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Seem to Succeed.

We must confess to surprise at
reading this in the "Catholic Union
and Times".

The Niagara Falls "Gazette"
feels called upon to remark that
there are scores of schoolmasters
who spend their days trying to im-

press upon their charges the beauty
of piling up regents' counts—nar-

row little men who have come to
compute a boy's educational prog-

ress in regents' counts. This is a
good deal so. Regents' counts

mean 'cramming,' and there is
about as much educational prog-

ress in that as there is truth in a
'Ridpath Library.'

Perhaps it does not mean to, but
our contemporary, by inference,

casts a slur upon Rochester's Cath-
olic teachers who prepare all their

pupils to take the Regents' exam-
inations that they may graduate

with the seal of the State upon their
diplomas. It is the only way we

can compete with the public school
pupils. The latter are admitted to

the High Schools upon the certifi-
cates of their own teachers but un-

less the Catholic pupils present
Regents' certificates we would have

no assurances that our children
would be admitted at all, especially

if the High School were crowded.
Perhaps, Regents' examinations

are provocative of hard work but
our Catholic pupils do not appear

to mind it. They are healthy and
are able to play with the best of

them.
Perhaps, Regents' examinations

do not mean educational progress.
But we notice that graduates from

Catholic schools are able to hold
their own in Rochester with those

from the schools where they do not
have them—and, sometimes, ours

excel.

Good Work.

The Catholic Journal joins with
the "Catholic Sun" in the follow-

ing:
"As a rule this journal does not

favor the foundation of new socie-
ties. Recently, however, one was

begun in Albany, N. Y., which has
an excellent purpose and deserves

to succeed.
"Some time ago, in deference to

the tender feelings of the "mother
country," those in charge of educa-

tion in New York edited out of the
nation's anthem one of its most

striking stanzas because, as ex-
plained, it wounded English con-

sciousness. The fact that the
"Star-Spangled Banner" is our na-

tional air did not seem to deter
those pro-British editors. They

struck the objectionable lines out
of the school books of the State,
and it remains so expunged to this

day.
"The Albany society is organized

for the purpose of seeing it re-
stored. Its members mean that the

terrible words shall be put back
into the school books of the State,
no matter who is hurt.

"And they are right. How may
a little coterie of educational New

York Anglo-Saxons dare to mutil-
ate the words of our national

hymn? It is an outrage, pure and
simple. In the State of New York

the Ancient Order of Hibernians is
powerful. As we see it, here is

work for its members to do. Let
the Ancient Order in New York

rouse and see that the missing
stanza shall be restored. Let it

scream in protest until its screams
are heard. Let it rouse and strike,

now. It ought to be as gross a
crime to meddle with the country's

national airs as it is to tear down
and trample the nation's flag. What

will the Hibernians do?
School Superintendent Maxwell,

of New York, and the State De-
partment of Public Instruction

were responsible for defeating a
bill put in the Legislature two years

ago, by Assemblyman Tompkins,
forbidding emasculated versions of

the National Anthem being recited
in public schools.

Mea Culpa.

In the past, Protestant preachers
were wont to berate the Catholics

for what they termed "their super-
stition." To-day those who are

honest are confessing themselves
guilty parties.

Rev. Dr. Goodspeed, Springfield,
Mass., said in one of his sermons

a few Sundays ago:
"The pursuit of unworthy and

reprehensible pleasure was one of
the causes of the Roman downfall.

Everywhere in America we see the
same excess of idle, useless and

reckless pleasure seeking.
"We have no longer true litera-

ture. There is a darkness on the
face of earning and literature

is no more. There is the same lack
of the power of intellectual initia-

tion and of the desire for great
moral undertakings. All is now

subservient to the physical well-be-
ing.

"The same surfeit and disgust of
life is among certain classes of us

as was upon Rome. By drunken-
ness and pleasure we feed the beast

within us. In some great crisis
when we essay to do a strong man's

task we find ourselves helpless be-
fore the foe.

"The decay of family life in
ancient Rome is paralleled in mod-

ern America. Matrimony has be-
come a matter of money largely and

divorce is rampant. Women who
ought to blush without the use of

paint advocate trial marriages. The
Mormon who drives his family

team of four or five is equalled by
the Gentile who drives a tandem.

"As the sway of superstition, con-
tributed to the fall of Rome so the

long list of licenses published
daily, and in one of the largest

American societies. What better
evidence of the decline of Ameri-

can life than may be found in
clairvoyants, mediums, Edyism and

other quackeries of superstition?"
This agrees with what the Jour-

nal has written frequently of late
as a pessimist.

"Liberal."

We hear a great deal about the
"liberal" of certain republics.

Especially is this true of South
American republics. But the "lib-

erality" turns out to be illiberal-
ty of the most illiberal sort.

Our readers may recall that, a
few years ago, when William A.

Sutherland, of this city, was Grand
Master of the Masons of New

York State, he was forced to sever
relations with the grand lodge of

Peru because the fraters in that
South American republic interdic-

ted the Bible in their lodge rooms.
Witness the programme adopted

in a recent congress of Liberals
held in Quito which will be intro-

duced in the next Ecuadorean
Chamber of Deputies:

1. A bill to sequester all prop-
erty bequeathed to the Church by

will.

2. A bill to secularize all cem-
eteries.

3. A bill to suppress all semin-
aries and novitiates.

4. A bill to abolish exterior cere-
monies of Christian worship.

5. A bill to establish police su-
pervision of worship.

As an exchange well puts it:
"Every law passed by a 'liberal'

government appropriately might
bear the label "Made in Hell." It

bears a decided odor of sulphur.

Editorial Notes.

Governor Hughes fooled the
politicians in making up his public

utility commissions. It is to be
hoped that the utilities commis-

sioners will not, in turn, fool the peo-
ple.

It looks as if Governor Hughes
might be regarded as in the presi-

dential race.

Has the Democracy in New
York State a leader, asks the New

York "Sun." That's easy. Ask it
of William James Connors or

Thomas W. Finucane.

Are the bigots in Cuba trying to
hold off the settlement of the

church property in the island until
another "Liberal" government has

been established?

Governor Hughes seems to be
accumulating a fine stock of col-

lege degrees. Pretty soon he will
be running a race with President

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