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It is sincerely to be hoped that the tastes of the American public will soon turn from the nauseating plays and the nasty books that are all the "go" nowadays. Hundreds of young men and women are being ruined morally and mentally by both, and God Himself alone knows how many older persons are contaminated by them. In our free and easy American way it is allowable for a young man and young woman to go to a play without the intervention of a chaperone. We cannot imagine how two young people can sit through "Sappho," "Camille," "The Three Mrs. Keteers" "La Tosca," or any one of a half a hundred other plays and preserve a belief that the other's moral sense is all that it should be. And when one's belief in another's absolute moral purity is shattered, even in the faintest degree, it is never regained. It may be remaked that bluntness is the order of the day. that this is the age of progress. It is so with a vengance! Oh, for a return to the days of yore when it was considered an honor to be pure of mind, chaste of speech and modest in demeanor, and when a man who declined to relate or listen to a salacious story was not put down for a milksop. In those days "Sappho" would have been hissed off the stage and Lily Langtry would have been ostracised.

If anything were needed to demonstrate that the pupils in the parochial schools of the city of Rochester were fully the equal in all points of secular education of their fellows in the public schools, attendance at any of the commencement exercises held last week would have convinced the most hardened advocate of the state schools. The Catholic children recited as well, sang as well, acted as well, played as well, and acquitted themselves in every way as well as those who had been trained in the schools that are maintained and fostered at the public expense. And our little ones, in addition, have acquired a knowledge of and live for their holy religion!

It is a peculiar coincidence that the great American Republic, which is supposed to stand for religious liberty should be engaged in two wars whose object can have but little other cause or result than a governmental attempt to proselyte the Filipinos and Chinese to Protestantism.

A stroll through Highland park these days ought to convince the most pronounced agnostic that this world never came together by chance or that it revolves hap-hazard. No one can look upon the verdure, the gradual unfolding of the buds, the shrubs and the flowers and not feel that there is an All-wise, even watchful presence above all and over all, except he has hardened his heart or has lost all his finer sensibilities.

It is to be Bryan and McKinley again.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NEVER CLOSED.

Several Boston clergymen answered the question proposed in the Sunday Globe, "Are the Churches Closed Too Much?" The Catholic idea was supplied by Rev. N. R. Walsh, of the Boston Cathedral, who wrote:

To a Catholic who believes that the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ, and that it is charged with the mission of eternal salvation to all mankind, there can be no cessation of the labor of the priests of Christ and the salvation of the flock.

The eternal cry comes forth from heaven, "Watchman, what of the Night?" And the priest of God is bound, in season and out of season, to give answer to the call, for the call is of a soul.

Whether this call come in the brightness of the day or the darkness of midnight, the priest of the Catholic church hears the call of the soul which is about to depart from this life to meet its eternal Lord and Judge. He starts at the call and administers to the dying penitent the last solemn rites and sacraments of Jesus Christ, to insure its happy and peaceful flight to eternity.

The command of Christ, "Watch and pray, for ye know not the hour," knows no time or season, circumstance or person, and must be attended to as strictly in the morning as the evening, summer or winter, while the world shall last.

Why? Because it is the salvation of a soul for whom Christ died. For Christ has said, "I will come as a thief in the night, and at what hour you do not think the Son of Man shall come."

Therefore the pastor of souls under Jesus Christ, imitating his ministry, which knew no rest, must spend himself, as Christ himself, at all times, at all inconveniences, at all seasons, by day or by night, for the salvation of those for whom Christ died. And so, in command with and in response to the command and wish of Christ, his Church never can be closed, but must be open to his flock at the house of his father.

A writer in the New York Herald admits that the most successful missionary church in China has been the Catholic, the native converts of which number more than those of all other denominations combined. He tries to find a reason for this success, but he does not get at the truth of the matter. He acknowledges, however, that the Catholic missionaries do their work with great thoroughness, and follow the plan of making the evangelical conquest of one village complete before they advance upon another. In cases where it is necessary they also arm their followers for defence from molestation, their treaty rights giving them this privilege. Thus the representatives of Catholicism not only enjoy certain decided advantages, but they are in better position than any of the others to defend themselves from an attack.

Readers will remember the trial of Theodore Durrant, who was hanged in California a few years ago for the murder of two young women. The trial atracted much attention at the time in this country. Durran stoutly maintained his innocence up to the moment of his execution, and became a Catholic. Recently Rev. Fr. Gibson, who at the time was pastor of Emanuel church, confessed on his deathbed that he killed both women. Durrant was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Bishop George M. Lenihan of Auckland, New Zealand, now passing through this country returning to the Antipodes, after an audience with Leo XIII., sailed from San Francisco, July 4th. He was born in London in 1858, and read his divinity studies at Valladolid, Spaid. Ordained, he went to Auckland. In November, 1896, he was consecrated bishop.

Right Rev. Bishop-elect Moeller has given notice of his acceptance of the Bishopric of Columbus, and the date has been set for his consecration. It will occur on the Feast of St. Bartholomew, August 25, at St. Peter's Cathedral, Cincinnati. The Most Rev. Archbishop Elder will be the consecrating prelate. The assistants have not, as yet, been chosen, nor has Dr. Moeller's successor in the office of chancellor been appointed.

Persons who wish to make the nine consecutive First Fridays are reminded that as the first Friday in April, 1901, is Good Friday, they can not make this devotion without interruption until after that date, unless they began yesterday.

For what is Time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, Summer and Winter, months, years, centuries. These are but arbitrary and outward signs—the measure of Time, not Time itself. Time is the life of the soul.

THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: — July 8. — Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, St. Matt. v. 20-24.—At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "For I tell you, that unless your justice abound more than that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment. But I say to you, that whosoever is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment. And whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council. And whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. If therefore thou offer thy gift at the altar, and there thou remember that thy brother hath anything against thee, leave there thy offering before the altar, and go first to be reconciled to thy brother; and then coming thou shalt offer thy gift.

What are we to learn from this gospel?

We are to learn that to enter into the kingdom of heaven we must be really and not apparently good; that is, we must have an upright heart animated by charity and subject in all things to the holy law of God, always bearing in mind that true justice does not consist in the external practices of devotion, but rather in the purity of conscience, in the abnegation of our will, and in the control of our passions. We are also to learn to abstain from any act of anger, or from saying anything to offend or grieve our neighbor. Lastly, we are to learn not to be slow in making peace with our neighbor whenever we have displeased him, and also not to make a reconciliation difficult.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday, July 8—Gosp St. Matt v 20-24 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost. — St. Kilian, bishop, martyr.
Monday, 9—St. Ephram deacon
Tuesday, 10—St Seven Brothers and Felicitas
Wednesday, 11 — St Plus I pope, martyr
Thursday, 12 St. John Gualbert, abbott.
Friday, 13—St. Anacletus, pope, martyr.
Saturday, 14 —St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor.

COMING LAWYERS.

The Court of Appeals Clerk, W. H. Shankland, has issued law clerks certificate this term to the following: John S. Rechmier, W. P. Cook, W. Reymond Ricker, Herman Hyde, C. J. Dollen, W. K. Scott, C. P. Owens, William Quinn, John Miers, and so all of the young men we wish them success in their chosen field of usefulness.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

Mr. W. W. Barnard, whose advertisement appears in another column of THE JOURNAL, and who is well and favorably known to the citizens of Rochester and vicinity, has recently purchased the store at 148 State street, formerly conducted for so many years by James O. Howard. The place has been refitted, refurnished, painted and papered throughout, so that one would hardly know it. Mr. Barnard will deal only in the best and purest brands of wines and liquors, and he intends to cater especially to the family trade, and at prices to suit the times. Here can also be found the choicest brands of imported and domestic cigars. All orders will be delivered promptly to any part of the city.

Sunday Excursion to the Thousand Islands.

The New York Central will run one of their popular $2 excursions to the Thousand Islands on Sunday, July 8th. A fast special train will leave State street station at 8.30 a. m., and from Brinker place at 8.32. The price includes the beautiful trip among the islands by special steamer of the Folger system, and known as the "Fifty Mile Ramble."

THE A. O. H.

STATE COVENTION TO BE HELD AT SYRACUSE

State Secretary Patrick J. Enright has issued his official call to the delegates who are to attend the state convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians to be held in Syracuse, commencing on Tuesday, July 17, and continuing until the 20th. In his call Mr. Enright says:

"We hail with sincere pleasure the splendid growth and development of the Ladies' Auxiliaries, and desire to impress upon all delegates the need of giving these earnest assistants in our great work the benefit of their matured experience, so that the society of our sisters in the cause of faith and motherland may be helped and encouraged to further good results, as advised by our national officers, by aiding them in amending their by-laws and improving their ritual, and where possible to aid and assist them to increase their membership by a more practical plan of organization. We sincerely hope that a goodly number of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the State of New York will be present at this convention, and are advised by our brothers of Onondaga county that they will be suitably received and entertained by at least two newly organized divisions of Ladies' Auxiliaries, who, in conjunction with the committee of our brothers already appointed by the committee in charge of the affairs of the convention, will make their visit to the old "Salt City" a pleasant and memorable one.

The Globe Hotel will be the State headquarters—one of the best hotels in the city and but half a block from Elks' hall, where the convention will be held.

The programme—which may be added to—as far as arranged, is as follows:

Tuesday, July 17, 9 a. m. Meet at Elks' hall then go in a body to St. John's cathedral to attend mass, at which the Rt. Rev. Bishop Patrick A Ludden will pontificate, after the mass the delegates will go back to convention hall, where the convention will be called to order at 12 m. The Hon. James K. McGuire, mayor of Syracuse, will welcome the delegates and guests The convention will continue in session Tuesday afternoon, and on Tuesday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, the delegates and visiting brothers will be given a social session at Elks' hall.

Wednesday, July 18—Morning, business session; afternoon, State parade, which will be reviewed by the mayor and city officials from the Globe hotel balcony.

Thursday, July 19—Morning, business session; afternoon, session; evening, business session.

Friday, July 20—Morning, business session; afternoon, business session until final adjournment.

A great deal of interest is centered in the candidacy of William H McDonald of this city, for state president. An energetic canvass is being made in his behalf and there is every reason to believe that he will be seleced for this important office.

Mr. McDonald is electrical inspector of the State Board of Fire Underwriters. He is well known throughout the state, his duties having taken him to nearly every city. He has been prominent in local Hibernian circles for a number of years.

The Rochester delegates are: Division No. 1, J. P. Hayden; division No. 2, Martin B. O'Neil; division No. 3, Stephen J. McLaughlin; division No. 4, Thomas J. Somamers; division No. 5, John S. Burns; division No. 6, Joseph F. Redding; division No. 8, James Burns; Hibernian Rifles, Charles J. Dollen; Hibernian Knights, Thomas P. Loughney.

The Hibernian Rifles and the Hibernian Knights, the local uniformed bodies, accompanied by the members of the eight local divisions will go to Syracuse on the second day of the convention to take part in the parade. They will march to the New York Central Station in a body, taking the 8.30 a. m. train for Syracuse. The procession will form at 7.30 a. m at Hibernian hall on West Main street, Captain Michael Quinliven commander of the rifles will have charge of the parade. The 54th Regiment band will accompany the excursionists. A special will leave at 8.45 a m., to accommodate persons wishing to attend the convention. The fare for round trip has been placed at $1.50. The Hibernians will return to Rochester late the same evening.

Hibernian Rifles.

The regular monthly business meeting of the company was held at headquarters, and previous to the meeting the company held a short drill, and the members themselves were surprised at the large attendance, there being so many of the young men in line that it was almost impossible to crowd them all into the large drill hall; but it speaks well for the company, as it shows that former predictions, in these columns will be verified, and that the Hibernian Rifles of Monroe county are determined to take Syracuse by surprise and carry off the honors of the day at the Saline city on July 18th. A delegation of ladies from Auxiliary 3, D. of E., were present and witnessed the drill, expressing themselves as highly pleased with the evolutions, and extending an invitation to Capt. Quilivan and the company to attend a lawn fete to be given by them on July 9th, which was accepted, and all the members assured the lady visitors that they would be there without fail.

First Lieutenant J. Cullen was able to visit headquarters, and we hope he will soon be able to take command again; we were all pleased to see that the accident he met with will not prevent him from assuming command of the company at the convention.

The regular uniform drill will be held on July 10th, when Capt. Quilivan will issue all orders regarding the coming convention.

DIVISION 2, A. O. H.

The county president, W. H. McDonald, and the officers of the county board attended our last meeting, as did also P. Cullen, president of Division 1. Capt. Quilivan and Lieut. Dollen of the Hibernian Rifles were present, and added greatly to the pleasures of the evening. The county president spoke well of the progress made by this division, and urged all to make a special effort to take advantage of the excursion to the state convention to be held at Syracuse on July 18th. Maj. Quilivan spoke on the formation of the parade, and advised all who intended going to be prompt in falling in line on leaving the city; also thanked the division for its prompt action in preparing for the convention. He was followed by the lieutenant of his division, C. J. Dollen, who delivered a short but most eloquent speech in urging the support of William H. McDonald for state president, and the applause with which his speech was received shows how heartily Division 2 is in support of Mr McDonald for the next state president of our grand old order. The division heartily endorses the candidacy of Bro. McDonald, and will make a showing in the line of march on the day of the convention that will be a credit to the division

Two propositions for membership were received, and over 150 tickets were sold to those who are going to the state convention, and it will be no fault of Division 2 if their county president is not the next state president, and the convention a grand success, as they are determined to act as a unit in securing the election of Bro. McDonald.

THE IMPRESSIONS OF LAWYER'S DAUGHTER.

Some men will look at the above title laugh at what they term presumption and [illegible] the sex' page. Some women will read the heads [illegible] and then exclaim "the idea, an other of them 'new' women. But there there are who will read these paragraphs take them for what they are worth and be satisfied. At any rate I am not offering any apology.

What in the world are the impressions of a lawyer's daughter? Well if her father be accustomed, as mine is to give his daughter the advantage of his association and attention she will hear and learn many things not given to other girls to hear and learn.

For instance at my father's suggestion, I attended court the other day. Now how mang girls at the age of twenty in a city like ours have ever seen the inside of a court room when empty, much less when it is the scene of a murder trial, with able counsel on either side, with twelve men "tried and true" in the jury box, and an array of expert witnesses being called for prosecution and defense? True it is that in many states women have taken up the study of law, and I hear they are very successful, and right in our own community we have one woman who holds a conspicuous place in the profession. Still it is only one in nearly four hundred.

To most laymen, especially women, law is a very serious profession. To a certain degree this is true However, it is no rare thing to hear even the honorary member of the court depart from the austerity of the bench and "spring a joke" Judge Reynolds, a very old friend of father's was not gifted with originality, but on one occasion he showed himself equal to the emergency. It was in ——— county while a case of some importance was on trial when the serenity and quiet of the chamber was disturbed by the movements of a nervous young man among the back seats.

"What causes all that disturbance?" asked the judge after the attendant had several times sounded his gavel.

"I've lost my coat," responded the nervous individual.

"Is that all?" came the demand from the bench. "Why, people come in here and lose whole suits and don't make half that commotion."

Not only is the legal profession considered serious but even wicked and profane. An Irishman was walking through a graveyard when he ran across a tombstone bearing the following inscription:

"Here lies an able lawyer
And an honest man."

Turing to his companion as he pointed to the stone the Irishman asked: "How in the world did they come to bury them two fellows in the same grave?"

The idea in the mind of Erin's son, that lines such as he read could not be consistent, and that qualities as were there described are incompatible in one man, prevails to no little extent in our own day. And yet it may be with reason asked whether, aside from the ministry there is another class or profession of men that has done more good morally and intellectually for humanity.

In all countries the legal profession has been pre-eminent. In our own country we have had two candidates for the presidency in the same election, lawyers, Garfield and Arthur. O'Connell was as much noted for his ability as a barrister as a statesman. Even the immortal Shakespeare had a legal bent, and this learning is evidenced in so many places that a book has been published under the title of "Shakespeare as a "Lawyer."

The cause of this prejudice against law and lawyers may, in the majority of cases, be attributed to the habit common to all of us to judge things from particular instances. Some people labor under a belief that it is absolutely wrong for a lawyer to defend a man when, to all external appearances the accused is guilty. Others carry their scruples to a greater extreme. Later on I intend to discuss that particular point more fully

Even now I have gone deeper in my first paper than I originally intended, for to begin well according to all rules, I should have generalized.

I was speaking of the trial I attended only a week ago Many of you perhaps heard of it in the papers, many of you perhaps did not read it because you would not stoop. Well, all I can say is that if you had heard those men argue, one for the protection of the laws, and the other for the life, or rather against the life imprisonment of his client, you would have sighed just as I did and asked how soon there would be more.

When I think of all those poor lawyers are expected to know, it reminded me of Cyrano's description of Copernicus.

"Philosopher, metaphysician,
"Rhymer, brawler and musician"

Think of this for a question to an expert witness Doctor, if you found that the intestines majores had been perforated above the perispondaleo medium, would you advise an exploratory incission and then the treatment of laparotomy? Why, the experienced stenographer looked aghast. The question was repeated

A public speaker once said that the finest opportunity any man had to learn what that old Greek maxim meant "know thyself" was to mingle in politics. It may be the easiet way, and the editors of some of our dailies are severe on men who launch out on the sea of politics still, for a clear illustration of ones self none are better positioned than the expert witness.

He is asked where he is born, where he first learned *the alphabet*, whether the college he attended is in the class known as the standard institutions, whether there are not many better universities than the one he attended and so on ad infinitum until the expert must feel that he is honestly earning the fee he is to obtain for his services.

One thing pleased me immensely at that trial. George my brother George is at Columbia. In speaking of the comparative credit to be given to the testimony of the witnesses for both sides the attorney for the defense waving an imaginary white and blue pennant at arms length in an enthusiastic voice exclaimed "And who would have sent at Columbia One of his witnesses obtained his degree there

I went away feeling that the more I new, the more there was I did not know.

E BENNETT