but as a matter of fact I was not frightened, for the simple reason that I was too busy paying attention to moving my wheel.

"After I had made the trip across some of the folks said I was frightened. If I had been I would not have minded their saying so, but that made me angry, seeing, as I have said, that I was not frightened at all. So I just turned round and rode over the bridge again, this time without any feeling except that of exhilaration."

THE BOSTON CHOICE. "One day during last October," said a representative from one of the southern states, "I had occasion to get out into the mountains from one of the interior county seats where I had some law business. My mission was to secure a deposition from the wife of a mountain farmer, and when the work was done I was asked to remain to dinner. I was not entirely to my liking, for I knew what that kind of a dinner meant, but I could not decline the invitation. It was a very homely affair, indeed, corn-bread and bacon being the leading viands. At my right sat a boy of 15, who was rather a foxy youngster, though he had never been beyond the limits of the county. He was quite inquisitive after he had made a start and during the course of his inquiries became personal.

"I reckon you're uster better'n you git here in the mountains?" he said with a nod toward the spread before us.

"Oh, I don't know," I parried. "It is different in the city."

"I reckon you have white bread all the time, don't you?"

"Oh, yes."

"No cornbread a-tall?"

"Only when I want it."

"At first there was incredulity in his eyes, then it faded and there came admiration and longing."

"Gonpently gosh," he exclaimed in a rapture, "I'd ruther be a congressman than go ter heaven. I shore would."

"And he was so seriously in earnest that I didn't dare to laugh."—Washington Star.

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