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Washington Letter.

Simplified Spelling

(Special to The Journal.)

Washington is just now the headquarters for the simplified spelling movement. The order of President Roosevelt to the Public Printer has given this movement a strong impulse here. In looking over the ground generally, however, it will be found that no very great step has been taken. The movement of spelling reform goes on in all languages at all times and with out cessation, and the English language has been no exception to the rule. The ball of spelling reform has really received only a slight push in its onward course, which would have hardly been noted had it not been inaugurated by men of national reputation. There will be no backward step now, although a flood of criticism from timid souls will overwhelm us. But this is no new experience. There never was anything suggested or introduced for the benefit of mankind that did not meet with violent opposition at the start. When Prof. Morse proposed to build a telegraph line from Baltimore to Washington he was simply overwhelmed with abuse and ridicule not by the people but by their enlightened representatives in Congress. The Janney coupler, the air brake, and the injector were fought by railroads until they could hold out no longer, and now they could not do without them.

One example will show how gradual is the progress in spelling reform. At one time it was customary to spell labor with a u, la-bour. The chances are that we would be spelling it that way to-day, for we are all creatures of habit and cowards in a sense. But an enterprising spirit steps up to the front, and boldly spells it la-bor. He has some literary standing, and the new spelling is introduced in the next edition of the dictionary. We see it there, but it gives us a distinct shock, and we continue to spell it la-bour. Others less timid, adopt the new way, and it finds its way gradually into print. Then we wake up, and see it all ourselves, but go thru the same course of timidity and hesitation when the next word comes around.

Some people think that we should wait until England joins us in improving our language. If we wait for that it will never be improved. They still spell it labor over there and will continue to do so until the crack of doom. England does not take kindly to foreign ideas. It took her over half a century to decide to adopt the Gregorian calendar, and did not like to do it then, just because the Pope had instituted it. But the conflicting dates interfered with her business, and hurt her pocket book, and she was finally compelled to swallow the "papistical abomination."

I give here some of the new rules that pertain at the Government Printing Office. Use e for æ and œ, drop e in words like lodgment; use t instead of ed in the Imperfect and Pluperfect tenses ending in s, sh, and p, like preest, dript; use ense for ence, as in defense; spell coquet, etiquette; use f instead of gh as in draft; drop gh altogether when possible as in plow, thru; drop the e in words like preterit, infinitive, single l in words like distill, fulness, dulness; write program, telegram; use f instead of ph in words like sulfur, fantasia; reverse the French re and write theater, center; in words spelled with eo, drop the o, as in simitar, sithe; if a word is spelled with an s or z in the root use z as in surprise, apprise. Drop ue in words like demagog, pedagog.

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Around the Globe

Catholic News From Many Places

Bronze medals awarded to twenty-two members of St. Mary's Academy at South Bend, Ind., for services rendered as nurses during the Civil War by the Grand Army of the Republic were presented in the parlors of the academy last Thursday with appropriate exercises. Timothy E. Howard of Antem Post of South Bend made the presentation address.

Henceforth there will be no solos in the Catholic churches of the Diocese of Louisville, choral music and Gregorian chant being substituted. This order has been promulgated by Rt. Rev. Bishop McCloskey, who also decrees that catechism must be taught for one hour every Sunday afternoon. This is in accord with the orders of the Holy Father, issued some time ago.

Last Thursday at Baltimore, Brother Bernardine celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his entrance into the order of the Xaverian Brotherhood. The day which will actually round out the fifty years, and mark his golden jubilee is Sept. 13, but at that time the majority of the brothers will be in their respective schools it was thought best to hold the celebration at the present time.

At Bathgate, Scotland, a Catholic clergyman, Rev. Father McDaniel, has been appointed Justice of the Peace. This is a rare, probably unique, distinction for a Catholic priest in Great Britain. The office carries with it no salary. Justices of the Peace under the British system being honorary officials, though they sit on the bench and try and dispose of cases in the inferior courts. Here they are called judges, but in Great Britain only justices. It seems very fitting that a Catholic priest, one of whose functions it is to preach justice, should also be an administrator of justice.

Notre Dame, Ind., August 20.—Very Rev. Dr. Andrew Morrissey was today elected provincial of the Holy Cross Order by the general chapter, which has been in conference for ten days. Dr. Morrissey succeeds Very Rev. J. A. Zahn, who has been provincial for the past eight years. For the last two years Dr. Morrissey has been traveling abroad for his health, and previous to this he had been president of Notre Dame University for fifteen years. Rev. James French was elected first superior general of the Holy Cross Order. He was vice president of Notre Dame University under Dr. Morrissey's administration.

The recent annual reunion of the Pat Cleburne Camp, U. C. V., of Charleston, Ark., was notable as being the first occasion, it is believed, on which a Catholic priest was invited to address a public gathering in that State. The speaker was Rev. Fr. Boniface, O. S. B., who described the famous battlefield of Gettysburg, which he had quite recently visited. He paid a glowing tribute to the bravery of the South in that battle, and deprecated the fact that while the North had spent over five million toward monuments to the memory of her heroic dead, the South had done comparatively nothing along this line. He also referred to the gifted and lamented Father Ryan, how he had endeared himself to his beloved South in his grand and immortal poems.

Mrs. Matthew O'Connell, living in Geneseo, Ill., has a relic which she prizes highly in the form of a prayer book 200 years old. The book was made entirely by hand labor, all the type being hand set. The book is ponderous in size and locked with heavy brass clasps. The book bears the imprint of M. Gotthard Shuster and was published August 4, 1707, at Zurichaw, Germany. Three foot

of type were used. The book was given to Mrs. O'Connell by her mother, the late Mrs. William Weinrich, who read constantly in the book during the last years of her life. It has been handed down in the family for generations.

Five Minute Sermon

The Mammon of Iniquity

The object of these words of Christ was to reprove the extreme anxiety and attachment for the riches of this world, and besides to exhort us to place our trust in divine Providence.

In order to encourage us to place our confidence in God, Jesus Christ commands us not to be solicitous about what we are to eat, or where with we are to clothe ourselves, because that God Who in His goodness has made us out of nothing cannot and will not refuse us what is necessary for our sustenance, if with childlike confidence we have recourse to His fatherly love.

He wished to teach us that our only desire and our constant prayer should be that God may be glorified, and that we may obtain the necessary means to gain heaven—that is, an abundance of grace, holiness of life, the possession of virtue, and perseverance in good. When, therefore, the kingdom of God is our only object, when we are faithful, just, and persevering in the divine service, then divine Providence will provide us with the necessary temporal things, without our being anxious about them, in the same manner as the earth brought forth its fruit without being cultivated when Adam was in the state of original innocence.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday September 9—Gospel, St. Matt. vi, 24-33—Feast of the Holy Name of Mary.
Monday 10—St. Nicholas of Tolentino, confessor.
Tuesday 11—SS. Protus and Hyacinth, martyrs.
Wednesday 12—St. Guy, confessor.
Thursday 13—St. Eulogius, patriarch and confessor.
Friday 14—Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
Saturday 15—St. Nicomedes, martyr.

Very low colonist rates to Pacific Coast via Nickel Plate Road. Daily until October 31st, the Nickel Plate Road will sell special one-way Colonist tickets from Buffalo to principal points in California, Washington and Oregon at rate of \$42.50 Good in all trains, and in tourist sleepers. For full particulars write R. E. Payne, general agent, 291 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.

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Excursion rates to New York Sept. 9th and 10th via "America's Greatest Railroad" New York Central, on account of the Independence League Convention, New York city, the New York Central will sell round trip tickets to New York at the low rate of \$8.70, good going Sept. 9th and 10th, good returning on or before Sept. 14th.

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Notice to Out of Town Subscribers.

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Please be prepared to pay him.

LIMA

The feast of St. Rose was celebrated Sunday, Sept. 2nd, with solemn high mass at 11:15. The sermon was by Father Englehart of Rochester. At 7:30 p. m. Father Hughes of Geneseo, gave an instruction followed by vespers and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

An anniversary high mass was offered Monday at nine o'clock for Michael Kenney.

Miss Katherine Courneen has returned after a two weeks visit to New York City.

Miss Nellie M. Hendrick has gone to Wellsville where she has been engaged to teach in the High School.

Mr. Peter McManus of Binghamton, N. Y., is visiting his aunt Miss Anna Keenan.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cleary are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son.

GENESEO.

Rev. A. A. Hughes is on retreat this week. Rev. Father Sullivan of Rochester, who is stationed at Avon, will attend all sick calls.

William Quirk of New York City, is home this week on a visit to his parents.

William Moore, who lives on the Crockett road about two miles southeast of this village, is very low and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Miss Mary Schenler of Penfield, is visiting in the home of her brother, Martin on Oak St.

On Friday evening last the young people of St. Mary's church gave a very enjoyable dance and reception at Emerald hall. The net proceeds will be about \$35.

Daniel J. Dolan and wife, who have been spending the month of August here at the home of James E. Dolan returned to their home in Philadelphia on Monday last.

On Sunday evening last Rev. A. A. Hughes preached at the services of the Feast of St. Rose at the church at Lima. The C. M. B. A. branch of this village sent Martin Schenler as delegate to attend the convention which was held at Yonkers, N. Y., last week.

Miss Mary Conlin, who has been spending a month here returned to Sheephead's Bay, L. I. last week.

Miss Alice Hughes of Rochester, is a guest of her aunts, the Misses Fleming this week.

Miss Anna Finigan of Gloverville, visited her brother, Edward J., here last week.

Miss Elizabeth O'Brien spent last week at the Thousand Islands.

Mrs. T. Enright of Jersey City, N. J., has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. Parmelee, the past two weeks.

Miss Ellen Long of Buffalo, visited her sister, Miss Mary Long, last week.

Miss Gertrude Welsh and brother, Fred, of Rochester, visited relatives here the first of the week.

T. C. Reagan and Fred Thompson left on Saturday last for Buffalo, where they went to Detroit by boat and returned on Monday evening.

Mrs. Nora Fennell of Buffalo, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Dwyer of this village for a few days.

Miss Marie Donovan of Canandaigua, visited friends here last week.

The Geneseo State Normal reopens for the next school year, next week Wednesday, Sept. 12th. A large attendance is expected this year.

Misses Cora and Anna Gallagher of this village, were guests of friends in Rochester, last week.

CANANDAIGUA.

First Friday this week. Holy communion was given at 5:30 and 8:00.

Father Dougherty was on retreat this week from Monday afternoon to Friday forenoon.

The Seminary letter was read last Sunday and books distributed to the collectors. We hope to surpass the record of last year.

Baptized: Charles Patrick Connolly and Anna Blaine Chisholm, last Sunday. The Holy Name will receive quarterly communion next Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Mannin, of Danville, made a few interesting remarks at the meeting of the Rosary ladies, Sunday.

The Misses Charlotte and Henrietta Kiernan of Washington, D. C., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Basford at the Memorial hospital.

School opens Sept. 10th, and an increased attendance is expected. Sister Rose Madeline, who has given much

satisfaction as teacher in the primary grade for the past five years, has been transferred to St. Mary's School, of Auburn and her successor will be Sister M. Esther, formerly of the Cathedral school, Rochester.

The anniversaries this week are for Mrs. Ellen Pendegrast, Monday and Mrs. Martin Tuohy, Thursday.

Edward Rogers has recently returned from Saco, Maine and expects to live in Rochester. Mr. Rogers has been a generous supporter of the church and his benefactions will be greatly missed.

AUBURN, N. Y.

All the pastors and assistant pastors of the city churches, were attending the annual retreat in Rochester this week.

Rev. John B. Doran of Groton, N. Y., passed through this city on Monday on his way to Rochester for the annual retreat.

All of the parochial schools of the city opened on Tuesday morning with a large attendance.

The work on St. Hyacinth church is progressing rapidly and if the weather remains good it is expected to finish the church before the cold weather starts in. The congregation is working hard in their efforts to help the pastor.

The school in connection with the church will be under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph from the Rochester diocese.

High mass Sunday at 9 o'clock and children's mass at 9 o'clock.

The outing of St. Mary's school, given by Father Mulhern, was a decided success.

The recent lawn fete given by St. Edward's mission under the direction of Father Smith of St. Mary's church, was a great success. A handsome sum was realized from the affair.

COCK OPERA HOUSE.

Enormous crowds welcomed the return of vaudeville last week, at the Cock Opera House. Next week's show will offer John Hyams and Lella McIntyre, who will present a comedy playlet entitled "Two Hundred Wives." What is termed a carnival of dancing, will be offered by the Four Fords. Katherine Hayes and Sabel Johnson are down on the list for a singing act. The two Fords will offer an act in which they give various character impersonations. Banjo playing will be offered by Folk, Collins and the Carman Sisters. Acrobatics will be offered by Count DeButz and Brother and Bonnie Gaylord will offer eccentric character impersonations. The kinograph will show a new motion picture of adventure. This bill will be presented at the Cock Opera House all next week with daily matinees.

Baker Theatre.

For the second week of the Moore Stock Company at the Baker Theatre Hoyt's famous comedy drama "A Midnight Ball" will be presented. This will provide the first opportunity to see the new members as fun-makers. The play was one of the first of the author's successful comedies and has not been revived here in several seasons. The play gives a picture of certain striking features of rural life in a small New England village. A number of quaintly drawn characters enact the story, which combines incidents of considerable dramatic value with pretty sentiment and clever fun. The play will be presented at the Baker Theatre all next week with matinees Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Sheet music containing all the songs will be given away next Monday afternoon.

Green Trading Stamps

With all kinds of groceries Green special offer with Tea, Coffee, Baking Powder, Extracts, Spices, Groceries and Fancy Elgin Butter, at each of our three stores this week. The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co., 210 Main Street East, 74 Main Street West, 224 North Street. Both Phones 1610.

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This is the time to give your winter garment thought. Order a new Seal or Persian jacket or have your old one remodeled. Summer prices prevail and all the new styles are ready. Call and get our estimate on your work. Meng & Shaffer, manufacturing furriers, 11 State St., 14 W. Main St., Powers Block, 186 Main St. Opp. Whitcomb House.

Rome and the Bible

The Church on the Authenticity of the Pentateuch

Moses wrote the first five books of the Scriptures. The Pentateuch. Outlines the Catholic Attitude toward Higher Criticism.

All Roman Catholics and all Bible students throughout the world are interested in the report made to the Pope by a Pontifical Biblical Commission appointed to investigate the question whether the books of the Pentateuch, written by Moses, were inspired or merely the result of human effort. The commission's report has effect that Moses was essentially the author of the Pentateuch, but that the books were not finished by him. This has not been understood as a denial of the divine inspiration of the Pentateuch, but as an acknowledgment of the fact that the Pentateuch is a composite work, and will fix their attention on the many criticisms of the Bible generally.

The investigation was long and wide differences of opinion as to the authenticity of the books of the Pentateuch. Questions were raised, the report was signed by the Pope, Father Janssens and Father Goussier, both eminent scholars. The London Tablet gives the report in full as follows:

"To the following doubts from the Pentateuchal commission, the studies the following answers have been given:

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