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New Year's. Before another issue of the Catholic Journal reaches its readers, 1907 will have passed into history...

While the past year has brought happiness to many of us to others it has brought sadness and sorrow.

But those of us who are left with health and unbroken families have no cause to complain.

Proverbial are the New Year's resolutions so easily made and so easily broken.

To all its readers the Catholic Journal wishes a Happy New Year.

Serves Him Right. James Sargent may not pat himself on the back over the outcome of his efforts to harass the Catholic Orphan Asylums of the city of Rochester.

Perhaps he is satisfied that he has had \$800 worth of fun out of the litigation.

Sargent is a pronounced bigot and it must be said that he is no hypocrite about it.

It will be recalled that Sargent went into the courts to prevent the teachers in the Catholic orphan asylums from receiving their just salaries for the secular education imparted to the wards committed to their charge by the State.

The Court of Appeals decided against Sargent. That worthy, no matter how good a sport his friends may say he is, did not take his defeat with good grace.

That tribunal says Sargent must hand over to the asylum \$800.

All we can say is: It serves Mr. Sargent right.

It Is Murder. Recently, a novel came out in which the plot turns on the suggestion that a nurse or physician may be justified in shortening the agony of a dying patient.

It is not complimentary to the trend of public sentiment, as expressed in the press that this novel has not been scored severely.

A physician acting thus, says the "Sun" would be guilty of deliberate and premeditated murder.

being intends to benefit the person slain does not affect the criminal quality of his act in the eye of the law in the slightest degree.

Those Who Give. Rev. Father Roche is writing a series of articles on the "Business Side of Religion" in which he scores deservedly the stingy Catholics who seem to imagine that the Catholic parish is like the endowed state churches in Europe and that the priest is made custodian of funds so unlimited that he has no right of need to ask contributions from his parishioners.

But Father Roche has run foul of the "Ave Maria" in one point. He is of the opinion that, generally speaking, wealthy Protestants give more generously than wealthy Catholics.

"Wealthy Catholics are every whit as generous as wealthy non-Catholics. Of course, the number of the former—as wealth is computed nowadays—is comparatively small, but they give generously, constantly and unostentatiously, as a rule.

"We know of one millionaire Catholic in the United States, whose name is seldom, if ever, mentioned in connection with princely gifts of any sort, that expends a little fortune every year in charitable work.

Another Catholic lady contributed \$20,000 to a good work to which her attention had been called in these pages. It was only by accident that we learned of this benefaction, and there is no telling how many others are to her credit.

"It is a mistake to suppose that wealthy Catholics are not generous because their benefactions are unheralded from the house-tops."

Catholic Press. More than once our Holy Father, Pope Pius X has given proof of the importance he attaches to the Catholic press.

"La Croix de Limoges" recently furnished another. One of its editors, "Jean Limosin," relates the details of an audience which the Pope granted him in September.

"Ah, the press: its importance is not yet sufficiently understood. Neither faithful nor clergy patronize it as they should.

There is no question of 'formerly,' but of 'to-day.' Formerly the poison of the bad press was not spreading everywhere as it is now, and consequently the antidote of the good press was not so much required.

While listening to this speech, of which the above is only the substance, the editor seemed to have before his eyes, he says, the Patriarch of Venice, when to defend his journals, the "Difesa," he declared himself ready to sell his pectoral cross rather than let that paper perish.

Editorial Notes.

John Mitchell, the noted labor leader, has been received into the Catholic Church. This will bring joy to the heart of his devoted wife, who is a staunch Catholic and has brought up her family in the true faith.

Says the "Monitor" of Newark: "Christ has long indeed been driven from our public schools; the substance of Christianity has long been excluded. And when the people have risen up against a Christmas without Christ, what is it after all but clinging to a sentiment? A few Christmas hymns will not give Christ to the schools. The school system has driven out the Saviour long since."

Would that the incident which is now agitating the public might awaken them to the evil of a system which is sapping all religion in the hearts of the people! Would that it might open the door of the schools again to Christ and Christianity! After the rose has withered and gone the scent still clings to the vase. After the substance of Christianity has died from the schools, the sentiment still survives. May the sentiment bring us back to the substance!"

Bigot he may be but Goldwin Smith has at least one white mark to his credit. He has given one hundred dollars to the Sacred Heart orphanage in Toronto.

Father Scallan, of Mullagh, County Clare, Ireland, took a foremost part in the rescue of the French vessel, "Leon XIII," from the rocks near Spanish Point, a couple of months ago, and the French government is desirous of showing that, although it persecutes the Church, it appreciates priests who are willing to risk life and limb to save imperiled Frenchmen. But the Irish priest will accept no honors from such as Clemenceau. He has politely declined the offer.

Under the heading "Two hundred and fifty-seven homes ruined," the "Western Watchman," of St. Louis, says: "No, it was not an earthquake. It was not a case of fire or flood. It was the divorce court. The Circuit Judges of St. Louis were too, of which any public mention has been made. It is hoped that of this writing will escape her notice, the matrimonial cards. The cases were all different; some were sad, others were silly; while in many the tale was too disgusting to be printed. It is in accordance with our system of morals. An English paper last week styled American courts a farce and our laws an incoherent jumble of absurdities. This is certainly true of our divorce courts and our divorce legislation. The laws recognize almost any reason as sufficient for the severance of the marriage relation; and where the laws fail to furnish an excuse our accommodating Judges supply the deficiency."

"Church Progress" states a fact tersely in the following paragraph: "As a rule, when the editors of secular papers presume to elucidate the text of papal documents, it is advisable for Catholic readers to ignore the explanations. Rarely do they gather the proper interpretation."

We agree with a Western contemporary in its notion that "The time is fast approaching when the Catholic press throughout the country must speak out plainly and boldly against the merchant whom prejudice alone prevents from using it as an advertising medium. It's information which the Catholic people ought to have." Perhaps, however, the Federal courts might decide that this would be a "boycott" in restraint of trade and enjoin us from publishing such information.

"Le Petit Parisien" says the 400 American girls who married European titles paid \$900,000,000 for them. And made a poor bargain at that!

Auburn. Christmas was a day of unusual celebration in Auburn. The several churches had special services at midnight and during the morning. Collections for the pastors were taken up at all of the masses, which netted goodly sums.

Auburn Council, Knights of Columbus, will hold open house on New Year's day, followed by a minstrel show in the evening by the Humming Birds.

The students of the several parochial schools will return to school on Thursday.

Masses on New Year's day will be at the same hours as on Sunday. Collections for the poor will be taken up at several of the churches.

The Willing Worker's Club are still holding those enjoyable euchre parties in Woodman Hall for the benefit of the asylum.

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