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Month of May.

May is the month dedicated especially to the Virgin Mother of God, the Blessed Mary. The Italians speak of it felicitously as "the Madonna Month." Special devotions are held in the Catholic churches the world over and Mary's children delight to honor her.

It is fitting that we as Catholics should honor her whom her divine Son was pleased to honor. It makes our religion more natural, more human that we accord to the Mother of God her meed of honor. Those who would deny to Mary her place are those fish-blooded beings who have no adequate conception of home, of motherly love, of filial affection. They belong to the impious class of self-lovers who declare that the day when the home was the unit of civilization is passing and that there are holier relations outside the married state than in it.

Mary represents virtue, chastity, self sacrifice and purity in all that the term implies. In these days when Human Passion is well-nigh enthroned as a god, it is more than fitting that the Catholic Church should call attention, by contrast, in honoring the immaculate Mother of God.

Laetare Medal.

Following out its custom of each year conferring the "Laetare Medal" upon a distinguished Catholic, the faculty of Notre Dame University this year awarded it to Frances Christine Fisher Tiernan, the well-known novelist whose pen name is Christian Reid. It was a splendid selection. The latest Laetare medalist was born in Salisbury, North Carolina, where she now lives, in 1846. She is the eldest daughter of Colonel Charles Frederick Fisher, who was killed in the Battle of Bull Run. She was married to James Marquis Tiernan, of Maryland in 1887. Her husband died in 1898. Her first novel, "Valerie Aymer," was published in New York by D. Appleton and Company in 1861, and was so eminently successful that it was shortly followed by "Horton House," a story of southern life thirty years ago. Her novels now number nearly forty. By literary critics her style is pronounced as singularly pure.

This year is the first time the medal has gone to the South. The long list of recipients form a notable honor roll of the laity of the Catholic Church in the United States. The medal was first conferred on John Gilmory Shea, a historian, in 1883. Then followed for this high distinction Patrick J. Keeley, the architect and builder of many churches; Eliza Allen Starr, art-critic; General John Newton, civil engineer; Patrick V. Hickey, editor; Anna Hanson Dorsey, author; William J. Onahan, publicist; Daniel Dougherty, orator and publicist; Mayor Henry F. Brownson, soldier and scholar; Patrick Donahoe, editor and philanthropist; Augustin Daly, theatrical manager; Anna T. Sadlier, author; General William S. Rosecrans, soldier; Thomas Addis Em-

met, physician; Timothy E. Howard, jurist; John A. Creighton, philanthropist; Honorable William Bourke Cockran, lawyer and statesman; Doctor John B. Murphy, surgeon; Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, merchant and philanthropist; Dr. Francis Quinlan, surgeon; Katherine Eleanor Conway, author and editor; James C. Monaghan, publicist and educator.

Columbus Day.

In signing Senator T. D. Sullivan's bill to make October 12th a legal holiday under the title of "Columbus Day," Governor Hughes said:

"The question whether there shall be a public holiday to be known as Columbus Day depends upon the sentiment of the people of the State. At its last session the Legislature passed an act purporting to create such a holiday, but it was accompanied by equivocal conditions which would have made the status of the day uncertain and have given rise to much confusion. For this reason I vetoed it. But I then stated that if it was desired to add Columbus Day to the number of public holidays, the general law relating to holidays should be amended in an appropriate manner by a statute the terms of which were explicit. The Legislature, by an overwhelming vote, has once more, in the passage of the present bill, provided for the holiday, and the bill being simple and unambiguous is approved."

The Knights of Columbus throughout the State took a deep interest in the matter of advancing the measure before the Legislature and they are to be congratulated for their successful efforts in furthering this just appeal of the citizens of the State. In the approval of the bill by Governor Hughes, his excellency has shown a true spirit of justice which is duly appreciated by vast numbers of the constituency.

Is It Wise?

Undoubtedly, many constables and many magistrates utilized the present automobile law as a lever to extort blackmail, but does that justify the Legislature in lifting entirely the speed limit? Will it inure to the lasting benefit of the decent and careful auto-mobilist or will it incite the reckless motorists to still more reckless driving? Frankly speaking, one inclines to the opinion that to limit the country roads may be a good thing but it does seem as though the Legislature should not deprive the city authorities of the power to make or enforce traffic ordinances. Local regulations never have hampered careful motorists but removal of these restrictions may tempt the reckless ones, of whom there are too many, to defy decency and run their machines to the limit. Of course, if some one is murdered in reckless driving, he can be reached by the ordinary civil and criminal law, but the peace and comfort of a community may be marred very materially even if homicide does not result. And the city authorities should have some lever to hold crazy and drink-muddled autoists in check. In retaining the automobile license bureau in the Secretary of State's office the Legislature acted wisely. To transfer it to the new State Highway Commission would entail too much confusion and annoyance. It is suggested that next year the law be amended to provide that all autoists must pass examination and be licensed. There is much difference of opinion as to this even among the men and women who hate the autoists the most.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to pay half the cost of a \$2,500 organ to be placed in St. Philomena's Church at Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Carnegie replied very promptly to Father Smith's request for a donation for this purpose, offering to give \$1,250.

Professor Woelfkin "The Inveigler."

There was a banquet last week of the Men's Club of St. Luke's Episcopal church. Among the invited speakers was the Rev. Prof. Cornelius Woelfkin of the Rochester Baptist Theological Seminary, and former Judge John D. Lynn. Mr. Lynn has the reputation of being a one-time Catholic. With this reputation back of him, he is noted, also for the pleasant knack of boasting of the fact that he is Irish. He usually does this at Church banquets. But if his nationality is as deep as his religion, then we fear that former Judge Lynn is a thin skinned Irishman. This is not our point however.

Cornelius Woelfkin, the Baptist Professor, made a speech, and by the way the professor is a mild, suave talker. In the course of his address, he told his hearers that he had a Catholic young woman employed in his home as a nurse. In order "to inveigle" this young woman, to use his own words, to read Baptist literature, he had first of all in a number of discussions with the girl, made her believe that he was interested in learning something from her about the Catholic faith, but his real object was to inveigle the unsuspecting girl to read five volumes of Baptist theology and a volume of Spurgeon's sermons. The girl he declared had been induced to read these works, by his system of inveigling her.

It was thought the time was past when men of the type of Baptist Professor Woelfkin, were content not to meddle with the faith of Catholic girls in their employ. This inveigling trick of the learned divine from the Baptist Seminary, is in the line with the work of proselytizing that the Baptists and Methodists are at present doing in this city when they get the opportunity among unsuspecting Catholics.

Professor Woelfkin has done us a service in telling his methods of proselytizing Catholic young women employed in Protestant homes. It is a warning lesson to all such Catholic girls not to be inveigled by the trick of the mild suave teacher of the Baptists. Long ago Christ declared that wolves in the covering of sheep would attack the lambs of His flock.

Professor Woelfkin has learned the trick of the wolf, and as he has taken so much pride in telling his hearers, Judge Lynn included, of how well he had inveigled the Catholic nurse employed in his home, we also take pleasure in publishing the incident on this page, with the hope that it may reach the eye of the young woman who was so craftily inveigled, and that it may serve as a warning to other young women in Protestant homes, to be guarded against the wolf in sheep's clothing.

Nazareth Alumnae.

The annual banquet of Nazareth Convent Alumnae Association was held Tuesday evening in the convent on Jay St. More than 100 of those graduated from the school were in attendance. The toastmistress was Mary F. Pendergast and the principal speaker was by Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey whose topic was "The Last and Best Word of the Hour." Other speakers were: Florence E. Lennon, "The Symposium"; Katherine L. Caring, "Jubilee Ode"; Grace A. McKittrick, "Our President."

In Memorium

Division No. 7 A O H has adopted the following resolutions: Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst, our brother, Henry Dempsey, be it

Resolved, that we sincerely condole with the family of our brother in their severe affliction, and trust they will be enabled with Christian resignation to bear their loss, which an all wise Providence has inflicted upon them.

Resolved, that as a mark of respect to our brother that these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of our meeting and a copy thereof be sent to the family and published in the Catholic Journal.

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