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Their Respective Rights.

A correspondent writes to the Journal to ask the respective rights and duties of the family, the state and the church in the matter of education. This is a broad question to discuss in the necessarily limited space of a newspaper article, but we will endeavor to answer briefly, our authority being the Rev. James Conway S. J. In his pamphlet on the "Respective Rights and Duties of the Family, State and Church," Father Conway says: "Every child who is born into this world has an inviolable right to the necessary education. This being the case, there must exist a corresponding obligation of imparting to him this education, for every right implies a corresponding duty, otherwise it were no right. With whom, then, does this obligation rest? Certainly, in the first place, with the parents. Parents are strictly bound to provide for their children such a physical development that they may be at least able to procure their living honestly by the work of their own hands, and such a mental development as to secure their possible success in the ordinary pursuits of life. The only cases in which State interference can be warranted is that in which the necessary education of children is notably neglected, as in case of exposed infants and orphans, for whom provision is not otherwise made by the Church, or by private charity. Every child has a right to necessary education, and if his claims are not satisfied in the natural divinely sanctioned order, it is the business of the state to take measures that the child may come to his right. By so doing however, the State does not act as an educator any more than it becomes the administrator of private property by punishing theft, or enforcing the restitution of stolen goods. It only defends the personal rights of its subjects within lawful bounds. But the States that take education into its own hands, and monopolize schools, violates in the most glaring manner personal, parental and divine rights. The fact that the Church has from the very outset claimed and exercised the right of educating the Christian youth is a sufficient proof of such a right. The Church has the divinely constituted and inalienable right to provide for a complete religious education of all her children in all schools of whatever kind or grade they may be. But we go still farther and assert that the Church has not only the right to give a complete religious education to her children in all schools but has also the right of supervising the secular instruction, both literary and scientific at least, so far as to assure herself that there is nothing in the subject matter taught or in the manner of conveying it which endangers the faith or morals, or obstructs the moral and religious development of the youth."

A Suggestion.

Why would it not be a capital idea and one perhaps fraught with much good, if the Catholic editors of the United States were to meet in fraternal conference in St. Louis during the Exposition? To be sure the Catholic Press Association, formed in 1839, did not have a long or glorious existence but it was productive of good results. The then editors of the Catholic press became acquainted with each other; they exchanged ideas and experiences with mutual gain; the Catholic hierarchy and Catholic press were brought into

closer touch and an impetus was given to the Catholic newspaper world which has been felt to this day.

Fifteen years has widened the scope and influence of the Catholic press until to day it is a recognized force and factor in American newspaperdom. The Catholic editor is on a par with his brother of the secular press and the tone of the latter is in marked contrast to what it was a quarter century ago so far as matters Catholic are concerned.

A conference of Catholic editors at St. Louis would be of value if only as a object lesson as to how many Catholic papers there are in the United States and the quality of journalists employed on them. Addresses from a few of the representative editors of the Catholic press would add to the occasion.

The Journal offers this suggestion for the consideration of its colleagues.

Race Suicide.

Perhaps President Roosevelt may not know it, perhaps he will not believe it, but indirect evidence multiplies to prove that the fetich of "higher education" is largely responsible for the "race suicide" our strenuous president denounces so vigorously.

An eminent doctor in London is quoted as declaring: "I find that the idea that children are a luxury to be avoided is rapidly spreading among the working people. Twenty years ago the danger arose among the aristocracy; ten years ago it began to spread among the middle classes; now the workingman is saying the same thing—'We are not going to be bothered with children. We've got enough to do to keep ourselves.'"

What spread the idea of race suicide among the so called aristocracy? what indeed but the knowledge gained through "higher education" the possession of wealth and the complaisance of physicians schooled in the same "higher education" who were mean enough to prostitute their God given talents to defeat that same God's designs for procreation.

Who to day are preaching the gospel of "quality not quantity in children" but the ardent advocates of "higher education" through the medium of "nature study," "lessons in physiology" and "mothers clubs"? Those who do not desire families of their own around them are not satisfied to confine their knowledge to their own circle but must needs shed their baneful influence over the honest working classes in an effort to make them discontented with the size of their families.

"Higher education" in the hands of these senseless fanatics is a curse to society. We do not expect that our non-Catholic friends will agree either with our premises or conclusions in this respect but we have stated facts, nevertheless and they will admit both the truth and force of our reasoning in the near future.

An Insult.

No matter how the French government may try to gloss over or explain President Loubet's visit to Rome without calling on Pope Pius X, cannot be construed in any other light than a studied insult, not alone to the Pope but the Faith and Church which he represents.

Catholic sovereigns of Europe have carefully refrained from paying official visits to the King of Italy, who represents the interests which stripped the Holy Father of his temporal sovereignty and made him the "Prisoner of the Vatican." It remained for the head of the much vaunted, much praised republic of France, who was known in history by the proud title of eldest daughter of the church, to offer the added insult in paying an official visit to the grandson of the pope's despoilers and to refrain from paying his respects to the head of the Church.

M. Loubet's visit furnishes another proof to the French government's anti-Catholic character. The "Patria" of Rome, declared that the welcome given to the President of the French Republic was all the more hearty because the abstention of Catholics made the affair an anti-clerical demonstration. The "Don Marzio" of Naples expressed itself in this wise: "In a friendly nation we salute an enemy of our greatest enemy. The bond of peace which unites the two great Latin countries unites them also in a common hatred for the great enemy of

liberty of reason and of science." How long do the Catholic's of France intend to submit tamely to the treatment meted out in no scant measure by the Loubet government? They should be men, not mice.

Not the Olden Days

Evidently we do not live in the olden days when the publications of the *Happeners of New York* held Catholics, especially Irish Catholics, up to scorn and ridicule.

In a recent issue of "Harper's Weekly" said: "Of all countries in the world the country (Ireland) from which most of our Catholics come, enjoys the greatest social purity, if not the greatest domestic happiness."

True, every word, and especially to be prized, coming whence it does.

AUBURN

The concert on last Wednesday night by the Knights of Columbus under the direction of Lecturer James A. Hennessey was a success. Much credit is due to all who took part. It was attended by about 5000 people.

The supper under the direction of the Young Ladies Society of St. Mary's church last Saturday night was a decided success and netted a goodly sum to the society.

On Monday night the first meeting of the committee who have charge of the bazaar for the benefit of St. Anthony Mission was held in Lyceum Hall and was attended by a large crowd of willing workers. The plans are to hold this bazaar this month in the church lot on State St. and to have tables for the different societies of St. Mary's church. It is the wish of the committee that all persons lend a helping hand to this great and noble work. The principle prize is going to be a building lot next to the mission on St. Anthony St. and by the way tickets are being sold for the lot it is expected a large sum will be derived from this source alone.

The ladies of St. Mary's church are holding a series of social parties for the benefit of the fund for building the St. Anthony Mission in the ninth ward. The funeral of Christopher O'Toole, who died Tuesday, was held from Holy Family church on Friday and was attended by a large number of sympathizing friends of the deceased. The funeral mass was read by Rev. C. A. Sibley, assistant pastor of the church who also conducted the funeral services after the mass.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen O'Connor was held Monday morning from St. Aloysius church. Rev. J. J. McGrath read the funeral mass and conducted the burial services.

DANVILLE

Rev. Father Dunn assisted Father Fitzsimons at the West Bloomfield Forty Hours and Father O'Dwyer at Elmira last week.

Mrs. H. Elsie Haverin of Rochester, has been visiting Mrs. John King. Mrs. D. E. Driscoll gave a children's May party last Saturday afternoon, May 14, in honor of Miss Regina C. Driscoll's sixth birthday.

Miss Christine Hirsch of Canadawana has been visiting Miss Dorothea Yost. Mrs. Green of Syracuse is visiting Mrs. Robert Pratt.

Mrs. F. J. Shafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Voth of this village died last Wednesday morning of pneumonia. She leaves besides her husband, a father, mother, four sisters, two brothers and one son. The funeral services were held on Saturday morning at Wayland. Rev. Father Trantlin officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Blinn were given a surprise party last Monday night. About 100 friends were present.

Mrs. Joseph Remmel went to Rochester last week on account of the illness of Mrs. Margaret Schummeil.

William E. Murphy of Mt. Morris spent Sunday with his father.

ITHACA

An anniversary high mass was celebrated Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock for Mrs. J. Kennedy.

A musical by the music class of the immaculate Conception convent at parish hall will be held Friday evening May 27. Tickets are selling rapidly.

The body of Mrs. Cecil Baker arrived on the train from Auburn at 10 p.m. Tuesday. Interment was made in the city cemetery.

A meeting of the Junior Children of Mary was held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and the sodality in the evening at 7 o'clock.

SHORTSVILLE

The Forty Hours devotion will open here at St. Dominic's church next Sunday with a 12 m. mass.

James Dunn of the Brockport Normal was the guest of his mother over Sunday.

An anniversary high mass will be celebrated this morning Saturday for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Kinrossa.

Miss May Toomey of Victor, is the guest of her aunt, Miss K. McCarthy.

Miss Francis McQuillan spent the first of the week at Clifton Springs, the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Maloy of Palmyra were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Flynn, last Sunday.

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