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## Our Schools Ahead

What amounts to a wholesale defense of our Catholic schools is contained in the annual report of Superintendent Carroll of the city public schools and the criticism of and comments thereon by the "Committed of Nine" appointed a year or so ago by the citizens' mass meeting called to discuss the deficiencies of the public school system.

Mr. Carroll tried hard to defend the fact work inaugurated by the "reform board" so-called that placed him at the head of the Rochester schools. He laid particular stress upon the fact that examination papers marked by the Rochester authorities and also by the committee of Nine had been again marked by the state education department in Albany and the latter had marked papers higher than either.

Professor Burton and Slater, of the University of Rochester, apply fairly to Mr. Carroll. They point out that even the Albany examiners find marked diversity in the pupils in different schools. Moreover, the Rochester and Albany markers allowed part of the credits in certain examples in arithmetic, when the utterly nonsensical answers given provided conclusively that the pupils had practically no knowledge of rule or method. Professor Slater makes the astonishing statement that high school pupils entering the freshmen classes at the University of Rochester are unable to spell correctly!

Dr. Cary, of the Committee of Nine, draws a flattering comparison between the work of the Catholic schools and that of the public schools. All of which is gratifying to the patrons and those in charge of the Catholic schools of Rochester.

**King Edward Dead**  
It is doubtful if the death of any other reigning monarch in the world would have excited such widespread or sincere regret as that of King Edward of England. It is equally to be doubted if any other monarch could not have been spared with less danger to existing conditions or whose death might lead to more serious complications.

King Edward was ever popular with the English masses, even when he was Prince of Wales, and inclined to be somewhat fast and "sporty." He was a keen sportsman, fond of the good things of life and very democratic to meet. This democracy he maintained to a great degree after he became King but he never forsook the regal dignity that was supposed to attach to his office.

His mother, Queen Victoria, lived so long that there were many who feared he never would ascend the throne. Possibly, that long wait was good for the Prince and the people because it was not too young who took over the reins of power but a seasoned man in full possession of all his powers and fully tutored and equipped.

for high office. It has often been remarked that King Edward was the peer of any diplomat in the service of any country when tact was needed to avert awkward complications, and he employed his diplomacy, not only to benefit himself and his own country but also the world. He has been accorded credit for averting European and Asiatic wars which would have been fraught with disastrous consequences at least twice during his reign of nine years.

To the Catholic's King Edward was tolerant as to men of all beliefs. He was no bigot. Let us hope our dear Lord will be merciful to him.

## Special Prosecutor

The Catholic Journal inclines to the opinion that Governor Hughes has acted wisely in naming a special prosecutor to take charge of the alleged misconduct at the recent special congressional election.

While no one doubts District Attorney Widener could be depended upon to do his full duty, no matter how zealous he might be, there would be those who would charge, were delinquencies found or convictions secured, that he had been actuated by personal friendship or partisan loyalty. No such charge can be made against a special deputy-attorney general.

Let us hope Mr. Charles will do his full duty. If there have been election frauds let the perpetrators be brought to book. We want no such work in Rochester. An election fraud strikes at the very root of government.

## This is Charity

In this day and age it would appear that the idea of Charity or benevolence is to endow hospitals, colleges and other institutions and then let the whole world know of your philanthropy. This appears to be the idea of the Carnegies, the Rockefellers and the Ryans. To be sure they do much good for humanity but, in our opinion, the true Charity is of the unostentatious sort, the kind that makes sacrifices in order to accomplish its purpose. In short our idea of true Charity is embraced in the following, press despatch:

A few days ago, the Church of the Divine Redeemer was dedicated at Laredo, Texas, by Bishop Verdague, in the presence of a large concourse of people. The church which is a substantial brick structure, was built entirely by one woman, who would not permit her name to be made public.

## Sound Argument

This declaration by the Union and Times is in line with the position taken time and again by the Catholic Journal:—  
"The briber is twice as detestable as the bribee; because, in addition to being equally guilty he plans the temptation and then furnishes the inducement to develop the temptation into crime. The briber is the real menace to American civilization; and as long as permitted to ply his trade and reap its nefarious advantages while his poor, purchased tools are railroaded to prison or oblivion, political corruption will govern this nation."

## This is Nice!

According to the East Aurora Advertiser this was the "piece de resistance" at a St. Patrick's celebration by the Odd Fellows' lodge in that town:—  
There were twenty-four young ladies in the drill, dressed in white with trimmings of green shamrocks. After marching around and up and down the hall, the ladies formed I. O. O. F., and sang the "Star Spangled Banner." They then formed a wheel and marched in such a way as to form the three links and sang "Ring on My Fingers, Bells on My Toes."

## Cheerfulness

We do not know the source of the following quotation but we endorse it heartily and wish it could be spread over the entire community:—

Cheerfulness can become a habit, and a habit sometimes helps us over rough places. "A cheerful heart seeth cheerful things." A lady and gentleman were in a timber yard situated by a dirty, foul-smelling river. The lady said, "How good the pine boards smell!" "Pine boards!" exclaimed the gentleman. "Just smell this foul river." "No, thank you," the lady replied. "I prefer to smell the pine boards." And she was right. If she, or we, can carry this principal through our entire living, we shall have the cheerful heart, the cheerful voice, in some houses an unconscious atmosphere of domestic and social ozone, which brightens every body. Wealth cannot give it, nor can poverty take it away.

## Father Phelan of the Western

Watchman thinks the Republican party will disappear shortly like the whigs. Perhaps so.

Says the Sacred Heart Review: "The selling of post-cards of fensive to people of Irish descent is becoming a less profitable business yearly. Now let us all get together and wipe out that other rum-shop on St. Patrick's Day."

We wonder if this advice from a contemporary would be accepted in Rochester. Our attention has been directed to the senseless and inconsistent plan of calling baseball teams, bowling clubs etc., after the name of the parish in which they are located. We have commented heretofore on the subject. To give a wrangling ball club a sacred name brings no glory to the organization; rather it causes outsiders, who look upon the aggregation as in some measure representative of the Church, to seriously misjudge."

Always remember the homely old proverb: "It is easier to catch flies with molasses than vinegar."

Pray when you are well because it is hard to pray when in pain.

It looks as if Death has halted Theodore Roosevelt's triumphal tour.

Well, a kingly crown cannot ward off Death.

Professor Rauchenbusch, of this city, went up to Buffalo to preach Socialism. He ran up against a tartar in the person of Judge George A. Lewis who asked a series of questions which put the professor in an awkward position.

Emperor William is now the sole surviving European monarch of the old school. And even he is a pretty good democrat, as Kings go.

The politicians profess to be eager for Roosevelt to boss them. Will they like the real thing as well?

Sunday is the feast of Pentecost. The Easter season is fast drawing to a close. Have you made your Easter duty yet?

What is your guess on Rochester's population as disclosed by the census just taken?

John Callan Loughlin does not seem to have enhanced his reputation as a Catholic gentleman by his handling of the Vatican-Roosevelt episode.

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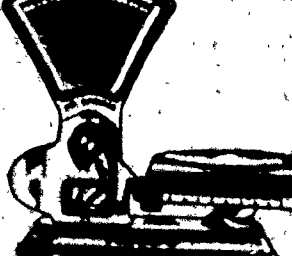
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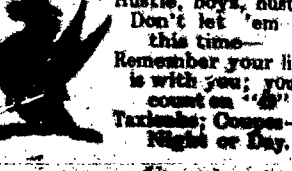
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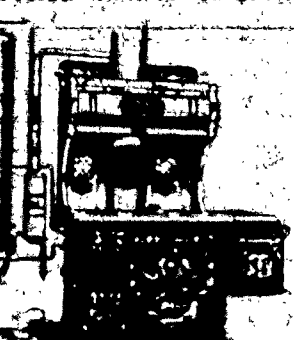
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