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Pray for the Poor Souls.

Next week the Church observes one of Her most solemn festivals, the feast of All Souls.

Peculiarly appropriate is the Church's dedication of the month of November to the poor souls who are in Purgatory awaiting deliverance. The chill winds, the trees denuded of their summer garb, the grass shriveled, the flowers bereft of their wealth of color, all remind us that Summer is past and Winter approaches.

These are but fitting concomitants to the month of All Souls. In what season of the year are our thoughts impelled more toward death than in the bleak days of November? And if we must soon die, how about those who have gone before? Do they not deserve some pity at our hands? If we forget the poor souls, can we expect to be remembered when we, too have passed on?

Therefore, let us, one and all, say each day during the month to come, a little prayer for the poor souls in Purgatory. We will never regret it on earth and we cannot estimate how much treasure we are laying up for ourselves in the world to come.

Insidious Attacks.

Whether the liberals believe it or not, there is an insidious attack in full swing against our Catholic schools. Not all these attacks are so open or bold as that made by Mrs. Clarence Mackay and referred to in these columns a few weeks ago, that "Romanist schools are a menace to the Republic." But that the Catholic schools are a bugbear is not to be doubted. It matters not that we support our schools at our own expense. It matters not that our non-Catholic neighbors are thus relieved of a great burden of taxation. It matters not that our schools furnish equally as good secular education as the public schools.

In fact, this latter argument is just what inflames the prejudiced. If it could be pointed out that the Catholic schools were inferior to the public schools, then they would fall of their own weight and the mischief would be done. But our schools grow better and better, from the standpoint of secular instruction, and in addition we instruct our children in the principles of their holy faith, in temperance, in love of country, in love of home, in love of fellow-man, in the sanctity of the marriage relation.

Just here is where we offend our liberal friends, both Catholic and non-Catholic. Because, it must be confessed, that there are so-called Catholics, generally the offspring of the curse of to-day—mixed marriages—who are heard to murmur at the "irrevocable stand" which the Church takes against divorce. They have been bitten by the microbes of lust and rebellion against authority. These hints, they say, where incompatibility—that respect for the lack of those mutual forbearances which are necessary to happy wedlock exists, the parties should be permitted to "try it over again."

Catholic schools could be supported if the public schools with their "enlightenment" would soon learn the faith in the children would not be able or will not be able to teach the parents. Support Catholic schools would remove the only barrier

to "race suicide."
 Thank God, however, the Catholic schools are here to stay. Instead of waning, they are growing. And the plain, Catholic people—the ones upon whom the Church must depend for succor and sustenance—are learning to appreciate them more and more as the days go on.

Jersey Bigots.

A few weeks ago the Journal referred to a vigorous protest made by Michael J. Cummings against discrimination in Massachusetts in hiring teachers against Catholics. It appears that this form of bigotry is not confined to the Bay State alone. The "Catholic Standard and Times" has unearthed the following specimen from New Jersey:

Peapack, N. J., 1905

Dear Madam: Yours of the 12th instant at hand. We are in need of a primary teacher for the Peapack school. Some days ago I answered an application from a lady of Massachusetts, but as yet have had no answer from her, and I am afraid she is not going to reply. We have a graded school with three teachers. If you think you can manage the primary department and I get a reply before I hear from the lady from Massachusetts, we will accept your application, provided you can accept our salary—\$41 a month—and you do your own janitor work or hire a lad in school. That is what the other teachers do, and provided further that you are not a Catholic. We do not employ any Catholics in our schools if we know it. I suppose Mr. Bartles told you about the amount of salary we pay. Hoping an early reply, I remain yours respectfully,
 George Ballentine.

Inasmuch as Catholics pay taxes to support the public schools in all parts of the country, we suppose they are called upon to pay for the support of bigots in office as well as for the support of a system of boycott toward their fellow-religionists.

Our Philadelphia contemporary says that the personality of Ballentine counts for little, but that it means to see that Peapack gets all the free advertising possible as a locality where
 Turk, Jew, or Atheist
 Is welcome here, but not a Papist.

To Be Remembered.

It were well if all American Catholics were to keep in mind the facts contained in the address presented to the Holy Father by the American pilgrims, under the leadership of John J. McGrane. These excerpts are especially pertinent:

"We come, Holy Father, from a Republic whose laws guarantee us freedom in the practice of our Holy Faith; a Republic which observes a strict neutrality towards all religious beliefs and allows no special privileges to any; a Republic which is interested in the well being of its people, and in which persecution of men and women who devote their time and labor to the good of their neighbor would be impossible; a Republic which wars not on men and women because faithful to their vows.

"In no lands will Your Holiness find a clergy and people more devoted to the interests of the Church or more loyal and submissive to the Chair of Peter.

"Though we count only one hundred and twenty-nine years of existence as a Union of States, yet the little mustard seed has grown into the stately tree which to-day spreads wide its branches in our land.

"One hundred and fifteen years ago our first Bishop was consecrated and to-day we have 15 Archbishops, 89 Bishops, 13,885 priests and 13,000,000 faithful. Though we take a laudable pride in the progress of our country, we are far prouder of our Catholic Faith.

"Thirty-one years ago the first American Pilgrimage came to Rome and at the feet of another Pius they professed what we loudly proclaim; Devotion to Mother Church; entire submission to the Vicar of Christ.

Whoever the speaker of the assembly of 1906 may be, let us hope he will not be a grafter.

Hair-Splitting.

Father FitzSimons reports to hair splitting when he raises the question whether Bishop McQuaid has recognized the Journal as a Catholic paper. We might ask with equal force and weight, whether Bishop McQuaid ever has officially "recognized" the Catholic paper which the pastor of Lima has selected as the medium of his attacks upon the Catholic Journal, which he so far "recognized" as to contribute, editorially, to its columns.

How To Vote.

The Journal has received many inquiries as to whether it is possible when two or more candidates are to be voted for, as school commissioners and assessors, to vote for two whose names are opposite each other on the ballot machine. Certainly. First make up your mind who you wish to support. Then pull down the lever in the party column of your choice. Push back the pointer in front of the candidate for whom you do not desire to vote. Then push down the pointer opposite the candidate you wish to vote for on the other party ticket. You will then have accomplished what you wish.

Methodists do not increase so fast in Rochester! It has been found necessary to consolidate Glenwood and Hedding churches. The latter has been abandoned. In the same locality there are two flourishing parishes—St. Michael's and St. Bridget's while it has been found advisable to institute another—Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

If the non Catholic pastors find it difficult to fill their churches, the Catholic pastors are not so inconvenienced. The chief difficulty they encounter is in finding accommodation for their parishioners. And they are not able to do this in one, two and even in three services on Sunday morning.

Ten thousand dollars has been appropriated by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick for the purpose of erecting a statue to the memory of Commodore John Barry, the "Father of the American navy" and a Catholic to boot.

The Boston "Pilot" has unearthed an intelligent reporter on one of the Boston dailies who wrote of "the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of St. Michael, the archangel, is a pure spirit, and of the first-fruit of creation, like all the angels." Perhaps the reporter had never heard of angels. Then he should not have been assigned to report such an event.

Who are the jurors who decide upon the selections for Columbia's Hall of Fame? The dunces who exercised the franchise for 1905 ostracized Edgar Allen Poe. Father Cronin says that "Poe was unquestionably the greatest literary genius that America has thus far produced."

A rebuke to the liberals, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, was administered by the Rev. John Roach Straton, a Baptist minister of Chicago, who said in a recent sermon: "All education that has not Christ in it is pernicious and harmful. It is to be feared that many of our public schools are turning out lusty young pagans."

While the season is somewhat advanced, this advice from the "Guidon" is still timely: "The time has come again when mamma's angel boy will return from school with complaints about the in justice of his teacher. If that angel boy at that very moment is speedily taken across the maternal knee and treated to a dose of the maternal slipper, he will earn a little self-reliance while the value of sustaining the teacher's authority will bear fruit in a prompt obedience to parental command.

Says Church Progress: "Through the sorrow of every epidemic of disease shines forth the divine establishment of the Catholic Church. It is reflected in the heroic self-sacrifice of her priests and Sisters. It is a sign which never yet has failed."

A newspaper of Rochester serves notice this week that they propose, unless the business men of the Flower City advertise in their publication, to publish disgusting details of divorce suits and other spicy doings. Fine business for an alleged paper, surely!

The Perpetual Help Society of St. Mary's Hospital, held a pedro party last Thursday at the Knights of Columbus rooms.



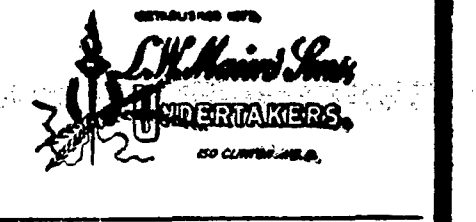
I have been suffering from nervousness since twenty-five years, but nothing has done me so much good, if any, as a bottle of Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic, of which I took the first dose just before going to bed, and I slept like a brick. The tonic had a wonderful effect and is well worth the price. A lady from Rochester, whose little girl was cured by the Tonic from the most violent fits, told me about it and almost begged me to try the wonderful Tonic.
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