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## Congratulations.

The JOURNAL extends its congratulations to the twenty-eight young men who completed their course at St. Bernard's Seminary last week, and have been advanced to the holy priesthood.

They have entered upon the noblest work known to man, preaching the Gospel of Christ, ministering to the sick and suffering, offering again Calvary's sacrifice. They have vowed celibacy, poverty and obedience. The Church is to be their spouse, and sinful humanity their family. Wherever their bishop sends them, there they must go, thinking naught of family or friends. Until the Lord calls them to their reward, they are to be His messengers on earth.

We bespeak the prayers of the JOURNAL'S readers that the young priests may prove worthy of the mission entrusted to them.

## Nauseating

New York papers and all others by the way, for the last week have been filled with disgustingly exhaustive scandals in which more or less well known rich men have figured. In both cases, respected names have been smirched and innocent members of these families have been dragged through the mire of publicity.

Both cases revealed a depth of moral depravity shocking in the extreme. Moreover, it is to be feared that these instances are but types of a moral degradation in the metropolis more common than the general public dreams of. It is to be deplored, but not to be wondered at when people put God out of their thoughts and, apparently, live only to seek new sources of self gratification. Those we have referred to have paid the inevitable penalty of having been found out; but there are hundreds of others pursuing precisely the same course. These will be found out ere long, or will be called to pay the penalty of their misdeeds in another world.

But, oh, what a pity that the young and innocent will read such awful stuff. If their parents would subscribe to a Catholic paper, they would have something to read aside from such filthy stuff as we have been describing.

## Exit C. R. Skinner.

It may be that the new educational regime in New York State will be productive of better results than had been predicted at first. To be sure, Andrew S. Draper, the first commissioner of education under the new condition was known better when he was in New York State before as a politician than as an educator; but he may have broadened during his stay in the West. Let us all hope so.

There is one theory which broad-minded men in general, and Catholics especially, have reason to be thankful for. That is: "Religious Garb." Charles R. Skinner is not to be the power behind the Draper throne. Indeed, he is not to be connected with the educational system of the State in any capacity whatever. This was whispered about when the educational bill was before the Legislature; but it seemed too good to be true. Rather, from the relations once sustained between Draper and Skinner, did the shrewd politicians think the report was not afloat by the political leaders to hoodwink the Catholics into support for the new proposition.

When it became apparent that Skinner was not to have a place in the department of education, it was freely predicted that he would be "taken care of" in some other fat State job. It looks now, though, as if he were down and out for good.

It is to be hoped the late service has been purged of this smooth, smug bigot. "His absence will be good company," as the Irishman said.

## A Reign of Terror.

While Federal interference is not to be tolerated in most instances, it would seem to be justified in present conditions in Colorado.

It may be true that the miners' union was not justified in boycotting non-union men; but certainly the mine owners' alliance is not justified in its attempt to boycott all business men who will not agree to refuse to employ union men, to refuse to purchase union label goods. Besides, they have decreed that officials, duly elected at the polls, must either obey the orders of this organization of private citizens or give up their offices.

This is employers' tyranny, just as much as tyranny of labor unions, and just as little to be tolerated in a republic where freedom of speech and action is supposed to be the prevailing sentiment.

## A Lesson Drawn

The New York "World" is not slow to note the advance wave of the Catholic Church in the United States, where the people support their priests, and where there is a bond of close affinity between the two. While we may not agree with all the New York paper says, there is food for reflection in the following paragraphs:

France, especially, which used to contribute generously to Peter's Pence, has, since the Government began expelling the religious orders and suppressing the clerical schools, almost ceased sending money to Rome. At the same time English speaking countries have vastly increased their donations. The United States leads the world in this respect, and England, where until recently Roman Catholics were but a handful, has come to the front most munificently.

"The lesson of the last century is that a church which is independent of the State has vitality, while one which is supported by the State loses its hold upon the people. Men take an interest in a church they must support, especially if their contributions involve self-sacrifice, but they lose interest in any institution which costs them nothing."

The dozen or so branches into which the Presbyterian church finds itself split in the United States are trying to find a common ground to federate; but it is uphill work.

It is a matter of surprise why, if W. J. Bryan has been relegated to the back-ground, anti-Bryan papers devote so much space to a discredited leader; also why, if Judge Parker is now out of the race, republican papers should consume so much valuable space reiterating that fact.

So the C. B. L. has had to raise its rates. Well, all fraternal insurance orders seem to come to it.

Mis Alice Roosevelt is much in evidence these days.

One of the last acts of the late Senator Mathew S. Quay was to sign a petition for the erection of a monument to Commodore "Saucy Jack Barry."

The press despatch that Albany will be made an archepiscopal see with the dioceses of Syracuse and Ogdensburg as suburban bishopricks should be taken with a grain of salt.

First the Pope is looking and feeling well. Then he is depressed and out of sorts. Penny-a-line scribblers generally adopt that line. Printing a story one day and denying it the next means double space and hence double pay.

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## Five Minute Sermon

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We are to learn from the even a recorded in this Gospel to be anxious to hear the word of God. From St. Peter we are to learn to obey Jesus Christ, and to humble ourselves, having our unworthiness before our eyes, when God favors us and makes us the instrument of His wonders. From the apostles, who abandoned their ships and nets, we are to learn to abandon the things of the world, to give up our affections, even our own selves, in order to follow the voice of God when He vouchsafes to call us. Since Jesus Christ has sufficiently instructed the world, He has in a certain sense finished His discourse so far as we are concerned; let us, therefore, launch out into the deep; let us work, and disengaging our hearts from the world, follow our Master on the way to heaven.

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday June 13.—Gospel, St. Luke, v. 1-11. St. Juliana Falconieri, virgin.  
Monday 14.—St. Silvester pope and martyr.  
Tuesday 15.—St. Aloysius Gonzaga, confessor.  
Wednesday 16.—St. Paulinus, bishop and confessor.  
Thursday 17.—St. Etheldreda, virgin and abbess.  
Friday 18.—Nativity of St. John Baptist.  
Saturday 19.—St. Julia, abbess.

## Students Attention.

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Two former seminarians, now very efficient priests who spent several of their student vacations in canvassing for the Catholic Journal tell us that it was one of the best experiences they ever had. It made them better acquainted with the people and the knowledge of of parish conditions that they there acquired often serve them most usefully in their higher mission.

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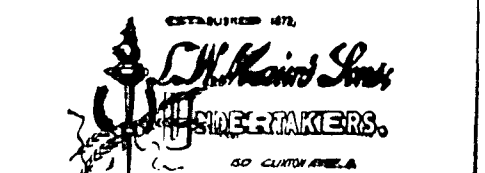
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