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### Send in Corrections

While the Catholic Journal, in company with scores of its contemporaries, has felt impelled to criticize or to correct non-Catholic papers for publishing misleading information about the Church and Catholic individuals, it also has made the point that Catholics could counteract, if not prevent, this very misinformation.

We have urged that, in nine cases out of ten, the daily press would be pleased to stand corrected if the correction were made in polite, man-to-man fashion.

The Syracuse "Catholic Sun" takes a similar view in the following:

"Most people who read daily papers, nowadays, cannot fail to be struck by one trait of the Christian Science, faddists. Looked at from any proper point of view it is a commendable one.

"It is this: Suppose a dispatch appears to-day stating that, here, there or elsewhere, some person has died as a result of Christian Science treatment. To-morrow, on picking up the paper that printed the charge you will certainly find a correction of the statement.

"Or suppose your favorite journal to-day contains some remark against Christian Science; to-morrow it will contain an answer to the article, almost certainly.

"These corrections and answers may not be very satisfying to the outside world; but at least they show that the Scientists are alive.

"Now, why do not we Catholics show a similar courage in defending our religion? The Catholic position is assailed a hundred times oftener than is that of the Christian Scientists. Why can we not write out dignified yet firm corrections of misstatements, carry them to the secular journals and request their insertion?

"If the great daily misrepresents us it ought to be willing to correct its misrepresentations, if the correction be couched in temperate terms. Might it not be well to give it a chance to be just?"

### The Inner Life

In a sermon preached to non-Catholics not long since, the missionary Father thus beautifully explained the inner life of a Catholic:

"What is the real life of a Catholic? When you view a beautiful cathedral from the outside, you may admire its proportions, the symmetry of its parts, its lofty tower and massive walls; but to behold the beauty of its interior you must enter it within through the door. Then all its grandeur will burst upon you, the long majestic aisle, the vaulted ceiling, the superb altar and the stained-glass windows—all are revealed to their full splendor, and you stand thrilled with awe and wonder. So, too, with the Catholic Church. Your reason may lead you to admire its wonderful power and influence. You marvel at its unity, its vitality and its claims. You view it only from without. To behold its inner, real life you must pass through the door, which is faith; then all its grandeur, power and sanctity are revealed to you. Allow me to take you by the hand; let us enter. We stand on hallowed stones, trod by saints of old. Their tears have moistened the

pavement. We feel a holy awe creep over us, as if we had drawn near to God, and that, like Moses, we should be unshod to stand before Him. What do we behold? A new-borne babe is carried into the sacred temple. A priest, the public representative of the Church, demands of it: 'What do you ask of the Church of God?' It answers, 'Faith.' Again I hear the priest demand, 'And what doth faith bring thee to?' The child, through its sponsors, answers, 'Life everlasting.' 'If,' says the priest, 'you wish to enter life everlasting, keep the Commandments.' Here we have the secret of the Catholic life. It is a life dominated by faith—ruled by faith, directed by faith.

### Exile For Faith

Just how far the new French premier, Clemenceau, is willing to go in his persecution of the Catholics, providing public opinion does not indicate too much popular disapproval is evidenced in the following press dispatch from Paris:—"On both sides of the question of what is to be done by the Church and State regarding the separation law is becoming more acute daily. Just now the priests, having indicated that they will do the natural thing in line with their religious duty and obey the Pope, accused the Government representatives to the point of declaring in some measure what the Government will do in December.

"It has already been intimated that the Government would, in the language of Prime Minister Clemenceau, treat the Pope as a foreign potentate, and therefore without the right to give an order valid in France. This has been one of the causes that have aroused French Catholics to greater energy of antagonism, but it is now declared that the Government, supported by the Chamber, will amend the law so as to enable it easily to get rid of priests obeying the Pope without putting them in jail.

"The Matin, which is in a position to know, will publish confirmation of this report. It will state that Parliament is to add an article to the code empowering the Government to expel from France all persons who obey the behests of a foreign sovereign in contravention of the laws of France."

In other words if the New York State Legislature were to pass a law forbidding Catholics to acknowledge the spiritual supremacy of Pope Pius X, and Bishop McQuaid were to dispute the right of the Legislature, he would be liable to expulsion from the State! Put in plain, everyday English, that is just what M. Clemenceau would do to the French Catholic priests who persist in acknowledging the Pope as the head of the Church instead of the infidel Freemason minister of public worship!

The "Beautiful Snow" poets were in their glory this week.

The Catholic Journal extends congratulations to Assemblyman-elect Henry R. Glynn. Also Daniel Driscoll, Thomas J. Leddy and John M. Quinn for the splendid runs they made for the Assembly. Peter F. Keefe for senator in the forty-sixth district, gave Senator Armstrong a hard run.

A number of well-known Catholics will sit in the Legislature of 1907. Prominent among these are the Senator-elect William J. Grattan, of the Albany district and a past Grand Knight of Cohoes Council of the Knights of Columbus and Senator-elect Samuel J. Ramsperger, popular in Knights of St. John circles in Buffalo.

What an astonishing amount of misinformation is displayed in the secular press regarding the situation in France and other subjects in which Catholics are interested!

If it is true that Thomas F. Ryan is to head a syndicate which has secured concessions from King Leopold to exploit the Congo, we may expect a cessation of the charges of terrible atrocities in that region.

### The Election

There are several pertinent lessons in the result of Tuesday's election. In the first place, the daily press of Rochester appears to have lost its influence. The same is true of New York city. Both in Rochester and New York Mr. Hearst was without the support of a daily paper yet he carried both cities. To be sure, New York is a democratic city, but Rochester is classed as a strong republican bailiwick. Here the daily papers failed to hold the republican vote.

Politicians may well say, sometimes, that they are stronger if the press is solidly arrayed against them. Last year Mr. Hearst ran for mayor of New York on an independent ticket and every paper in the city was opposed to him yet he came within a few votes of election.

These incidents do not prove that the press need not be feared when it is arrayed solidly on the side of a moral issue. Perusal of the Rochester papers did not indicate that there was any great moral issue involved beyond the interests of the Wall Street stock gamblers who feared the diminution of their paper values on watered stocks. Rochester papers ranted at, reviled and abused any one who differed from them. Hundreds of Rochesterians, friends of John S. Whalen, did not see that there was any crime in voting for him or in being identified with the party whose nomination he had accepted. Yet these persons were slandered and their intelligence insulted, by inference, in every issue of the daily press of Rochester. The day after the election when it was not known that Mr. Whalen was elected the "Evening Times" spoke of him as "a nonentity."

It must be plain to everybody that thousands of persons voted for Mr. Hearst who do not believe in the man, personally. But they must believe in what he assumes to stand for and they must also be opposed to present conditions.

If the gentlemen who are trying to make the business interests of the United States an annex to the stocktion of New York and London are not wined by Tuesday's election, then they need not be surprised when they need not be surprised when William Randolph Hearst ever dreamed of being.

St. Mary's church, now that it has been re-decorated, presents a handsome interior. With the fine new parochial residence, St. Mary's possesses a property on which the congregation and its zealous rector, Rev. William Gleeson, M. R., may well feel proud.

### Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday November 18.—Gospel, St. Matt. viii, 23-27.—St. Hilda, abbess.  
Monday 19.—St. Elizabeth of Hungary, widow.  
Tuesday 20.—St. Felix of Valois, confessor.  
Wednesday 21.—Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary.  
Thursday 22.—St. Cecilia, virgin and martyr.  
Friday 23.—St. Clement I., pope and martyr.  
Saturday 24.—St. John of the Cross, confessor.

### Forty Hours Devotion

The devotion of the "Forty Hours" will be held in the churches of the diocese of Rochester as follows: November 18—St. Patrick's, Danville.

### LARGEST OF PIPE ORGANS.

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Size in organs is not for the non-musical to judge, enough, perhaps, that their ears should be made to ache. But a step now being taken in Germany should serve as an object lesson to experts. According to the London Globe, Prince Donnesmarck recently placed in one of the new Berlin churches an organ of dimensions so large as to entitle the instrument to be deemed one of the largest in the world. It has cost about \$20,000. The "blowing" is done by an electric motor of 10 horse power, which is embedded in a thick wall and isolated by iron doors so that the noise of its working shall not be heard. There are four claviers and 6,000 stops, of which the most noteworthy are the "angelic chorus," the "heavenly voice," "murmuring breakers," "sea waves" and the "human voice."

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