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## Day of Joy.

Ere the Journal comes to its readers again the diocese of Rochester will be the home of two Catholic bishops and Bishop McQuaid will have the aid of a coadjutor who will succeed to the see at his death.

In the Cathedral next Wednesday Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, vicar-general of the diocese and rector of St. Patrick's parish will be invested with the purple and consecrated as titular bishop of Berenice with right of succession to the diocese of Rochester. Archbishop Farley, metropolitan of the province of New York will be the consecrating prelate and he will be assisted by Bishops McQuaid of Rochester, and Ludden of Syracuse, the senior bishops of the province. Mgr. Falconio, the apostolic delegate, will be present. Rev. Dr. Hanna will read the papal bulls promoting Dr. Hickey to the episcopate and the new bishop's brother alumni of old Troy Seminary, his brother priests of the diocese, the students of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries and the Catholic laity will join their prayers for a successful reign of the second bishop of Rochester.

In the selection of Dr. Hickey wise choice was made. He is a child of the diocese, reared under Bishop McQuaid's watchful eye and he has been, in turn, country pastor, chaplain of a large institution, rector of the Cathedral and vicar-general of the diocese. He knows the needs and limitations of the diocese and its people and he is no stranger to the non-Catholic people of the city. He will take up the work of Bishop McQuaid when the latter lays it down and carry such of it as is unfinished to completion.

The Journal congratulates in advance Bishop Hickey, Bishop McQuaid and the Catholics of Rochester.

## Instructive.

Bishop McQuaid gave everybody an object lesson last Thursday when he made public the result of the enumeration he had made on April 30th of those who attended morning masses in the Catholic churches of Rochester.

Readers of the Journal will recall that in the twenty Catholic churches of this city on the Sunday in question there were 10,972 men, 16,330 women and 9,731 children, a grand total of 36,673 persons. When it is remembered that this showing did not include attendance at the Catholic institutions, the State Industrial School, Nazareth Convent or Sacred Heart Convent and that no previous announcement was made that the enumeration was to be taken the figures are more than ordinary significance.

We doubt whether in all the hundred or more non-Catholic churches in the city the attendance at all services, morning, Sunday school and evening, on the Sunday in question would have equalled the women in the Catholic churches. But then the non-Catholics do not present the same story of the Christ which the Catholic Church has preached for twenty centuries. They do present a hodge-podge theology, changed to fit occasions and opportunities. It would appear that non-Catholic theology does not appeal to the masses of those who profess to be affiliated with their congrega-

tions. On the other hand, it would appear that the Catholic system does appeal to its adherents because they attend its public services.

Just one word in passing to those who sneer at the Catholic religion as appealing only to women. On the Sunday the enumeration was taken there were 1,535 men in the Cathedral and 1,684 women. Not such a preponderance of women was there?

## Telling The Truth.

A local Sunday paper last week published a symposium of peculiar views upon a peculiar question.

The mayor of Rochester, the county judge of Monroe County, the city treasurer, the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and several clergymen were invited to give their views on the question:

"What would happen if everybody in Rochester told the absolute truth for twenty-four hours?"

The mayor was of the opinion that the average man thinks he is telling the truth. The city treasurer put forward the proposition that no one can tell just what constitutes a lie. One of the city assessors thought the city and government would be gainers. Another official thought that if truth and nothing but truth were published in the papers the city would be in a state of fevered frenzy and a city editor added that the next day there would be a dearth of editors and reporters.

So the answers came to the paper. The really laud reply to a really foolish question came from an unnamed Catholic priest: "The confessional is the only place that such a day would not effect. It is the realm of the soul and truth always prevails there, so I say that such a condition of affairs as your perplexing and chimerical question implies could not effect the confessional. If, on the other hand, your question means that the priest must also tell the nature of the confessions, then that would be a transgression of the moral law and wholly unchristian. There is in every man a sacred spot that stands for personal and individual freedom, a spot wherein no man can invade and that is his conscience. If a condition of no lies obtained for twenty-four hours the result would be good, of course, for there can be no real life of men, no vital value in their actual trials, no moral potencies in their achievements, no sentiment of love, reverence and faith toward God in their souls until they make an endless covenant with verity and reality. But if no one were exempt from this period of truth telling and nothing were to be withheld to save the feelings of others the result would be indescribable."

To use a slang expression, a so-called Catholic paper which day in and day out abuses the secular press for its errors and blunders in Catholic matters and then coolly appropriates to its own use without credit or apology, line for line and word for word, an important Catholic news article which appeared in one of these self-same, irresponsible secular papers, is the end of the limit.

Already the open car, the harbinger of summer and picnic and suburban resorts, is with us.

Weekly, at this season, the Forty Hours Devotion is in progress all over the city. Truly, the Catholic church does not fail to provide convenient means for her wayward children to approach the sacraments.

"Holy Name Societies" are a splendid form of organization and do a great deal of good. One of the sights of the season in Albany is the annual parade and public demonstration of the several societies connected with the parishes of the Capitol City.

Archbishop Quigley's influence is sought in Chicago labor troubles as it was when he was Bishop of Buffalo.

We are in receipt of an invitation to attend the annual commencement of the University of Notre Dame, June 15th.

## Men and Women

Read our great offer on another page.

## Five Minute Sermon

Christ Promises the Comforter.

Our Divine Master in to-day's Gospel indicated what this sin was by which the Holy Ghost would convince the world by saying, "because they believed not in Me." In spite of all the proofs, the Jews did not acknowledge Jesus as the expected Messiah, and the Gentiles did not even think of Him, nor had they so far accepted His doctrine. The Jews therefore sinned by their incredulity their obstinacy, and their injustice; and these sins were the cause of many others, especially that of hatred of envy and of murder. The Gentiles on the other hand, were engulfed in the mire of their passions without knowing their miserable condition. But after the Holy Ghost had bestowed His gifts on the apostles the world would know the injustice of the Jews and the guilt of the Gentiles; then the whole world would be convinced that Christ was truly the Envoy sent by God, the Saviour of the world, the only One Who could lead us to eternal life.

First of all, we must take the word justice in its true sense. Justice consists in the rectitude of the mind, in the innocence of the heart, and in the integrity of morals. He who always thinks of God, as he is strictly bound to do, whose affections are well regulated, loving, desiring what is good, fearing and avoiding what is evil, he who does good and not evil, he is, strictly speaking, a just man.

We should learn how great our sorrow ought to be when of our own accord we separate ourselves from Christ by sin; and learning how necessary the Holy Ghost was to the apostles, we should always invoke Him and He may also instruct us in the truths of the faith, and guide our steps on the way of evangelical perfection.

## Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday May 21—Gospel, St. John xvi. 5-14. St. Felix of Cantalice, confessor.  
Monday 22—St. Yvo, confessor.  
Tuesday 23—St. John Baptist Rossi, confessor.  
Wednesday 24—Our Lady Help of Christians.  
Thursday 25—St. Gregory VII, pope and confessor.  
Friday 26—St. Philip Neri, confessor.  
Saturday 27—Venerable Bede.

## Forty Hours

The devotion of the Forty Hours will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows:  
May 21—St. Mary's, Rochester, Avon, Seneca Falls, Moravia, St. Mary's, Corning.

## AGES OF THE AMERICAN.

Statistics Unreliable—Old Persons Overstate, Women Conceal Theirs. Some curious facts are shown by the census bureau's investigation of the statistics of the age of the American people.

There is a prevalent habit of understating ages. Except among persons of advanced age this tendency is very strong persons placing their ages as twenty five, thirty five, forty in multiples of five, that is when they are really several years older.

This tendency is strongest among negroes, is stronger among foreign born persons than among those born here, and is stronger among women than among men.

There is thus some basis for the belief that a woman does not like to state her age, that she prefers to conceal it. That, perhaps, is why she tries to look younger than she really is.

Old persons, on the other hand, are wont to overstate their age, to make themselves out as older than they really are. There are not nearly so many persons really over a hundred as people believe.

The age which exactly divides the population in half is 22.85 years. One-half of the population is above that age, one-half below it.

A century ago as far as statistics of the time permit experts to say, the half way age was 15.97 years. In the cities the half way or median age, is greater than in the country.

The average age of the people of the United States is 26.2 years.

About one-third of the total population of the United States is between the ages of fifteen and sixty. Nearly one-quarter is less than ten years old, and over three-sevenths is over twenty years. Not one in seven is over fifty years old, and only twenty three persons in every 1,000 is over seventy years of age.

Of the total population, fifty-one out of every hundred are males, forty-nine are women. There are fewest children in New England and on the Pacific coast, and most in the south and in some of the newer states.

Statistics like these are interesting to outsiders; they are helpful also to persons who have to do with the public health, and in many other ways, too.

## Sugar a Stimulant.

People with a sweet tooth are rejoicing in the fact that sugar is coming more and more to help make up the diet of men in training for contests. German authorities say that it is a great feeder of muscular power, and a Dutch army surgeon asserts that he found that the best means to maintain soldiers in vigor during marches and fighting was by a generous allowance of sugar. Each man received a handful at a time.

## PAPERS THE JAPANESE MAKE

Well Adapted for Walls, Grain Sacks and Tobacco Pouches.

From the bark of trees and shrubs the Japanese make scores of papers, which are far ahead of ours.

The walls of the Japanese houses are wooden frames covered with thin paper, which keeps out the wind but lets in the light, and when one compares these paper-walled "doll houses" with the gloomy bamboo cabins of the inhabitants of the island of Java or the small windowed huts of our forefathers, one realizes that, without glass and in a rainy climate, these ingenious people have solved in a remarkable way the problem of lighting their dwellings and, at least in a measure, of keeping out the cold.

Their oiled papers are astonishingly cheap and durable. As a cover for his load of tea when a rainstorm overtakes him, the Japanese farmer spreads over it a tough, pliable cover of oiled paper which is almost as impervious as tarpaulin and as light as gossamer. He has doubtless carried this cover for years, neatly packed away somewhere about his cart. The "rickshaw" coolies in the large cities wear rain mantles of this oiled paper, which cost less than 18 cents and last for a year or more with constant use.

An oiled tissue paper which is as tough as writing paper can be had at the stationers' for wrapping up delicate articles.

Grain and meal sacks are almost always made of bark paper in Japan, for it is not easily penetrated by weevils and other insects.

But perhaps the most remarkable of all the papers which find a common use in the Japanese household are the leather papers of which the tobacco pouches and pipe cases are made. They are almost as tough as French kid, so translucent that one can nearly see through them, and as pliable and soft as calfskin. The material is as thick as cardboard, but as flexible as kid—National Geographic Magazine.

## "White Coal" in France.

While New York is groaning about being asked to pay \$140 per lamp for electric lighting, Consul Nason, in Grenoble, France, reports the lighting of the entire city by electricity generated twenty seven miles away. Or more standards thirty feet high, with curving pendants terminating with powerful arc lights, have been erected in the streets and the illumination, after a period of testing, is soon to be made the object of a festival night. Sixty dollars is the cost of installing and lighting a single lamp for a year, but the subsequent cost for lighting simply will be comparatively small, say one-sixth of the first cost.

## Wooden Russia.

The vast forest areas of Russia in Europe which cover nearly 5,000,000 acres or a percent of the entire area of the country, are aptly termed "Wooden Russia." Few people who have not traveled through this part of the country can form any idea of the country's boundless wealth in timber. Houses built of any other material are entirely unknown out side of the great cities, and wood constitutes the principal fuel. The forest belt in Siberia, called the "Taiga" stretches in a direct line from the Ural Mountains to the Pacific for four thousand miles and is in many parts five hundred miles broad. This is all the property of the Tsar.

## New Sportsman's Paradise.

Sir John Forrest is trying to borrow a million pounds in order to construct a transcontinental railway from the eastern states to western Australia. If this is done, among other things a new sportsman's paradise may be opened up. According to a government officer who has been examining this largely unknown country, it abounds in kangaroos, emus, pheasants and rabbits. There will be some work for the ethnologist, as the blacks of this region are said to practice all the old tribal rites, some of them horrible.

## Royal Photographs.

Both the king and queen give away an enormous number of their photographs to various members of different reigning royal families every year, says the Tatler. When the king and queen give their photographs to any reigning sovereign their majesties sign the photograph beneath the words, "Yours sincerely," but the words are omitted when the recipient is not a reigning sovereign. The German emperor has the largest collection of autographed royal photographs in the world, including over 800 of King Edward and 800 of the King of Denmark.

## Onyx Quarry Rediscovered.

In the vicinity of Cuernavaca, state of Morelos, Mex., the well known winter resort of the Americans living in Mexico City, an Aztec onyx quarry has been rediscovered by Carl Ludloff, a geologist living at that place. The quarry has not been used for hundreds of years. It is partly filled up and grown over by brush and grass.

## 150 Miles an Hour.

It is expected to reach a speed of 150 miles an hour in the new tests which will be made on the high-speed electric line near Berlin. It will be remembered that the last experiments which were made on the specially laid track from Berlin (Marienfeld) to Zossen, resulted in a speed of over 130 miles an hour.

Glittering generalities generally prove that silence is golden.

A barber may not be able to cut sawdust, but he can live on shavings.

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