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### Appreciated

That Bishop McQuaid's life and work was appreciated is evident first in the country. The vast throng that visited the Cathedral as his body lay in proper care of the indigent aged state, the immense congregation were his ruling passion and the at the funeral, the appreciative comments by the secular and religious press.

Especially is this true of the Catholic press. Not one of the Catholic papers which has reached the Catholic Journal office but zeal and untiring energy in his appreciative sketches of the life of the first bishop of Rochester and editorials praising his great works. We know our readers will be glad that we reproduce a representative few of these editorials.

The Catholic Universe, Cleveland says: "Conscious of his rights and of those of his co-religionists, Bishop McQuaid was not slow to assert and to demand them. He pleaded eloquently the causes he advocated and showed that his claims were reasonable. He gladly complied with all duties as an American citizen. The justice of his claims was recognized and he won his way by his sterling worth and high integrity and business ability that all readily honored him as the first citizen of Rochester. He was selected to serve on the city park and other boards.

Bishop McQuaid was an outspoken, persistent, courageous and eloquent advocate of religion in education. He took the rostrum at home and abroad and pleaded eloquently and forcibly for morality in education. He was a fast friend of Bishop Gilmour, and they were much alike in character. Bishop McQuaid came to Cleveland to add his logic and eloquence to the fight for religion in education, which had been strenuously taken up by the second Bishop of Cleveland.

In addition to his public lectures, Bishop McQuaid's pen strongly advocated in newspapers, periodicals and reviews the necessity of moral teaching in education.

Where our treasure is there is our heart also. The seminary of Rochester was close to the heart of Bishop McQuaid because it was his dearest treasure and the object of his laudable pride. He lavished on the seminary all the resources he could command for its stately buildings, fine equipment and eminent staff of professors. The reputation of this institution of learning is known throughout the land and beyond its boundaries. The seminary and the other fine institutions of the diocese are his most lasting and eloquent monuments, telling of his zeal, of his energy and the self-sacrificing work of the first Bishop of Rochester."

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The diocesan school system of Rochester is one of the best in the country. He has spoken times almost without number on the educational question before Catholic and non-Catholic audiences, and set forth his views thereupon in the columns of such publications as the 'Forum', the 'North American Review', the 'Independent' and our own 'Catholic monthlies and quarterlies. His writings and lectures on the educational question have been published in book form."

The Catholic Sun: "Consecrated first Bishop of Rochester in 1868, his life story is really a record of those wonderful achievements in the fields of Church administration, educational and charitable endeavor which have made the diocese over which he ruled one of the foremost in the world and in the domain of purely parochial and educational work undoubtedly the best in the country.

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Danger. A few days ago the Catholic Journal commented on a St. Louis case where the father of a dead Catholic mother is suing the Protestant father to compel fulfillment of the ante-nuptial agreement, common in mixed marriages that the children shall be brought up in the faith of the mother. This the Protestant father refuses to permit. Rev. Father Phelan of the Western Watchman, relates another trying effect of a mixed marriage.

A lawyer of this city (St. Louis) has threatened one of our city rectors with prosecution unless he ceases to enter a certain house in his parish on any pretext of religious ministrations unless invited to do so by the head of the house. It seems a woman was lying at the point of death in the West End. She was a convert, as were her father and mother and all the family. She married a Protestant, or rather a man without any religion, but only after he had subscribed the promises required in all cases of mixed marriage. The husband did not live up to his ante-nuptial engagements, and the poor woman had a hard time practicing her religion. She had been sick some time in childbirth before any alarming symptoms set in, but as soon as there appeared real danger of death the father of the woman called in the priest. The latter came promptly and administered the sacraments. The poor woman died, but with her last breath begged that her three children should be brought up Catholics. The husband was very indignant that the priest should have come to see his wife without being invited to do so by him, and went so far as to declare that it was the visit of the priest in the crisis of her malady that had produced the woman's death. He claimed that the doctor bore him out in his conclusion, and the latter, being an infidel and a fellow-Mason, while refusing to say that the priest's visit had caused the woman's death, declared that if he had been consulted the visit would not have been allowed. The bereaved husband made a great outcry against the priest, declaring that he would in future protect his home against all trespassers.

Does this not furnish splendid argument, not only against mixed marriages but also against the employment of non-Catholic physicians?

Says the "Catholic Sun": "We wonder if those five Baptist ministers who, according to a sixth who balked the deal, accepted \$100 apiece and for the bribes agreed to cease assailing a Pittsburgh politician, ever preached on 'The Five Roads to Hell Out of Pittsburg.' It is a favorite series-sermon among the brethren. We don't know about the Pittsburgh Baptists but we do recall that a few years ago after Boss Barnes had secured the appointment of a principal crusader as chaplain of the Legislature in Albany, there was a sudden cessation of a very active crusade against vice in the State Capital.

Chicago is not a safe haven for fake priests. Several of these reprobates have landed in the Chicago jail recently.

Says Charles J. O'Malley in the Chicago "New World": "If Germany, with few Irishmen within her borders, can acknowledge the originality and beauty of Irish music, as unquestionably she now seems prepared to do, what may we not hope for here in a country where there are 23,000,000 people of Irish birth or descent? The chief difficulty lies in waking up our own people. We do not, now, need critics of Celtic music so vitally as we need appreciators. Boston, like Chicago, is a great Irish city. Its experiment will be watched with interest.

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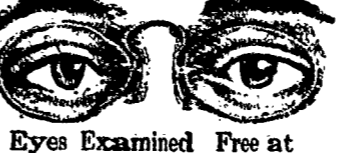
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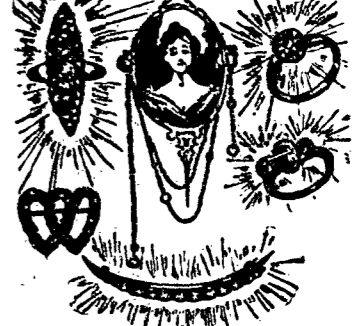
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