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Knights of Columbus Good Example

A splendid example was set to Catholic in general and to Knights of Columbus in particular a few days since by the Toledo Council of the order which secured the services of Dominican missionaries to give a week's retreat for men in that city. Reports have it that St. Patrick's church was filled nightly with men who availed themselves of the opportunity to make their peace with God.

At one of the evening services Very Rev. Lawrence F. Kearney, the preacher, drove home some plain truths saying in part: "We believe, all the truths revealed by God. I think there is hardly a man present who would not lay down his life in behalf of any of the great fundamental truths of religion. Yet how many live precisely as if there were no God, and no hereafter! In their lives there is no difference between them and many an agnostic, and this is the greatest obstacle that the Catholic Church has to deal with in influencing the world."

"Men fail to grasp the great vital truths, just as we fail to grasp a proper conception of distance when scientists speak of millions of miles of space. People do not doubt the immensity of distances, but it means nothing tangible to them. If some one speaks of a distance of ten miles, it means something tangible, and they can think rationally about it. The same seems to be true of spiritual things. Men believe them but with the same indifference that we think of things millions of miles away. We only realize their immense importance to us when in some special way we are brought face to face with truths that are the most and the only important things in this life."

It is stated that 1600 men received holy communion at this retreat. What a splendid testimony to militant, practical Catholicity! Why should Rochester Council not do likewise?

Silver Jubilee of Branch 81

The Catholic Journal extends hearty congratulations to St. Joseph's Branch, 81, C. M. B. A., on its silver jubilee. Like all other Catholic activities in St. Joseph's parish, Branch 81 has been alive, alert, and progressive and truly Catholic. Its membership represents the sturdy citizenship of the type that makes for the best sort of municipal progress, unobtrusive yet constantly striving for the truth. There is little sham and pretence in our German Catholic population but they are loyal, solid and successful in their every walk of life.

It is with the utmost sincerity and heartiness that the Catholic Journal wishes "Ad Multos Anos" to Branch 81 and its zealous staff of officers.

Demise of Mark Twain

While he never held public office, while he was not a member of a recognized great profession, while he never signed a million-dollar check or endowed a public

library, nevertheless Mark Twain, as Samuel L. Clemens will always be remembered, is sorrowed by thousands of men, women and children in every quarter of the world. He was an international humorist and he was more than that. He was the greatest optimist of a generation, a veritable apostle of sunshine. He was the soul of honor, as witness his labors and sacrifices to pay off debts of his publishing house of which he was not legally liable for a dollar. Mr. Clemens felt a moral obligation to "make good" and so he tackled a job which might well cause a young man to shrink let alone a man of sixty years. While not always inclined to agree with Mark Twain in all his views because the optimist sometimes forgets to be just or orthodox - nevertheless this episode has always appealed to us as something peculiarly fine and out of the ordinary in the run of humans. Twain's personal life was clean, so far as one may judge

and this counts for much in these days when cleanliness in high life is not, apparently rated as high as might be. And so we say that a general figure in the public life and a prominent one in letters passed when Samuel Longhore Clements died last week.

Why Not Compromise.

Why is not the compromise on direct primaries proposed by former Mayor Seth Low and other leading men of New York a good one?

They propose that senators and assemblymen and party committeemen be chosen directly in the primary as we now choose aldermen in the city wards in Rochester - leaving city and state officers to be selected by the traditional convention plan.

Now why is not that a good way to try out this reform? Direct primaries are a Western product. Public opinion is not unanimous that they are an unqualified success where they have been tried.

Perhaps, direct primaries will not work well at all in New York state. Perhaps, they will not fit in with our conditions. The fact that William Randolph Hearst is a warm supporter of direct primaries should cause us to pause before we go sled lengths in abolishing the convention to select candidates.

If the new idea works well in selecting senators and assemblymen, it will be an easy matter to extend it. If it works badly, then it will be equally easy to return to the older conditions.

If the straightout direct primary men reject this compromise then they will be open to the charge of simply playing politics."

Personal Tribute Paid Roosevelt

That was a remarkable tribute which intellectual France paid to Theodore Roosevelt when they cheered to the echo his address before the University of Sarbonne. Certainly, our strenuous ex-president is being welcomed and hailed all along the line but a hearty and appreciative reception by such an audience as a man of letters is a tribute that a man might well be excused of feeling proud.

It was a remarkable address in more ways than one, that was delivered by Mr. Roosevelt. He did not hesitate to denounce race suicide although that is the curse of the French people and he made a scathing attack upon the "predatory rich."

Whether you like Mr. Roosevelt or not there is no use in trying to deny that he is a remarkable man.

"Let Us Have Peace"

Must we hear election after triumph for another six weeks? Three weeks of mudslinging and talk of a sort which does not tend to advantage Rochester to the best advantage are a great plenty.

Election is over, the objectionable candidate has been soundly defeated, let it go at that.

Are the daily papers of Rochester that opposed the defeated candidate for Congress so hard put for news and editorial matter that they must rehash the election over and over again? Or are they so steeped in venom and malice that they must needs purloin their scapegoat forever.

"Let us have peace" and begin to do it for Rochester" once more!

Will Governor Hughes Accept?

There appears to be a lot of anxiety as to whether Governor Hughes will go on the United States supreme court bench. His political enemies appear to hope he will, those who are pushing themselves into prominence by clinging to his coat tails hope he will not, his severe and unselfish well-wishers are content that he will do what appears best for his own personal future.

It strikes us the final determination is a matter which must rest between the Governor and President Taft. If the President tends the position and the Governor accepts the public must rest content. Charles E. Hughes has given four years to public service whether of permanent value history will tell. The People of the State of New York have no right to complain if he declines to give more. If the Hughes cause be right, it will survive whether he continue to lead the fight or not.

Will Monroe County and Rochester come in for national advertising.

Rochester is in the forefront of the battle against the "white plague."

"Uncle Joe" Cannon appears to have a strenuous life these days.

It is Nelson W. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, not George W. Aldrich, of Rochester, who has announced a voluntary retirement from public.

Well, Catholic priests preach the Gospel, not talk politics.

The Rev. Mr. Tipple, the Methodist major domo in Rome, said the Bruno procession in Rome in February was made up of representative men. The London Saturday Review, a high-class secular publication, says the marchers were anarchists, reactionaries and the worst element in society. Take your choice.

Now that the Congressional election is over let us turn our attention to the baseball field. Perhaps Mr. Havens could brace up the Hustlers.

If there be any man who was not suited with the variety brand of weather we have been having lately, verily he must be hard to suit.

In the death of Charles J. O'Malley, Catholic journalism loses a shining exponent and the American Catholic world a splendid member. May the Almighty God give peace to his soul.

The Senate has acted wisely in forcing out Allds and Conger.

Do we need more investigation? It strikes us that remedial legislation is what is wanted.

Would that we had many more Catholic laymen like William V. Cook, of Albany.

We incline to the opinion that the Methodists do not relish the advertising attaching to the Fairbanks and Roosevelt incident.

Students of affairs will watch with interest Mayor Gaynor's idea of enforcing the excise law.

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Permit us to say just a word regarding three of our best numbers.

Men's full fashioned, mercerized lisle half hose, in three shades of blue, wine, green, and lavender, and two shades of tan - a half dollar value, for 35c a pair; three pairs for \$1.

Men's seamless silk half hose with lisle ribbed tops and reinforced heels and toes, in black, navy, lavender, slate and wine, 50c a pair; three pairs for \$1.25.

Men's silk half hose with silk ribbed tops and lisle soles, heels and toes, beautifully finished, in green, plum, navy, tan, gray, Burgundy, and lavender shades, \$1 a pair; three pairs for \$2.50.

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