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Some Trace There.

We hear a great deal about the "good fellowship" and "absence of bigotry" which exists in Rochester especially when it is desired to enlist the support of the Catholics for or at least to prevent their opposition to some of the many projects set in motion by the faddists.

Too often our Catholic people—especially our women—are lulled into quiescence in schemes which bode no good to our Holy Faith.

We are told that not so long ago there was a social gathering of non-Catholic women at the home of the wife of a non-Catholic clergyman. In the course of the afternoon the talk drifted to mission work and one of the women—she stands high in women's union work—said with much bitterness: "What is the use of spending money to Christianize the heathen when we have so many Catholics to Christianize right here in Rochester. Look at the Italians here. They commit all the murders and are a menace to the community. Dr. Hanna is responsible for their condition. They do all these awful things and then go to confession to him. He gives them absolution and then they go off to perpetrate more deviltry."

The sentiment met with much approval and no opposition although one of those present was a woman occupying an official position whose salary comes out of taxes paid by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

The domestic at the house—a Catholic girl—overheard part of the talk and her sense of justice must have overcome her manner because it is said she bolted into the parlor and told the assembled women that they talked more like savages than educated Christian women. Inasmuch as the lady of the house did not discharge the indignant domestic it may be inferred that she was ashamed of the sentiments expressed by the guests.

Just the same the incident should serve as a warning for Catholics to be on their guard.

What Need For It?

There is a bill before the state legislature which seeks to increase the number of health districts in the cities of the second class from seven to twelve.

That means there will be twelve city physicians in Rochester instead of seven as at present.

In Rochester city physicians are paid \$480 a year. If the bill before the legislature passes that means an added expense to the taxpayers of the city of \$2,400 a year.

We have not heard that the seven city physicians complain of overwork.

It is hinted that the five additional physicians are to be appointed because of the demand of the School Board—or the faddist forces which really means the School Board although they work publicly under another organic name—that physicians be appointed and paid from the public treasury to "inspect" the public schools. After the bill passes and the seven physicians are increased to twelve, then each one is to be given three school to inspect daily in addition to their other duties.

Does any one expect that physicians of any great practice or standing will perform that amount of work for \$480 a year?

It is reasonable to expect that the taxpayers will be called upon to contribute instead to \$5,760 a year for the salaries of the city physicians \$11,520 a year.

Will the corresponding benefit equal the additional expense?

Mortgage Tax.

While the Journal has expressed its disapproval of the further extension of the system of indirect taxation inaugurated by former Gov. Odell, still we must confess that if indirect taxation is to be continued as a revenue raising policy, we fail to see why the mortgage tax is not as fair, as equitable, as just, an impost as any which could be levied or devised.

At present, if mortgages are taxed at all, the tax varies according to the local rate. In one locality it may be 2 per cent. in another 1.30 per cent and so on. This has a tendency to discourage investment in mortgages by private individuals because one could not figure upon a fixed income. It might be one amount in this year and more or less the next, according to the variations in the tax rates.

Under the mortgage tax bill now before the legislature, mortgages are to pay a tax of one half of one per cent annually and to exempt from all taxation. When it becomes a law a private investor will know exactly what return a mortgage will yield and can afford to compete with the banks and other corporations which now have a monopoly of the money loaning business.

It is claimed that the borrowers will pay the tax. Well, if the assessors do their duty now, mortgages owned in Rochester are taxed nearly 2 per cent. so the borrower's burden should be reduced one per cent. at least. If the rate of interest is increased when the new law goes into effect it will prove either that at present the assessors are not doing their full duty and mortgages escape taxation or that owners of mortgages are inspired by revenge because they are compelled to pay something toward the cost of government.

As a matter of fact, the new law contains penalizing provisions sufficiently drastic to prevent the owners of mortgages calling upon or compelling the borrowers to pay the tax.

But, it is alleged, that mortgages should be exempt from taxation entirely. Why should they? The men who loan money on mortgage are not philanthropists. They loan money to make money. Then why should they escape taxation? Why should A who has title to a \$4,000 piece of property upon which B holds a mortgage of \$3,000—in other words owns three-fourths of it—pay taxes on \$4,000 while B escapes altogether. Where is the justice of that?

Taken all in all the mortgage tax and the liquor tax are two as equitable and fair sources of indirect taxation as could well be devised, likewise the least burdensome to the mass of the people.

It is unfortunate that so powerful a financial corporation as the Equitable Life Assurance Association should be wrecked by internal dissensions.

So a woman is mixed up in the Santo Domingo difficulty? On the face of it she is no more an adventureress than a famous corporation lawyer is an adventurer.

We had known Charles W. Anderson, the colored republican orator recently appointed by President Roosevelt to be collector of internal revenue in New York for a number of years but we were not aware he was a Catholic. The "Union and Times" however, says that he is and moreover that he is a good one.

It was to be expected that the New York "Sun" and the New York "Times" would oppose the proposition to tax transfers of stocks. Such a suggestion means that Mr. Morgan and a few other gentlemen, the protection and conservation of which cost the major part of the expenses of government, will have to contribute something like their proportion of state expenses.

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