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Press and Pulpit.

In this day the press should be the supplement, the handmaid, so to speak, of the pulpit.

Instead there seems to be a wide diversity of opinion between the two. The preachers denounce newspapers when the latter happen to run counter to the tenor of the pulpit. The press, in spots, seems inclined to poke fun at the pulpit and to ridicule all preachers who hold any reverence at all for tradition, who retain any faith in religious belief, who are not in the forefront of the iconoclastic regiment.

Of course, we are now discussing the relative relations of the non-Catholic preachers and the secular press. The Catholic pulpit figures but meagerly in the newspapers. Sensational sermons are lacking in Catholic pulpits and discourses on the Gospel do not furnish "double column head lines" for the reporters and city editors.

Perhaps this is why the press and pulpit appear out of harmony. Perhaps the sham-hating editors see so much fraud and froth in the sermons sent to their office by notoriety-loving preachers that they have fallen into the sad mistake of classing all ministers and all denominations with the fakirs and humbugs. For there are ministers who are in earnest, who wish to save souls, who wish to succor the needy and to denounce oppression; but these, except in rare instances, do not attract much attention from the secular press.

Cornell.

Not seeking to encourage attendance of Catholic students upon non-Catholic universities but inspired by a desire to preserve intact the faith of those who do attend such institutions, Bishop McQuaid has announced his intention to build and equip at Cornell University a Catholic hall.

As might be expected the bigots are raising their voices in protest. But these have been checkmated by this direct approval of former Ambassador Andrew D. White, an extremely liberal thinker:

"Bishop McQuaid's proposal must be considered as of happy omen, since it indicates that the Bishop sees the truth that the thinking young men of the country, whether Catholic or Protestant, are more and more determined to avail themselves of the advantages of the greater facilities of the larger universities over the smaller denominational colleges, imperfectly provided with laboratories, libraries, professors, lecturers and the like."

Dr. White thought Bishop McQuaid's proposed hall a good thing for both the university and for the Roman-Catholics themselves, and he regarded it as a good thing for Ithaca as well as for the university. As to concessions in the way of allowing credit in the university for instruction in the proposed denominational halls in certain subjects, Dr. White said that this would require very earnest thought and very careful handling.

"To this the 'Catholic Universe,' of Cleveland adds:

"It is claimed that instruction in psychology, philosophy and history at Cornell is carried on in an unfriendly attitude towards the Catholic faith, and from our point of view it is antagonistic to Catholic teachings in these and in other courses of study."

"According to the New York World it is now planned to send several professors to the new school which Bishop McQuaid proposes to establish and to have them offer instruction to all Catholic students on subjects not fairly treated in the universities. Lecturers from St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, will assist the other professors. It is stated that Bishop McQuaid has said that he would es-

tablish a house of residence, chapel and school of history, psychology and philosophy at Cornell. The fact, barely escaped being expelled, Catholic hall will be erected near the present university building.

"We all know that Bishop McQuaid, of Rochester, has always taken the leading part in the higher education of Catholic students. St. Bernard's Seminary has carved out for itself a high reputation as an institution of learning."

Severe.
Good breeding is not confined to the wealthy or those holding exalted position in society. Neither is bad breeding confined to those in the lower strata of the social scale or to those who cannot boast a large share of the world's treasures.

Witness this severe but richly deserved censure by the "Catholic Universe."
"The rector of the American Episcopal Church in Rome, Rev. Walter Lowrie, is arousing the indignation of Catholics and his own parishioners as well by issuing Parish Notes in which he refers to the Pope as 'my reverend brother, Joseph Taylor.' Perhaps a sufficient explanation of Mr. Lowrie's original code of manners and his brilliant wit is found in the fact that he formerly ministered to the fashionable set at Newport, the home of the 'monkey dinner,' the 'drawing room circus' and the other refined and elegant diversions by which the American '400' has established a reputation at home and abroad."

Four Notable Events.

Last Sunday week the new and beautiful Cathedral of St. John the Baptist of Charleston, S. C., erected on the site of the former Cathedral of St. John and St. Finbar, was consecrated with solemn ceremonies. Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Falconio and one hundred other prelates were present and assisted. On the same day Bishop Nothrup, under whose direction the Cathedral was built, celebrated his episcopal silver jubilee.

Next Sunday Rt. Rev. Nicholas A. Gallagher will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his elevation to the episcopacy and on that day, too, St. Mary's Cathedral in Galveston will be consecrated. Most Rev. James H. Blenk, archbishop of New Orleans, will preach the sermon.

These events mark the age and progress of the Catholic Church in the new and old portion of the United States. While the See of Charleston may be older in point of years than that of Galveston, the growth of Catholicity has been slower there than in Galveston. Yet in the older See a \$200,000 Cathedral is consecrated practically coincident with that in the younger See which may be taken as representative of the breezy, bustling, hustling Southwest.

All over the country the Cross has been reared aloft. Ride on a train where you will from east to west and you cannot escape the Cross surmounting the spire of a Catholic Church.

Where settlers go the Cross, the Catholic priest and the Catholic Church go likewise.

Suppression.
A remarkable situation exists in France, according to the letters of Ernest Aroni, a non-Catholic correspondent of the New York Evening Mail. Monsieur Aroni charges that the Paris correspondents of foreign papers are not allowed to state the true condition of affairs on penalty of exclusion from the ordinary sources of news. Correspondents in France must depend upon the government officials for their news and if they cease to be able to supply their papers with information they are soon out of a job.

Newspaper men in the United States cannot understand such a condition of affairs. If government officials do not see fit to give information the reporters go elsewhere. If they see fit to criticize the government officials, the latter have no redress. In Europe they order the correspondent out of the country and he must obey.

Here is an extract from one of M. Aroni's latest letters: "The only avenue of impartial publicity which is not marked 'no thought here' is in the press of America. And as proof I cite the following bulletin from the news service of the 'Agence Internationale' of this week:

"Italian newspapers have commented upon the expulsion from France of an Italian journalist, Monsieur Marroni, who had published in the 'Stampa' and other papers a series of letters criticizing unfavorably the religious policy of the French Government. We have applied to the Italian Embassy in order to obtain information upon

the subject.
"We learned that M. Marroni, in fact, barely escaped being expelled. The decree of expulsion was already signed. But at the end of amicable endeavors by His Excellency Count Tornelli (the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs), the order was withdrawn.
"The Ambassador has warned M. Marroni to what he will expose himself if he should continue to attack the policy of M. Clemenceau."
"Liberty" is a favorite word in France. But when applied to the press it seems like some others to have occasional un-American qualifications.

Therefore, I repeat that if the two sides of a great open question are to be printed anywhere, it can be done only in America.
There is some satisfaction to read that even if the American secular press manifests an unfriendly editorial tone, it has not adopted a policy of deliberately suppression altogether the Catholic side of the French situation.

Editorial Notes.

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, deserves congratulations upon the splendid performance its dramatic club presented at the Lyceum Theater last week Thursday. The players acquitted themselves with credit, the audience was appreciative and representative and there was no hitch.

Governor Hughes, evidently believes in genuine "home rule." Let us hope he will persevere to the end in this frame of mind.

Bishop McQuaid will leave to posterity one more enduring monument if he places a "Catholic Hall" at Cornell University, that head center of materialism.

With all that is said, written and done about pure milk the lactal fluid sold and dispensed by the milk men does not appeal to a layman as any better than it used to be years ago. There was a time when "milkmen's milk" produced cream, if it does to-day a microscope is needed to find it.

In another column will be found an account of the conversion to the Catholic faith of the son of Professor Dwight, of Harvard College, and his determination to enter the Trappist order. The true church appeals to the reason of fair-minded, thinking men, notwithstanding the frantic efforts of our enemies to make it appear that the Catholic religion is only for weak-minded women.

The Catholic Journal congratulates Archbishop Williams on attaining his eighty-fifth birthday. The dean of the American hierarchy has been a subscriber to the Journal ever since it started.

Where, oh where, are President Roosevelt's professions of devotion to civil service reform? Swallowed up in the ambitions of the politician?

Catholic amateurs are winning historic renown these days. They reflect credit on their parochial school training.

When non-Catholic writers see plainly that the contest in France is really between Catholicity and infidelity, why is it that so many American Catholics look upon the battle with absolute indifference?

We are waiting patiently for the Free Masons to repudiate the fire-brand utterances quoted a few days ago in the Journal.

Resolutions.

Council 40, C. R. and B. A., have adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, Almighty God in His infinite wisdom, has been pleased to call unto Himself, the loving mother of our vice president, Mrs. Jos. W. Hicks,

Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of the members of Council 40, C. R. and B. A., be extended to her in her sad loss, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on our minutes and also forwarded to our bereaved member.

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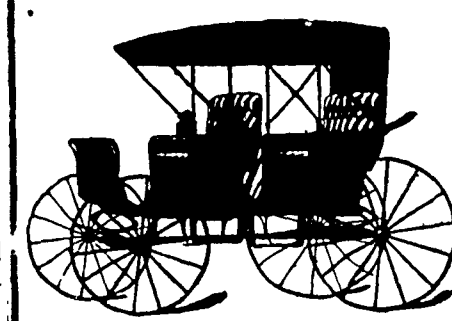
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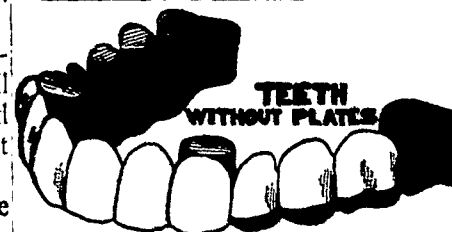


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