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## Best of Evidence.

Those who entertain even a shadow of doubt that our Catholic schools—even if minus the fade and frills which are fast finding a lodgment in the public school curriculum at the behest of counterfeit would-be imitators of European educational ideas—equal and excel their sister institutions maintained at public expense—should inquire of the instructors in the high school of our city.

We know of our personal knowledge that the high school instructors who take charge of the raw recruits have said, not once, but repeatedly, that the pupils who come to them the best equipped, best disciplined, best prepared, are the graduates of the Catholic schools. While this, from non-Catholic educators is a compliment, still it is but simple justice. Our non-Catholic competitors are so fearful that the actual result of their "enriched curriculum" will not stand the stern experience of open competition with the product of the Catholic schools that they have refused to permit their pupils to try the Regents' examinations—the one place where an actual, unbiased passage-at-arms can be had—and have also abolished term examinations. Pupils are passed along at the discretion of the teachers, and the latter, knowing that offense to wealthy and powerful patrons will result to their own personal disadvantage, are afraid to say that certain pupils are not qualified to go into the next grade.

Following out the decision of the convention held last summer of the Catholic teaching sisters of the diocese of Rochester, all pupils in Catholic schools will try the same examinations and the standard of one school will prevail in all. They have always been required to pass the Regents' test before graduation, and so nothing depends upon the discretion or favoritism of the individual teacher. So when a pupil leaves the Catholic school, its teacher knows that it has the capacity and the qualifications necessary to enter upon high school work in any city of the State. And current history has it that the pupils of the Catholic schools are making the very best records in the Rochester high school.

Besides, the Catholic pupils have been instructed in the principles of their holy religion. They are taught the only theology of to-day that does not criticise, attack or attempt to break down some part of Holy Scripture. This instruction in holy religion is a distinct advantage to the community at large, because the better Catholic citizen is, the better American citizen he must be, peradventure.

## Wrong.

In a sermon before the Episcopal general convention, Bishop William Doane of Albany complimented the Catholic Church for "its splendid service in the early days in maintaining the faith," and he would go back, "behind the days of separation, to the great truths which we have held in common." He would "plead with the Roman to acknowledge the error of new doctrines," and meantime would acknowledge "the primacy of the Bishop of Rome because of the antiquity of the Roman see," while continuing "to reject the Papal supremacy."  
Commenting upon this, the New York "Sun" made this remarkable

statement: "The school in the Episcopal Church to which Bishop Doane belongs approaches the Roman Catholic Church in doctrine and practice, and in its extreme development it is hardly distinguishable, except in the refusal to acknowledge the Papal supremacy."

The "high church section" of the Protestant Episcopal Church is hardly distinguishable from the Catholic Church, eh? This statement does not do credit to the "Sun" usually so well-informed on religious matters.

Episcopalians do not acknowledge the Catholic doctrine of transubstantiation. They do not acknowledge that the priest is God's minister in the remission of sins. They do not hold to the Catholic tenet that marriage is a sacrament, that persons once married can only be parted by death.

These are but a few of the points of difference between even the "high church section" of the Episcopalian Church and the Holy Catholic Church. But even these few points of difference constitute a chasm which separate the two for once and all. "Faithless in one, faithless in all," is as applicable to this controversy as to the instance in whose support it was cited originally.

## Exit, Bates.

The Rev. Mr. Bates, of the Presbyterian church in Lima, one of the two bigots who stirred up the trouble over the Sisters of St. Joseph teaching in the public schools in that village, to the great disgust of all but a few of the non-Catholic bigots, at the last session of the Rochester presbytery, resigned his charge.

According to all reports we receive, the departure of Bates will not be the signal for spontaneous outbursts of popular grief. His absence will be good company, as the old Irishman remarked.

His colleagues in the Rochester presbytery voted unanimously to accept the resignation, but "let Bates down easy" by adopting a vote of confidence to the effect that he had acted well. In other words, "Guilty, but don't do it again."

Let us hope the Rev. Mr. Bates will show more tact in his new charge wherever that may be.

## Congratulations

The "Union and Times" of Buffalo has the following in their last issue: "We extend hearty congratulations to our esteemed Rochester contemporary, the Catholic Journal. It has just entered its sixteenth year with the bright prospects it so richly deserves."

The Catholic Young Men's Union entered upon a good work when it decided to work for Catholic night schools for men in the large cities. One has been opened already in Washington.

Our old friend, Martin I. J. Griffin, thinks the Catholic laity are not much concerned about Catholic publications. It is true that not so many are concerned as we would wish; but interest is growing.

Boston Methodists think they should know how to shoot. Anything which will relieve the Bostonians from prating everlastingly about their superiority over the rest of the world's inhabitants is to be commended. But we thought that only the hated Catholics turned their church basements into arsenals.

Commissioner Gilman is to be commended for his expressed intention to prohibit hoodlumism on election night.

Buffalo aldermen are in trouble. Is it the natural result of Mayor Ras Knight's policy of placing in office only his own personal roystering comrades who know more about "approaching the East" than about administering public trust?

Our esteemed contemporary, the Scranton "Catholic Light" has a peculiarly poor opinion of its editorial conferees.

Two women—one of them a convert—contributed \$3,000 toward the erection of the magnificent temple building recently erected by Florentine Council of the Knights of Columbus in Poughkeepsie.

Rochester friends of the Hon. C. N. Bulger of Oswego were delighted to have an opportunity to listen to his burning eloquence this week, even if they did not coincide with his political sentiments.

We must not refer to W. J. Bryan as "the Boy Orator." He is a grandfather now.

There should not be a repetition of the automobile road race on a public thoroughfare. If there is to be another race, it should be over a private right of way, bought and paid for by the promoters of the project.

Senator V. J. Dowling has been nominated for the Supreme Court in New York. An upright, honest, fearless judge will take his place on the bench on January 1st.

Speaking of the cost of St. Bernard's Seminary, the "Union and Times" says:

"Our observant and inquiring friend may rest assured that St. Bernard's did not cost as much, by a good many thousand dollars, as would a similar building erected at public expense. The gentlemen who have their noses in the public trough are not permitted to bleed the people in parochial undertakings. Bishops and priests are too careful of the funds entrusted to their keeping to allow the known grafter to even put in a bid."

"It is plain that the election of 1904 cannot please all the New York papers. The "Sun" is for Roosevelt and Higgins; the "World" is for Parker and Herrick; the "Evening Post" is for Parker and Higgins; the "Times" is for Parker—at least it is not for Roosevelt, while it pokes as much fun as that staid paper can print—and Herrick, although it doesn't exactly like him. The Hearst organs on the surface like Parker better than Roosevelt, but prefer Watson to either. But when it must be confessed, all the New York papers, except one were against Mayor McClellan in last fall's campaign.

THE JOURNAL extends hearty congratulations to Hon. Charles E. Callahan upon his deserved nomination as member of assembly for the third district of Monroe. "Charlie" is a child of the Immaculate Conception, an active member of Rochester Council, K. of C., and an all round good fellow. His legislative career so far has been creditable, and his friends predict higher honors in the not distant future.

"Do not assume to speak for the Vatican" is the way a secular reporter makes Archbishop Messner talk. The newspaper man did not need to lug that in. Every well-informed American knows that no one in America can assume to speak for the Vatican.

According to the "Catholic Press," the funeral of the late Rev. L. Renetel in Sydney, Australia, was attended by at least 40,000 persons, each of whom felt that a personal friend had departed. What a splendid tribute!

A government chemist has discovered that most imported pate de foie gras is made of chopped veal. The report on component parts of sausages will be ready in a few weeks.

"Tempest in a teapot" is a fitting characterization of the "international incident" in Massachusetts.

"Letters of self-made merchants to their sons are becoming monotonous."

They do say that Benjamin B. Odell has discontinued his subscription to the New York "Sun."

Russia does not take so kindly to "international peace" just now.

## Ten Day Excursion To New York.

On Thursday, October 20th, the New York Central will sell excursion tickets to New York city at the rate of \$8.70, good returning on or before Saturday, October 29th. Purchasers have the privilege of using their tickets on the Hudson River day or night line of steamers. This is a splendid opportunity of viewing the changing panorama along the historic Hudson, and through the beautiful Mohawk Valley in Indian Summer time.

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- Girls' Cape Coats—of fine zebeline in blue and brown shades—with storm collar and deep cape—regular \$6 value for.....\$4.50
- Boys' Tourist Overcoats—in plain colors and fancy mixed heavy cloths—also Chinchilla and Frieze Reefers with storm collar.....\$5

## Sale of Agents' Sample Towels Also Odd Napkins and Cloths

Our traveling salesmen carry in their sample trunks several hundreds of Huckaback, Damask and Turkish Towels nearly every one different from every other one. This season's Sample Towels have been shown and handled and therefore have been sent to retail counters to be sold at reduced prices. Some of their freshness of appearance has departed, but, as campaign spellbinders say of their candidates, "we point with pride" to their good qualities. This special sale enables you to buy Towels for much less than value. These Agents' Sample Towels, worth 10c to \$1.00, are to be sold at 5c to 65c each. We offer several lots of Crash and Towels besides.

- Huckaback Toweling—full bleached goods—16 inches wide—yard.....4 1-2c
- Linen Crash—Barnsley linen 18 inches wide, 9c a yard—16 inch Brown Crash.....6c
- Linen Towels—of silver bleached crash—ready hemmed—size 17x35 inches—value 12 1-2c each—for.....10c
- Linen Huckaback Towels—all white or colored borders—value 15c each—for.....12 1-2c
- White Honeycomb Towels—heavy quality—hem-stitched ends—each.....10c
- Hemstitched Linen Huckaback Towels—yard long, 1 1/2 yard wide—value 23c each—for.....20c

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- \$25 Table Cloths for \$20.50.
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