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Lent

In a few days Holy Mother Church will call upon her children to observe the second period of the ecclesiastical year—the Holy Season of Lent.

From Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday we are reminded constantly of the penitential season. Altars are draped in purple, God's priests wear vestments of similar hue in celebrating the Holy Sacrifice. The "Gloria" is omitted when the choir sings the mass. These things are intended to impress upon us that we are in penitential days.

We are also exhorted to refrain for the forty days from worldly pleasures, to attend spiritual exercises, to examine our consciences and in many ways to make reparation to Almighty God for sins of omission and commission.

While there is no doubt of the need for and efficacy of the Lenten season taken in a spiritual sense, equally strong argument can be made from a purely physical and material standpoint.

In the day we live speed is the watchword. We eat on the run, we motor to and from office at break-neck speed, our amusements must be swift else they pall upon our senses.

If there be no pause somewhere along the way, if all safety valves are eliminated, then trouble may be looked for.

Holy Mother Church planned for the hygienic welfare of man in instituting the Lenten Season. It affords a break in the busy season. The man of affairs is given a let up thereby. The society woman has a period for rest of body and mind.

Lent is beneficial spiritually. That goes without saying. Will it not be conceded that it is equally beneficial, viewed from the worldly standpoint.

Let us enter into the true spirit of the Lenten season that we may be refreshed in soul and body.

Good.

Several times of late the Catholic Journal has given its opinion that an awakening of the national conscience is to be noticed in the United States.

One incident of the past week confirms that impression. For several years the drama, as presented on the stages in the large cities, has sunk lower and lower so far as morality, literary merit, histrionic value are concerned. In great part, this condition has been due to the control of the theaters in these large centres by a coterie of gentlemen whose professed aim in business life was to make money. In addition, the type of play and opera put upon the boards was such as to inspire more than passing suspicion that faith in revealed religion; respect for purity in morals and social life were repugnant to these gentlemen.

Nine times out of ten, the plays presented consisted of direct appeals to all that is base and sensual in the human makeup, interpolated with grotesquely staged spectacles intended to produce the same effect in the one who looks only upon the surface.

When any one raised a voice of protest he was hooted off the stage and the same spectacle of true depravity was given by other means.

That the state of public mind has changed is evidenced by the withdrawal of a noxious opera based upon a noxious play by that low-minded fellow, Oscar Wilde, because the rich men who own the Metropolitan Opera House felt that it was too vile, to be presented on any stage in New York.

Of course, the horde of European so-called "artists" who have flocked to this country to fill their pockets with our dollars and in return, to insult us and jeer at us in private, are in arms. Americans are low, they cannot see the true art in this vile play, they have no idea of the spiritual side to the play, and all such rot has been poured forth by these foreigners in the New York press.

Well, we can stand all that. If the public conscience is aroused to the point where it will refuse to patronize filthy plays, then real dramatic art will have its innings and this should please the artists. Any way, the public morals will be benefited and, inasmuch as we pay the freight, these foreigners will have to like our ways or go back to Europe minus our dollars.

Fitting

What a graceful tribute, what a manifestation of absence of bigotry was shown last week by the Senate of the State of California when it held a memorial service in honor of the late Archbishop Montgomery and at its end adopted resolutions indicative of the loss the state had sustained in the death of this prelate.

Senator Wolfe was the principal speaker and he moved the adoption of the resolutions "Jews, Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics alike will unite in mourning the death of this great and glorious man" was the way Senator Wolfe opened his speech.

The resolutions adopted unanimously by rising vote were as follows:

Whereas, The senate of the state of California has learned with profound regret of the death of the Most Rev. Archbishop George Montgomery; and

Whereas, Archbishop Montgomery has been for many years identified with every measure that tended to the betterment of the condition of our people and to their uplifting, and has shown that whatever affected the welfare of the state of California was near and dear to his heart; and

Whereas, Archbishop Montgomery while a strict religionist and a devout follower of his faith, was a man of the most advanced liberal thought and principal, whose great influence both as a minister, as an orator and a citizen, was ever directed against bigotry and the persecution of any people of any faith, and a man who believed in the common fatherhood of God and the common brotherhood of man; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the senate of the state of California deeply deplores the loss of this distinguished divine, and places itself upon record as believing that in his death not only the people of his own faith, but the people of the whole state of California, have lost a friend whose place it will be very hard to fill; and be it further

Resolved, That when the senate adjourns to-day it adjourns out of respect to the memory of the late Archbishop George Montgomery.

Prompt

Whether he meant it as a compliment, tending to show how he had climbed the ladder, or whether he intended it as a covert fling, the writer in the current "Atlantic Monthly" who told his readers that the late Colonel Patrick O'Rourke was a hood carrier when appointed to West Point and that his wife's name was "Bridget" has been called to task right smartly.

A son of the late Congressman Williams, who named O'Rourke as a West Point cadet informs the "Democrat and Chronicle" that Patrick O'Rourke was a graduate of Catholic and public schools of Rochester and had entered upon apprenticeship as a marble cutter when the opportunity to enter West Point

presented itself. It is pointed out by a relative that Mrs. O'Rourke's name was not Bridget but Clara and that she was a graduate of the Sacred Heart Convent, in itself a mark of breeding and an indication that her parents were persons of some standing in the community.

Really, except as a matter of historical accuracy there is no particular need of calling attention to these matters. If Colonel O'Rourke had been an hodocarrrier, need that have been him the less a brave soldier? If Mrs. O'Rourke's name had been Bridget, where is the disgrace? It is a fine old Irish name and the pretty young missies who turn up their noses at Bridget and insist upon being called Mayme, Kathie, Margie and Mae instead of the good, euphonious and beautiful names born by their mothers and grandparents, betray their ignorance. These pert misses imagine that young men will think more of them if they discard childhood names. Possibly the men think more of these girls, but not in the way they fondly imagine. They have a feeling of contempt for the girl who is ashamed of her parents or their parents names. That is young men who count. Clarence, Percy and the other dudes may not. But they do not count, now or in the future.

But that is not what we started to say. We are glad that the Irish American descendants of honored Irish sires are not ashamed of their descent and that they intend to resent intended insults to race or creed. But discrimination should be exercised that the protest does not verge on the ridiculous. The Catholic girl who insists upon Mayme must not be surprised if her associates poke fun at the Irish.

"I don't go to the Catholic church any more." This was the declaration made by a smart Aleck the other day. Even though he has dropped the "O" his name is still as unmistakably Irish as O'Brien or O'Hara. Yet this chap insisted that being a Catholic meant being kept down. He has joined the cheap organization of non-Catholics and struts at the head of processions. But we cannot see that he has forged so far ahead. A Whalen and a Glynn have been elected to state office. This chap never will be, in all probability. His Catholic associates will despise him while the non-Catholic bigots will imagine, from his name, that he is Catholic and out him accordingly. This chap is likely to find that his apostasy will not profit him even in business way, as he fondly hopes.

If Bishop McQuaid is able to carry out all of his plans, for St. Bernard's, that educational institution will rank with any other of its class in the entire country, even if the diocese of Rochester has no multi-millionaire who is willing to go down in his pocket, whenever occasion demands, and present the seminary with princely donations.

In the death of Rev. Alfred Evans the church loses a devoted son, the diocese of Rochester a zealous priest and the city of Ithaca a foremost citizen.

Judging from the guest list of the Society of the Genesee, Rochesterians cut quite a swath in the professional, social and business circles of the great metropolis. Flower City training will make itself manifest the world over.

Why is it that the Board of Education cannot find time or money to raise teachers salaries now, instead of waiting until September next?

Attendance upon religious services, instead of upon the theatre, during the Lenten season, will benefit you in more ways than one.

Even the redoubtable Clemenceau yet may be glad to go to Canossa.

Governor Hughes, apparently manages to run the gubernatorial office without the assistance of the politicians. Now, let the Legislature learn the same lesson and then we will have made quite a step toward government by and for the People.

Of Interest to Investors

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The Rochester Turkish Bath Company's new building which is now nearing completion, 42 and 44 North Fitzhugh street next to the Rochester Whist Club, has a frontage of 37 feet and a depth of 160 feet. The building is of brick, trimmed with stone, three stories in height. There will be offices, barber shop, manicure and chiropodist parlors. The bath rooms will be in the basement and including the pools, will occupy the entire floor. There will be separate bath rooms for men and women, with daily attention for each. There are to be fifty sleeping rooms for the accommodation of traveling men. These rooms will be equipped with all conveniences, including telephone service.

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Five Minute Sermon

Jesus Gives Sight to the Blind Man

The blind man according to St. Gregory was a figure of two things. In general, he represented the whole human race; in particular, he was a figure of those Christians who, blinded by the things of this world, do not see the value of heavenly things.

The blind man saw neither the magnificence of his country, nor the road that leads to it, nor the face of any one from whom he could ask assistance. It is the same with Christians who are blinded by the things of this world. They find themselves in the bosom of the Church, but see not its beauties; they are on the road to heaven, but cannot advance one step; they wish for happiness, but know not the vanity, the impotence, the nothingness of riches, honors, and power, from which they hope for it in vain.

We should learn from this blind man never to let a favorable opportunity pass nor delay a single moment to improve the hearing of our souls whenever God passes with His grace; we should learn to make ourselves heard by prayer, internal aspirations, and by the voice of the priest.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday February 10—Gospel: St. Luke xviii, 13-43—St. Scholastica, virgin.
Monday 11—St. Raymond of Pennafort, confessor.
Tuesday 12—St. Benedict of Anian, abbot
Wednesday 13—Ash Wednesday. Fast
Thursday 14—St. Valentine, bishop and martyr.
Friday 15—The Passion of Our Lord. F.
Saturday 16—St. Juliana, virgin and martyr.

RICHES AND HONOR.

"Riches and honor." I heard one say. "Are the only things for which I pray."

Riches and honor! And what are they? But glittering baubles beside life's way? Where's the sick man weighed down with wealth? But would give it all for a day of health? And where is the man exalted high? But knows it is naught when he comes to die?

Riches and honor! Dear God above, In Thy infinite wisdom and infinite love, If these two things for which men race Should make me low and mean and base

And from my heart all mercy take, Withhold them, God, for Christ's dear sake! —Edwin Currie Lacey in Rosary Magazine.

Dress Skirts, \$2.50

Two new styles are numbered among the dress skirts on which Basement Dress Goods section has made such an enviable reputation. There are about a hundred and fifty of these skirts made up in home-spuns, mixed suitings, novelty suitings, hairline striped suitings, and fancy tweeds, in the fashionable spring styles, including gray plaids, gray, brown, tan, navy and green mixtures, and plain black.

Seven gored skirts with Lapped seams, with high plaited panels either side of front gore headed with fancy stitched straps, \$2.50.

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