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Weekly Church Calendar: Sunday, September 9 - Gosp. St. Matt. vi. 24-33 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. - Holy Name of Mary.

Our old friend Col. Oyster, is in town.

England seems to be very tired of the Boer war, but that does not interfere in the least with DeWet's intention to increase that tired feeling.

What's the matter with that Chamber of Commerce convention hall committee. They are a great body to talk about what they will do, but we see very little of their accomplishing anything.

The democrats of Kentucky are trying to efface the Goebel law. If it never was enacted Goebel might be alive to-day. It is a good lesson for our law-makers.

This country is threatened on the one hand by trusts, on the other by socialism. The avowed socialist would take all business out of the hands of private citizens and intrust it to public officials. The trusts would take it out of the hands of the ordinary man and give it to a few monopolies.

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Are requested to pay up promptly as at the low price that is asked for THE JOURNAL we cannot afford to continue paper unless subscription is paid at least once a year.

The little folks will now be trudging off to school. These vacations are awfully short.

Special Offer to Our Readers. We desire to call your attention to the special announcement made on another page of this issue, whereby we have arranged with the Press Publishing Association, of Detroit, Michigan, to enable our readers to participate in the distribution of \$25,000 in cash prizes...

THE HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION.

A great many of our people need and need badly—to be roused to a sense of their duty on holy days.

The Holy See, taking into account social conditions in this country, imposes only six holy days on American Catholics. Now, the law of the Church regularly ordains that feasts of precept are to be kept like Sundays. Our duty on them is two-fold. We must abstain from servile work and we must hear Mass. The obligation is divisible. If we cannot fulfill it in its entirety we must fulfill it in part. Now, so far as abstinence from labor is concerned, the Church—kindly mother that she is—expects it from no man whose station in life is such that he cannot, without great inconvenience, observe it.

DECREES OF THE CHURCH.

Parents who are satisfied with any sort of an excuse to send their children to heretical schools or to the State schools, should do well to ponder the decree of the Third Baltimore Council on this point. You may think yourself wiser than a council of the church.

Secondly: We order and decree that any pastor who within this time will have prevented the erection and support of his school by his grave neglect, or who will not heed the admonition of his Bishop in the matter, will subject himself to removal from his church.

Thirdly: We order and decree that a mission or parish which so neglects to assist the priest in the building and supporting of the school, that through their sheer neglect it cannot be kept up, shall be reprovand and reprimanded by the Bishop, who will take prudent and efficacious measures for its necessary support for the future.

Fourthly: We order and decree that all Catholic parents must send their children to the parochial schools, unless they otherwise provide sufficiently and plainly, either at home or in some other Catholic school, for the Christian education of their children.

A touching and an unique event has taken place in the diocese of Rosseau, Hungary. Sixty years ago, six young ecclesiastics, completed together their theological course in the seminary and were ordained priests. For sixty years they labored side by side as priests in the same diocese.

At Mallinckrodt Convent, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., conducted by the Sisters of Christian Charity, twenty young women renounced the world recently and took the final vows which bind them to the duties of the order.

ANNUAL APPEAL.

FOR SUPPORT OF STUDENTS AT ST. BERNARD'S SEMINARY.

The Lately Requested to Give Generously to the Collection Which will be Taken up the First Sunday in October.

The following letter addressed to all the priests of the Rochester diocese was read in all the churches of the diocese Sunday: TO THE CLERGY AND LAITY OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER.

It is with more than usual joy and satisfaction that in this annual letter we address you on the subject of the seminary and the education of ecclesiastical students. We can never lose heart in the noble, but onerous, work of the seminary, while the hearts of priests and people are fully with us.

We have therefore to acknowledge publicly our indebtedness, and to thank most heartily our priests, solicitors and the whole endeavoring and persevering, zeal in upholding our arms in the holy cause of educating the many youthful candidates whom the good Lord calls to His service.

In our two last reports we sought to prepare your minds for the need of increased accommodation at St. Bernard's. It was evident a year ago that the new scholastic year would have hampered for room only by resorting to all sorts of expedients were we able to provide for the ninety students who entered St. Bernard's.

In the early winter, urged by the necessities of the case, and relying on your part, operation and generous help on your part, placing our firm confidence in Him who never fails to be with those who trust in Him, we determined without further delay to begin the erection of a new building, to be known as the "Hall of Philosophy and Science."

With this addition to St. Bernard's there will be room for twelve professors and over 120 seminarians. In all probability there will be no demand for further room for some years to come, if ever.

There are advantages and disadvantages in large seminaries, and the same can be said of small ones. A small seminary that has an adequate staff of professors has no justification except under peculiar pecuniary difficulties soon to pass away when a better condition of affairs may arise.

Hereafter we have educated our professors in the best seminaries of Europe. We have now reached a point where it will be in our power, and to our advantage, to educate our professors at home, giving the ablest among them the best of our own abroad for special courses of instruction in the particular department of education to which they may be assigned.

From the opening day of St. Bernard's seminary it has been our aim, with exactness the decrees and instructions of the third plenary council of Baltimore with regard to the management of higher seminaries. The course of studies there prescribed and the language used in the lecture halls have been duly observed.

No one knows better than ourselves that the main aim of seminary work must ever be the formation and development of the spiritual man. Falling in this result as the outcome of the labor and example of superiors and instructors, the failure is disastrous. No amount of theological lore will make up for lack of spiritual life.

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morning he had left hung Lucy's picture in the parlor where they could all see it. Much of the old furniture, which had served the family for years and was now worn out, was removed to the attic; old carpets and curtains were carried away to be burned among the rubbish, and bright new ones took their places. It was surprising to see the transformation the old house underwent in few weeks and when at last all was complete it seemed a fit home for a princess; but the young master declared when Dora was commenting upon his extravagance that it was none too good for his wife. He had contemplated a very quiet home-coming, but the neighbors, who had been disappointed in being denied the privilege of seeing him married, had willed it otherwise.

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