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Hats in Church

We are sure that all our readers will be interested in the following from the 'Ecclesiastical Review'...

Answer: There is no present and universal ecclesiastical law...

To the question whether women and young girls should be told by the priest not to come to church without hats...

Rochesterians who had the pleasure of witnessing Chauncey O'cott's latest performance in this city will coincide in the following opinion expressed by John T. O'Neil, president of the United Irish Societies of Chicago...

John D. Rockefeller says: 'I fully appreciate the splendid service done by others in the field, but I have seen the organization of the Roman Catholic Church secure better results with a given sum of money than any other church organizations are accustomed to secure from the same expenditure.'

Exit Roosevelt. Enter Taft, Knox, Root and Burton. Does this mean that the day of the 'Muck-Raker' is passing.

New Station. Undoubtedly, the location of the new station of the New York Central railroad means much to Rochester. Meaning much to Rochester, necessarily, it means much to every citizen of Rochester.

Wrangling over an East and West Side site has held back the construction of the new station, without a doubt. A year or so ago the Central officials took matters into their own hands, deciding that inasmuch as the citizens of Rochester could not agree on what they wanted and that the railroad would have to stand the expense it were better to wait no longer.

This aroused the ultra West Siders and they have risen to the occasion with a plan drawn by former Chief Engineer Wilgus of the New York Central, which would place the station over the Genesee River at Central Avenue and then spanned from Main Street to Central Avenue.

By all means let the new station be a credit to Rochester! The Jesuit Fathers have opened a night school for working boys and men at Manila, in the Philippine Islands. They give courses in English, Spanish, Japanese, arithmetic and stenography.

At the nineteenth annual meeting of the Southern Educational Association held recently at Atlanta, Ga., an able paper on 'The True Aim of Scientific Education' was read by the Rev. Father Monaghan, S. J., of St. Louis University. Governor Hoke Smith presided at the opening of the convention.

While the Catholic Journal has not always approved of President Roosevelt's public utterances it feels constrained to remark that in the latest controversy between the President and Congress, Mr. Roosevelt has not come off second best.

Bishop Donahue, of Wheeling, has purchased property in Parkersburg, W. Va., for a Catholic High school for boys. There is already a flourishing Catholic High school in Wheeling.

Mixed Marriage. One of the fruits of a mixed marriage is seen in the suit brought in St. Louis by Benjamin B. Brewer to compel the non-Catholic husband of his deceased Catholic daughter either to fulfil the anti-nuptial contract and bring up the two motherless children as Catholics or to turn them over to the grandfather, who is also their godfather, to be reared in the Catholic faith.

Leaving one girl four years old and another an infant, Gertrude Brewer Cary died, last June. Six months after her death Brewer married again, the second wife being a non-Catholic. While the oldest child has been baptized the infant has not. Moreover, Mr. Brewer asserts, the older child has been enjoined by her father and stepmother from reciting the prayers taught her by her dead mother, whose last plea to her husband was that her children be reared Catholics.

It is a pitiful case, made more so by the possibility that the Western courts will not pay heed to the wishes of the dying mother. No matter what willingness they profess to sign anti-nuptial contracts, the only way to avoid surely and safely repetitions of the tale we have summarized is to avoid mixed marriages altogether.

For every happy mixed marriage there are a score of unhappy ones.

Bishop's Oath. So much interest has been aroused over the blasphemous and bigoted oath required to be taken by English sovereigns before their coronation that the following from the London 'Taberlet' may furnish our American Catholics with material for historical or other discussion.

An interesting sidelight upon the amenities of Protestant controversy is offered by a correspondent in the 'Times,' which has appeared this week under the heading 'The Declaration of the Sovereign.' 'Observer' began by drawing attention to certain words 'in the oath that every English Catholic Bishop takes at his consecration.'

The formula in question, just to prevent a stupid misunderstanding, was abolished ninety years ago, so that 'Observer' is saying what is not true when he tells us that it forms part of 'the oath that every English Catholic Bishop takes at his consecration.'

Such work as the Columbiad describes in the following paragraph does credit to the Knights of Columbus: 'Swift and appropriate was the punishment meted out to Rev. W. A. Roper, a Baptist minister of Biloxi, Miss., who recently took it upon himself to publish an infamous slander against Catholicity and the Catholic people of that enterprising city. In a statement which he declared over his own signature he stood for moral living. The standard of morals is very low here,' he wrote, 'as is always the case with priest-ridden districts.' There were other equally contemptible assertions. Hardly had this bigoted minister's insulting words been called to the attention of the Catholics of the city before Grand Knight Prieur of the Biloxi Council of the Knights of Columbus, replied to

the attack in a ringing letter in the 'Biloxi Herald'. Then Brother Prieur and several other members of the order called on Mr. Roper, with the result that that gentleman signed a public apology which was sworn to before a notary public and published in the local press.'

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