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EASTER.

Once more the year has rolled around. Once more we have trod the Way to Calvary. Once more we have seen our Lord crucified. Once more we have watched His agonies on the Cross. Once more we have seen His sacred flesh wounded for our transgressions.

And now we come to the glorious mysteries. We see the Divine nature triumph over Sin and Flesh and Devil. He burst asunder the bonds entwined by Death and has risen, glorious and immortal, the Savior of Mankind.

Christ is risen. His sacrifice is complete. We may live. We may enjoy the blessings of an eternity with God.

Christ is risen! What a message of joy to the watchers in Palestine, centuries ago! Should and does it not convey as joyful a message to us now? Can we not rejoice on the Easter morn? Can we not lift our hearts in the "Gloria" and praise God that he has permitted us to live in the day and age he has.

Christ is risen! May that thought bring joy and happiness to all our readers this glorious Easter of 1906.

RINGING WORDS.

That our "Bishop of Rochester" has not forgotten how to enunciate in clear and ringing phrases his ideas on current matters was demonstrated when he addressed the Federation of German Catholic Societies.

He impressed upon his hearers that what is needed these days is a body of intelligent, vigorous men in every parish, aiding the pastor in his efforts for God, for Holy Mother Church, for Catholic education. "The family is the unit of the Church," said the bishop. That is what the Church stands for. The family intact is a vital force for sound morals. This our Church stands for.

The bishop also laid stress upon the fact that our numerical strength made us a voting section of the community not to be despised. He also laid stress upon the fact that we must not permit ourselves to be made the cats-paws of the political bosses. He also laid stress upon the proposition that the Catholic vote should be polled against any proposition against the interests of religion, or that threatened morality or offended decency.

The bishop also, indirectly, held up to ridicule the Catholic who is ashamed to defend his faith or who is too ignorant to refute calumnies upon religion and Holy Mother Church. He also pointed out that the bigots who are frothing at the mouth over the alleged atrocities in the Congo had not a bad word of protest at the killing by American soldiers in the Philippines of women and children.

The bishop's closing sentence should be emblazoned on the halls of every Catholic society: "Present an unbroken front and we shall get our rights. Our churches and our religious societies and our women will stand together in demanding our rights under the Constitution. We shall stand before the American people for a verdict due us for what we have done. Act sensibly, intelligently, and bravely, and there is no power that can hold us back."

IN THE LEAD.

Catholics have no need to blush as to the results of the "church census" taken a few weeks ago, not by ourselves, but by representatives of the denominations opposed to us.

In a poll of 43,985 families the Catholics are represented by 14,177, or about 56,000 individual communicants. Inasmuch as we know of at least one Catholic family of five persons which was not visited or enumerated, it is manifest that the figures credited to the Catholics were not exaggerated, probably were understated.

This means that the Catholic population of Rochester comprises at least one-fourth, probably one-third of the whole. This is a fact not to be discounted in its effect upon the morality of the city because it must be remembered that we are opposed utterly to divorce with their attendant confusion as to parental responsibility for children. We stand for law and order, as opposed to anarchy and disregard for the constitution. We are here to uphold the representatives of the government. We are home people. We respect our women. We try to instill into the hearts of our children love of God and love of country. We put God first because of our God necessarily makes a good citizen. It is the duty of every man to be a helper in making a better world. The best factor in the world.

This numerical strength may, probably has, exerted more than a passing influence in bringing about the cessation of bigotry and creed differences which were so much in evidence not a quarter of a century ago.
There is another assuring fact in connection with this church census. It is that in this city of probably 200,000 souls seven-eighths of the population acknowledge connection with some sort of religious denomination. Say what you may, Rochester, with all its faults, is a far cleaner city than the average American municipality. Let us pray that this may always be said.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We are so accustomed to criticize and find fault with our public men that we do not see or look into their lives when politics are not in the foreground. Many a public man is judged only by what he says or does under the goad of partisan politics or in the heat and rancor of debate. In private, this man may be one of the most gentle, lovable, noble characters imaginable.
We are reminded to these reflections after listening to a "lay sermon" delivered a few nights ago in the K. of C. Home in Albany, by Senator Thomas F. Grady. Now, "Tom" Grady is the fiercest of partisan debaters. When he takes the floor to oppose a measure or denounce an opponent he is as a roaring lion and one would never imagine he was one of the most lovable characters in private life. Such is the fact, however.

The "lay sermon" referred to cast still another sidelight on Grady's character. Would that there were at least one of his force and strenuous Catholicity in every parish in the community. "Catholic education is the bulwark against infidelity in this land of ours," he said. "It matters not how much secular education you impart to a child, and omit religious instruction, you have not made him the strong citizen he might be. The talk about brotherhood of man of which we hear so much, is only another proof that the people are groping for something to take the place of religion. It is at the best an empty, half-satisfying shell or husk. Who are the leaders in every walk of life today? Do they not include those who were educated by the Christian Brothers?"

And today the Brothers and Sisters are doing the same work for our children. I represent the strongest Catholic district in the country. They are poor; they have to struggle hard to earn a living. Separated by an avenue of say, 100 feet, are the mansions of the rich. Many of my poor people feel that those in the mansions have appropriated to themselves more of the value of their labor than they are entitled to, but there have been no riots there, no burnings, no lynchings. Why? My people have an abiding faith in the justice of Almighty God as they have in His mercy. They know that if accounts are not adjusted in this world they will be in the next. And so they leave it all to Him who will do even justice to all. This feeling is the result of Catholic education.

If Senator Grady had said no more he would have set himself down as a sane thinker and a valiant fighter for the right. Such a man cannot help being a great help to his pastor and a force for good in the community.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Dr. Francis J. Quinn, president of the Catholic Club of New York, is a recipient of the Lætare medal given each year by Notre Dame University to a Catholic who has distinguished himself in some good line of work.
The next good work that should be undertaken by Catholic activity in Rochester is an organization similar to the Y. M. C. A. Parish halls and parish societies are now established in nearly every parish. To supplement these, there should be a federation of all with a central headquarters which would accommodate the "unattached," of whom there are many in every city and thus keep them from drifting into the Y. M. C. A., whose constitution will not permit of a Catholic being elected to official position.

Says the "Catholic Union and Times": "Though we have not been asked to do so, we hasten to acknowledge the receipt from John D. Rockefeller of one dollar given to St. James' Hospital, Lakewood, N. J. Such generosity is heart-warming in the extreme and brings one to realize that not all men's souls are shriveled nothings." Perhaps there is a mistake. There are more John D. Rockefeller than the Oil King.
The reported finding of a St. Louis patrolman forty dollars for profanity prompts a contemporary to remark: "It was said of Ulysses S. Grant that when he was in the field one of his staff officers approached him to quote a volley of half-drunken and wholly profane language used by a soldier. 'Are there any ladies around?' 'No,' said General Grant, 'but there are gentlemen.' Needless to say, the story was like Macbeth's 'Amen'—it stuck in the throat of the would-be entertainer."

Says the "Catholic Union and Times": "Mr. Andrew Carnegie is now heading a movement to establish a universal system of phonetic spelling. Is this by way of proving that he is merely joking when flinging money away on the founding of libraries? The books in those libraries will not be according to the phonetic idea. Phonetic spelling is a silly fad—a slovenly device to save the trouble of learning how to spell properly."

The "Catholic Universe" pays this left-handed compliment to the author of "Man and Superman": "The much-advertised George Barnard Shaw, whom Harry Harland accused of dropping the O from his name because it expressed him too plainly, is an ardent vegetarian. His diet does not bring him good health, but he explains that, characteristically, he cannot be well. He declares that since there is so much intellectual work to be done in the world and no one himself prepared to do it, he would be ashamed to enjoy good health. There is no doubt whatever that the author of most of Mr. Shaw's books and plays works too much. In the interest of health, his own and the public's, he should be persuaded to take a rest. In spite of his efforts to diminish it, there still remains a fair majority of the population that is not ashamed to be healthy."

Cook Opera House.

Four big star acts are to be the top line attractions at the Cook Opera House next week. Salerno, the modern juggler, in the most novel and sensational act ever put before an audience. Gould and Sarate in a travesty act. Emma Carus, the famous musical comedy songstress—the hit of the celebrated "Woodland"—in a delightful and enjoyable offering. Leslie and Dailey late stars of "Paris by Night" Co., in their odd conceit, "Going A-broad." And these highly clever acts: Prell's Dogs, in their quaint and unduplicated canine acting; Peaching Brothers, European Novelty Musicians, presenting their Musical Flower Garden; Carter and Blufford, cleverest of the colored entertainers, in a beautiful act having special scenery and costumes, and the kinetograph, pictures of the highest quality.

BAKER THEATRE

No more popular play exists today than Goethe's immortal "Faust" and no play gives more opportunities for wonderful effects. These two reasons promise to contribute much toward making the Moore Stock Company's production of this great drama at the Baker Theatre next week, one of the most pronounced hits and of greater magnitude than any offering of the stock season. No stock company in the country mounts plays as completely and perfectly as the Moore Stock Company, and that which attracts praise in an ordinary play should cause nothing short of amazement in a production of this kind. Matinees on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. On Monday afternoon new post card souvenirs of Miss Leonell Harrold will be presented to the ladies. For the following week a farce comedy "Who Goes There?" will be given complete.

NATIONAL THEATRE.

The new musical comedy "Breaking into Society" featuring in the principal character role the famous Four Mortons, Sam, Clara, Paul and Kitty will play a return engagement at the National Theatre next Monday Tuesday and Wednesday with the customary matinees on Tuesday and Wednesday. The plot abounds with comedy in which are interspersed musical numbers and catchy songs.
"Six Hopkins" now in its seventh season of continuous success, a play of rural life, the purity and sweetness of which has made it a classic in the American drama is booked for an engagement at the National Theatre next week Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Miss Rose Melville plays the character role which she originated eight years ago.

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When delivering a stump speech, Gladstone used to fix his eye on a certain man in the front row to note what effect the oration had upon him. If he was bored or enthused, pleased or riled, so, he assumed, would be the audience. In like manner, when we made our initial exhibit of wraps and gowns, we were anxious to know how the selection would appeal to first comers. As they were delighted or disappointed, so, we felt, would be others. It was very gratifying, therefore, to realize that the showing not only met with general approval, but evoked unstinted praise. Those who saw the display were impressed by the breadth of assortments, the quality of materials, the superiority of workmanship, the smartness of styles. And being so impressed, it was natural that they should tell others. So the good news spread. As a result our cloak and suit trade so far this season has not only surpassed, but outclassed our best past for the corresponding period. And this despite climatic conditions most discouraging.

Just in time for Easter comes to hand two most wonderful bargains in Eton suits. Seeing that we have all we can do at the moment to meet regular demands, this might not be deemed an opportune time for the exploitation of such offerings. But the purchase is to hand and why not distribute it? So to-morrow, and while they last, we offer as follows:

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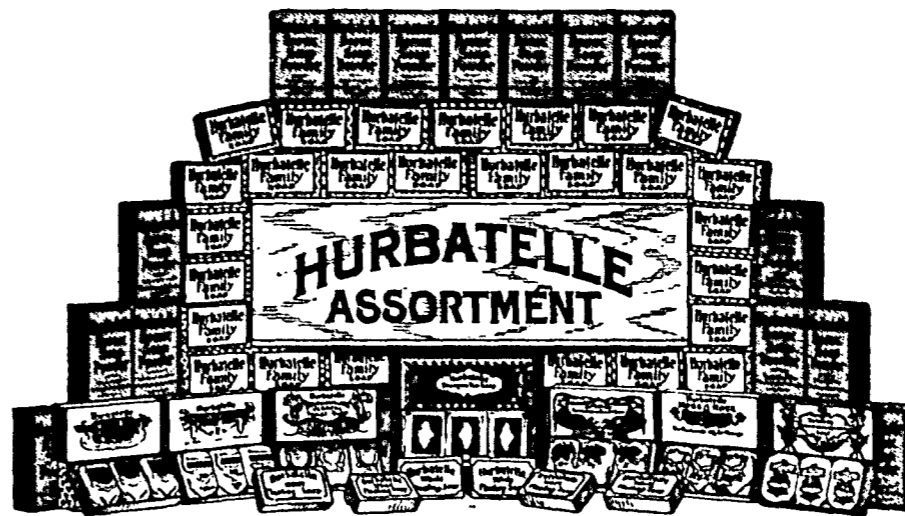
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