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## Fool Friends.

A public man's "fool friends" do him more damage than his openly arrived enemies.  
Theodore Roosevelt has suffered mightily from the fulsome laudations of over ardent eulogists and admiring magazine writers. The same could be said of Grover Cleveland. Timothy L. Woodruff's political career, in all probability was damaged if not blighted by the New York newspaper boys who thought they were doing "Tim" a good turn when they wrote column upon column about his "fancy waist-coats." These humorous skits gave the American public the impression that Woodruff was a joke and the idea will not be eradicated for many a year. Dr. Chauncey M. Depew found it hard work to induce the people at large to take him seriously because of the insane admiration "fool friends" had for his funny stories.

Alton B. Parker is apparently afflicted with a host of "fool friends." They are trying to make him a sort of demi-god, a greater thinker than Socrates, a greater philosopher than Bacon, a greater orator than Demosthenes, a greater statesman than Gladstone, or Jefferson or Lincoln. As matter of fact Judge Parker is a conservative gentleman of the old school, the antithesis of Theodore Roosevelt in most traits of character—save that both are first and last, staunch liberty loving American citizens.

The Esopus correspondents of the New York "Times" and "Herald" did Judge Parker a greater injustice when they painted his speech of acceptance as "a great oratorical effort." Any one who every listened to Judge Parker knows that he is a very ordinary speaker, at times approaching the tiresome. In fact it would be a gross misstatement of facts to call either Theodore Roosevelt or Alton B. Parker "a great orator."

But then partisan papers are not to be classed as "exponents of facts."

## Circumstantial.

How fallible the human mind and eye can be to sure. And how strong an argument against acceptance of circumstantial evidence as gospel truth is the experience of Adolph Beck with British justice.  
Six years ago he was arrested on a charge of swindling women out of money by false representations. Fifteen victims identified Beck as the swindler. The police authorities were sure he was a former convict and had served fifteen years in prison. Despite his protestations Beck was convicted and sentenced to a long term in prison.

A few weeks since it was proven unmistakably that another man, who resembled Beck somewhat, was really the guilty miscreant.  
Beck has received a "full pardon" for a crime he never committed and that is all the satisfaction he will have for long weary years spent in a prison cell.

## Right Will Prevail.

Rev. Dr. DeBecker, rector of the American College at Louvain, takes the same view of the French difficulty as does the Journal. In a recent interview he said:  
"I fear persecution is ahead of the French church but the wretched compact of the concordat out of the way she must emerge triumphant. It may mean the losses of churches and other ecclesiastical property, but whatever the cost, the sacrifice for principal will have to be more for I am certain from what I know personally of Pope Pius X, he is not the man to dally with bishops who may be the mere creatures of the French government."  
Two propositions are presented by the rector with both of which we are in accord. In the first place to an American Catholic the French situation is intolerable. We would not submit for a moment to have our bishop nominated by President Roosevelt or our local clergy under the orders of the bosses of the party which happened to be in control in the City Hall. What would they be but the paid creatures of the politicians and where would be the community of in-

terests between priest and people? We would look upon the priest as our paid servant, much as we regard the street sweeper and the priest would look upon us as those he was paid to serve and indifferently at that if he stood in with the political bosses.

American Catholics, we say, could not tolerate such a state of affairs and they hope and pray that their French brethren will not put up with it much longer.

The Catholic church in France must be free from political dictation.

## A Mistake.

The Journal does not propose to pose as the critic of the clergy. It does not believe that to be the province or the mission of a Catholic paper.

Nevertheless, it feels constrained to say that the action of Rev. Father O'Donohue of Baltimore, in excluding colored Catholics from certain masses in his church strikes us as indefensible proceeding and one which does no credit to the reverend father.

Christ made no distinction between publicans and sinners. He came on earth to save all men, negroes as well as whites. That being so, His ministers on earth to day have no right to draw the color line.

It has been one of the sources of congratulation to the Catholic that in his church there was no distinction of persons. That fact accounts for the marvellous hold the Catholic church has upon the people at large especially in this republic.

Woe to the church in America on the day when race or class distinctions are drawn in congregations.

## Deserved Praise.

That was well merited praise which the rector of the American college at Louvain paid to St. Bernard's seminary, when asked by a reporter whether there were students at St. Bernard's from Louvain, he replied:  
"Oh, no; Bishop McQuaid, marvelous organizer that he is, is able to provide for all the needs of his diocese at home. Just observe the fine, and up-to-date seminary he has. Every detail of its curriculum, and even its structure was well impressed on my mind on the occasion of my previous visit here."

Day by day the Catholics of Rochester are coming to realize what an institution St. Bernard's is and even yet we fear they do not appreciate the work done there, so well as do the highly educated non-Catholics of this and other cities. The latter realize that in the college on the Boulevard men are training who will prove no mean antagonists in the arena of intellectual and spiritual warfare.

More power to St. Bernard's and its founder.

## A Warning.

There is no doubt that the Knights of Columbus have reason to congratulate themselves upon the liberal praise bestowed upon the order by Cardinal Satolli in addresses in St. Paul and Buffalo, but the recognition so accorded hardly warrants such wholesale comment as the following from the current issue of the "Columbiad":

"It is with no small pride that we quote these words of His Eminence and His Grace. As Archbishop Ireland said: 'Never were such words of commendation of the Knights of Columbus spoken by high Church authority.' It is a vindication from the slurs of envy and jealousy, and every member of the Order can quote them as convincing testimony when the grave and malice born calumnies as to our irregularity and non-Catholicity are urged against us. For all time these charges have been declared empty by high Church authority."  
If the Knights of Columbus maintain their organization on the plane represented to Cardinal Satolli then "these charges" will be "declared empty." But if the Order becomes careless about examining into the practical Catholicity of applicants for membership "good fellows" are passed along, simply because of their personal qualities, who do not square up to what constitutes a practical Catholic, then these charges may be repeated and there will be no Cardinal Satolli to throw the mantle of his approval over the mistake.

It is up to the Knights to make good the recognition bestowed by His Eminence. None but practical Catholics must be admitted to membership and none but practical Catholics should be carried on the register. The minute that rule is deviated from that minute the order will go down.

"Tom" Taggart, the new chairman of the democratic national committee is an Irishman. That fact insures a lively, even if it should not prove a winning campaign.

The L. C. B. A. has fallen in line with other fraternal insurance organizations and raised its assessment rates. It might better have made the advance a trifle greater and so settled the matter for all time.

The St. Louis Exposition complains that the newspapers have not advertised it sufficiently. Whose fault is it, pray? The advertising columns of the American press are open to any advertiser who wishes to pay the price. The advertising appropriation has been mismanaged sadly by the alleged "publicity bureau" of the Exposition.

The woman who sought and the judge who granted a divorce because her husband was "too good" and granted her every request, thus making married life a "humdrum existence" are queer persons to be sure. It may be that the woman is mentally unbalanced but what shall we say of the judge who would grant a divorce on such a flimsy pretext?

Political papers are engaged in a frantic effort to prove and disprove the proposition that wages have increased more than the cost of living during the last few years. That is a two edged sword in a political campaign. In certain walks of life wages have increased beyond the advance in the cost of living; in other walks exactly the reverse is true. The man on a fixed income has no more salary now than four years ago while no one will gainsay that the cost of his living has advanced materially. It is impossible to frame an answer that will convince all classes of men in America.

Pope Pius X is so true a democrat that European monarchs have not come to understand him yet.

John Cusneen is not such a firm believer in non-partisanship when his own interests are affected adversely.

## Five Minute Sermon.

### The Cure of the Leper.

As a leper is a disgusting object to men, so is a lewd sinner an abominable object to the eyes of God. As lepers were to be avoided because of the danger of contracting their contagious disease, so also must lewd persons be avoided because they easily communicate to others their spiritual disease.

According to the Old Law it was necessary for lepers to have recourse to the priest to be cleansed from the legal impurity and restored to society. In like manner those who are infected by the vice of impurity have need of the ministry of the confessor to be prepared to participate in the sacraments, to be helped to overcome their bad habits, and to persevere in their good resolutions. For such, frequent confession is undoubtedly the most efficacious means of reform.

We should learn to be really grateful to the divine mercy by which, through the merits of Jesus Christ, we have been cleansed not only once, but very often from the leprosy of sin. Let us not content ourselves with mere words, but as the Samaritan glorified God with loud voice and, prostrate at the feet of the divine Master, adored Him, so should we by our actions and good example proclaim the power of His grace, and make known to all our faith and our submission to the majesty of the Lord.

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday August 21. Gospel, St. Luke xvi. 11-19. St. Joachim, father of Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Monday 22. St. Symphorian martyr.  
Tuesday 23. St. Philip Beniti confessor.  
Wednesday 24. St. Bartholomew, apostle.  
Thursday 25. St. Louis, king of France.  
Friday 26. St. Zephyrinus, pope and martyr.  
Saturday 27. St. Joseph Calasanctius, confessor.

## Forty Hours Devotion.

The devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows:  
August 21. Child Grotto-Romulus.

## SEVENTH WEEK AT CLIFF HAVEN

The idea is current that the Catholic Summer School exists solely for the clergy and for the teachers, that within its exclusive domains there is little room for anything save for that which pertains to the intellectual, and that therein, youth and merriment, maturity and seriousness can find no common meeting ground. The utter falsity of this, has never been proved better than during this week, the seventh of the present session. For the past few days have been halcyon ones, not only for the young men and women, but also, and more particularly so, for the children of Cliff Haven. As for the latter, Monday, the beautiful feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, was their gala day, for it was the occasion of the first annual law fête in their honor given by the women of the school.

Young and old have whiled away the evening hours most pleasantly this week. The Algonquin, the Champlain Club and the Philadelphia have been the entertainers on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Friday night was a particularly festive one, on account of it being the occasion of a dance given in honor of the guests of the Summer School by the officers of the Fifth U. S. Infantry at the Post nearby. In many ways, it was the most attractive social event of the session.

In point of general interest the reception held Sunday evening in honor of the former president of the school, the Rt. Rev. M. J. Lavelle, F.G., was a notable occasion.

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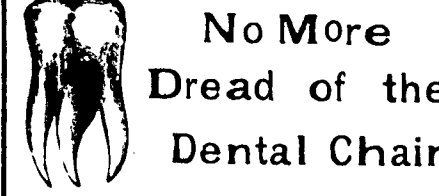
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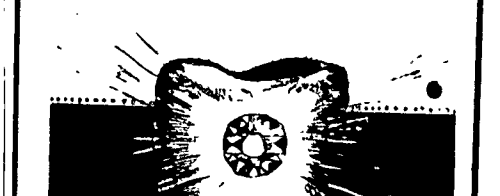
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