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DOWN AND OUT.

Just at present it is the proper thing to jump on Benjamin B. Odell. Dear knows we hold no brief for the deposed boss, but it does grate on our nerves to note that the dear public is so easily fooled.

It looks as if Odell were beaten, but the wizards are on deck yet and the System is still intact. While it may seem far-fetched to compare Odell to Napoleon, yet the two men have points in common.

SENTIMENT.

It has become the fashionable fad to sneer at sentiment. In our mad race for wealth and commercial supremacy too often we smile condescendingly on the man who is old-fashioned enough to hesitate at practicing David Harum's precept of "do unto the other fellow as he would do to you but do it first."

No doubt from their viewpoint, these gentlemen are eminently right, still there are those of us old-foggyish enough to wonder if our American plan of building up great manufacturing communities is as priceless a boon as is imagined and proclaimed.

the kings of amperes and killowatts would dry up that mighty cataract which has been classed with the wonders of the world.

It is a far cry from the speakership of New York state to aesthetic sense, but those possessed of the latter may well rejoice at the crushing defeat of Edwin A. Merritt, the St. Lawrence county aspirant to the speakership.

THE REASON WHY.

How often non-Catholics berate Catholics for doing and believing what they do not. Perhaps both could learn a lesson from a non-Catholic English writer who says: "We cannot justly interpret the religion of any people unless we are prepared to admit that we ourselves, as well as they, are liable to error in matters of faith."

Why will non-Catholics not concede as much to Catholics and their belief as this writer asked his readers to concede to the so-called religion of the ancient Greeks? And to the unbeliever who sneers at Christianity as a myth this same writer, perhaps unintentionally, administers a pointed rebuke: "You cannot make a myth unless you have something to make it of."

Again the writer says: "According to the quantity of understanding in the person will be the quantity of significance in his fable; and the myth of a simple and ignorant race must necessarily mean little because a simple and ignorant race have little to mean." To non-Catholic and unbeliever alike we say: Were those who took up the gospel of Christ "simple and ignorant?"

And again let us ask non-Catholics and unbelievers alike to ponder this sentence from the writer referred to—one whom they quote often: "If it (the myth) first arose among a people who dwelt under stainless skies, and measured their journeys by ascending and declining stars, we certainly cannot read their story, if we have never seen anything above us in the day but smoke, nor anything around us in the night but candles."

However one may admire the lovable personality of Rev. A. S. Crapsey; however a Catholic may see in Dr. Crapsey's stand a proof of the disintegrating influences of the Protestant taint of "private judgment," nevertheless, no dispassionate observer can stay his judgment that Dr. Crapsey has no right, believing as he does, to continue in communion with the Episcopalian church.

In a kindly way Bishop McQuaid, in his address at the dedication of St. Anne's Home for the Aged, reproved the too prevalent spirit to judge our neighbors. "Only God," said the bishop, "knows the complete life of man. No one else knows what good a man may have done or what manner of life he has lived. An hour sermon on Charity could not convey the lesson more clearly."

Writing a century ago a noted Scotch educator asserted that the proper end of all education is the forming of good men and of good citizens. That is the theory of education followed in the Catholic schools of to-day.

What has become of Senator Owen Cassidy? It is all of a month since we had the pleasure of reading a disquisition from the "Philosopher of Montour Falls."

It is to be hoped the report is correct that a home for working girls is to be established in the East Main street building formerly occupied by the old ladies' home. Such an institution for Catholic girls is needed in Rochester.

As Lincoln said, if you want a clean city, have a clean city; no more, no less.

An unique tomb is being constructed in the Catholic cemetery at Montclair, N. J., by Rev. J. F. Mendh, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church there, for himself. It is being hollowed out of solid rock, and in front of it is a large figure of the crucifixion fastened to the trunk of a sapling, as in the pioneer days of forest missionaries.

One of the reasons which determined Father Rickaby to bring out his translation of the Summa Contra Gentiles is that Oxford University has placed it as a book which a candidate may offer in the Final Honor Schools or Literae Humaniores. Father Rickaby knew that it was very unlikely that any of the candidates would take it up in Latin, so he thought it advisable to give them an opportunity to do so in English.

Interesting to Dickens' Lovers.

Many of Charles Dickens' famous characters have been traced by one of his biographers to their originals. Paul Dombey was Dickens' nephew, Harry Barnett, a pathetic little cripple, who died in his tenth year. Dora Copperfield is supposed to have been a Miss Beadwell, with whom Dickens was in love at the early age of eighteen. The belief that he drew the character of Micawber from his father is not upheld by the biographer, who has discovered in one Richard Chicken of York, a more probable model.

A Delicate Operation.

The plucking of ostrich feathers is a very delicate task. At the proper season a man carefully examines the flock, and picks out those birds whose feathers are ripening, groups them into dozens, and pens them in, so that they cannot run about and injure their beautiful plumage. When the plucking time comes, the bird is enticed into a narrow, dark passageway. The entrances are then closed and the bird thus imprisoned. A cloth bag is thrown over the creature's head. Then the plucking begins. Three men, perched upon platforms without the pen, reach over the board enclosure and with curious scissor-like appliances pluck off the feathers. Whatever wounds a bird may receive are immediately dressed. The tail feathers are pulled and not cut, simply because they reproduce better than other feathers of the ostrich. While the plucking is in progress the ostrich keeps up a dismal roaring. Were it not for the staunch construction of the pen the creature would kick the boards into splinters.

Treasure in Russian Churches.

The treasures of the various Russian churches are of fabulous value. St. Isaac's Cathedral in St. Petersburg is said to have cost \$10,000,000. Its copper roof is overlaid with pure gold. In the Cathedral of Kazan the name of the Almighty blazes in diamonds from a cloud of beaten gold, under which are solid silver doors twenty feet high. There are 1,400 churches in Moscow, many of which contain priceless treasures. From the Cathedral of the Assumption Napoleon took from the church five tons of silver and 500 weight of gold, but its most precious treasures were concealed. To celebrate the deliverance of Moscow from the French the Cathedral of the Holy Saviour was built at a cost of \$10,000,000; its five cupolas are covered with pure gold one-eighth of an inch in thickness.—London Tit-Bits.

Long Views.

Persons who wish to put off the evil day of spectacles should accustom themselves to long views. The eye is relieved, and sees better. If, after reading a while, we direct the sight to some far distant object, even for a minute. Great travelers and hunters are seldom near sighted. Sailors discern objects at a great distance with "conspicuous distinctness when a common eye sees nothing at all. One is reported to have such acute sight that he could tell when he was going to see an object. On one occasion when the ship was in a sinking condition, and all were exceedingly anxious for a sight of land, he reported from the lookout that he could not exactly see the shore, but could pretty nearly do so.

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Weekly Church Calendar: Sunday January 14 - Gospel St. John, 11:1-11 - Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Monday 15 - St. Paul, hermit. Tuesday 16 - St. Marcellus, pope and martyr. Wednesday 17 - St. Anthony, abbot. Thursday 18 - St. Prisca, virgin and martyr. Friday 19 - St. Canute, king and martyr. Saturday 20 - SS. Fabian and Sebastian, martyrs.

LIMA.

The play entitled "The Corner Store," given in Brendan Hall, January 2d, by the young people of the parish under the direction of Miss Mary Whalen, was a decided success. The play was followed by a dancing party, conducted by the Young Ladies' Society.

Miss Elizabeth Grady and Miss Julia O'Keefe, of Penn Yan, spent the past week in the home of Patrick Hendrick. Miss Mary A. Lockington is spending her vacation with friends in Rochester.

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