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Catholic Activity

The Catholic Journal is pleased that two phases of Catholic activity upon which we have dwelt with particular emphasis for the last year or so are to bear fruit.

Next Sunday the Holy Name societies of Rochester which now are instituted in every parish in Rochester are to hold a monster parade, followed by a mass meeting at which it is understood, a federation of the Holy Name societies of the diocese of Rochester will be formed.

On the evening of Oct. 12th the members of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, will unite in a banquet at Powers' hotel. This is "Discovery Day" and in its institution New York State Legislature honored the memory of Christopher Columbus.

These are phases of Catholic activity the Catholic Journal delights to witness and we are proud to claim a slight meed of credit for their fruition.

Can Take Choice

Voters of New York may take their choice of four representative Catholics to fill two of the most important of the state offices to be filled at the election in November.

Republicans made choice of Edward R. O'Malley, of Buffalo, as their candidate for Attorney-General while the Democrats named for the same office Thomas Carmody, of Penn Yan.

All four are eminently well-qualified and able gentlemen and would grace the offices to which they aspire. The only difficulty is that it will be hard to choose between them.

Post Express, Not Well Informed.

It is difficult to restrain oneself when a paper like the Post Express, in commenting upon the demise of a noted priest starts off with the statement that "it is not desirable to enlarge upon differences of opinion between the dead priest and bishop, also deceased, and then goes on to the extent of a column to so enlarge." Not only did the editor "enlarge" but he either did not know all the facts, or, if he did, suppressed part of them.

No one regrets the differences mentioned more than the Catholic Journal. No one would be more willing to let the matter drop for all time now that the principals have passed to their last reward. While we are becoming accustomed to gratuitous advice on how the Catholic church and creed should be modified - just as men in every walk of life are told every day by those who have not a dollar invested and who know not one iota about it - just how to order their business habits and their mode of life - even to the extent of advising the Pope, we must protest when matters of history, eminently easy of verification, possibly known to the editorial critic are grossly exaggerated and shamefully perverted with an evident intent to malign the memory of one dead man and to exalt the reputation of another.

Rev. L.A. Lambert

In the death of Rev. L. A. Lambert, the Catholic faith loses a splendid and vigorous champion. Catholic journalism a shining light, the Catholic Church a devoted son, and the community at large an honored citizen. Dr. Lambert will be remembered longer probably, because of his journalistic and literary labors, but as a humble priest and a loyal friend he will live in the hearts of many who neither knew nor cared of his rank in the world of letters. Many a young man or woman was helped up life's pathway by encouragement both spiritual and temporal, from the kindly author-editor-priest. Modesty, humility and charity were his in marked degree, especially toward his fellow-men. We need not say more. His memory will live in the hearts of those who knew him best. Peace be to his ashes and eternal rest to his soul!

Socialists Unmasked

The great Catholic German-American demonstration in Newark, N. J., has had a remarkable sequel. There it was decided to wage war against Socialism. One of the leading Socialist organs, the New York Volkszeitung, has accepted the challenge in these words:

"We can immediately show our appreciation of Giesberts' candor by solemnly assuring him that this enmity unto death is mutual, and that in so far as Socialism and the Church are concerned, Socialism is equally the Church's enemy unto death. 'Socialism is the doctrine of the equality of men; it is the battle for freedom for all bond-men and the oppressed; it is a call to all the shy and timid to combine in order to obtain their rights and the realization of the dignity of manhood and its rights.'"

"And therefore it is the negation (Verneinung) of oppression, superstition, unculture and the Church. 'The fiercer the battle, the sweeter the victory!'"

The "Giesbert" referred to is a Catholic member of the German Reichstag who declared at Newark that an "enmity to the death" existed between the Socialists and the Catholic Church.

The Republicans had a chance to take a business man for Governor. They rejected it. The Democrats saw the chance and took it. Now the voters can choose between a business man and a lawyer as their Governor.

The Colonel had a bully time at Saratoga while Charles F. Murphy did likewise in Rochester.

Colonel Roosevelt ran things at Saratoga while Charles F. Murphy did likewise at Rochester.

Rochester owns two pennants now.

Tipple Is Tipple

"The Rev. Dr. Tipple, he who runs the Methodist mission in Rome and who got ex-vice-president Fairbanks and former President Theodore Roosevelt into so much trouble has been talking in Philadelphia. The papers there, very prudently, omitted this part of his talk but the Catholic Standard and Times has preserved it posterity:—

"I will not speak of the methods of the Methodist Mission in Rome. The subject has now passed beyond the lines of our mission - even to the extent of admission in Rome and is now safely in the hands of our higher authorities in Rome. I shall speak of the general religious situation in Italy and speak from the standpoint of the American Methodist Episcopal Church in Rome." The speaker then touched upon the history of Italy in the last forty years, and spoke in glowing terms of the work of Cavour, Mazzini and Garibaldi in their efforts for the uplifting and liberation of Italy. He declared that the time had come when the Methodist Church could reconquer the fields of the hitherto Catholic and Latin parts of Italy, Spain and France, where the spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction with the mother Church has become very manifest in the last two years. He spoke of the success of the Methodist Church in Italy and particularly in Rome where he is in charge.

Small wonder that even sleepy Philadelphia did not want to appear to countenance assassination, piracy and brigandage.

To Be Applauded

If the Knights of Columbus live up to the following sentiment from Supreme Knight Flaherty they will never find themselves in conflict with the Holy Mother Church:

"A great danger, I had almost uttered the word 'evil,' is insidiously approaching. Perhaps I should say two dangers, for there are two the one, in a way, growing out of the other. I refer to intellectual pride, arrogant assumption on the part of some of an attitude of hostility, of course but of criticism of the Church or of not of the Church of its regularly constituted officials, the priests, bishops, etc. We must never forget our self-respect, nor must we ever fail in respect to the Church. Whenever we have a function of any kind, courtesy demands that the local priests not only be invited but that they be given places at tables or on platforms befitting the dignity of their offices. To forget this or to fail in doing it is dangerous to us as Catholic gentlemen, sons of Mother Church."

The Irishman's Resources. In his volume of essays, "Dreams, Dead Earnest and Half Jest," Mr. Coulson Kernahan compares his compatriots, the natives of the Green Isle, with the English:

"That your Englishman never knows when he is beaten is the veriest platitude. In all the world there is no nationality which can play a losing game with such desperate doggedness, a venture to think, however, that the Irishman - and therein is perhaps a reason why he excels in the art of war - is more resourceful, is quicker to think and quicker to act."

"An Englishman, finding himself in a corner so tight that any one else would decide at once that there was nothing for it but surrender or retreat, says: 'Here I am, and here I'll stick to be shot at till I'm killed or till relief comes.' An Irishman in the same place would say: 'It's the mischief's own hole I'm in! But wait now! What way'll I be getting out?' And get out the Irishman generally does, for he is so resourceful that his resourcefulness might sometimes be better described as slipperiness."

The Making of a Business Man. So many panes of glass in old Mr. Viner's greenhouse had been broken that he had at last offered a reward of 10 shillings to any one who should give information as to the identity of the latest offender. The bait soon drew. A youngster called on Mr. Viner and informed him that a lad named Archie Thompson was a guilty party. He received his reward, went away rejoicing, and the old gentleman forthwith wrote to the local schoolmaster demanding the production of the said Archie Thompson to make good the damage he had done to his windows. Next day the informer called again.

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"The schoolmaster sent me," he said briskly, "I've seen a glazier, and he'll put your glass right for 3 shillings. Here it is, and"

Wesley and Tea. In his younger days John Wesley found it difficult to abstain from tea. He wrote to his wife: "We agreed it would prevent great expense, as well as health, if I could not have any tea, I should be obliged to give up my studies."

Once a Sailor Always a Sailor. Charitable institutions often find it hard to learn the occupations of those admitted. A man who has followed several trades when asked his occupation names the one he regards as most dignified, even if he has not followed it for years. The Survey tells of a case that happened in the Cook County Infirmary. The man "at the age of nine, been was a sailor for one year. His career as a sailor ended with an accident on the ship by which he lost a leg. For the next thirty-six years he took various jobs as caretaker and the like, such as a crippled person can obtain. Yet when after thirty-six years of independence he was finally forced to take refuge in a poorhouse he puts himself down on the entrance card as a sailor, and one feels in that word the pride of a Norse son of the sea."

A Nickname For Barrett. Lawrence Barrett, the tragedian, was subject to dyspepsia, and when he was suffering from that disorder he was cold and distant toward his company. One irreverent fellow always refused however, to be suppressed. He said one day: "Just look at Cassius. He looks as solemn and righteous as if he'd swallowed the sword of justice. Let's call him the Scabbard." And the Scabbard he was - out of his hearing - for the rest of that season.

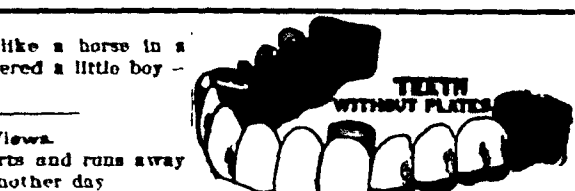
Costly Dressing. Mrs. Washington Terrace consented to be interviewed. "What? Dress on \$600 a year?" "She made a wry grimace with her face and hands. "Why, I couldn't dress my salads on \$600 a year," she said. - St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A Striped One. "Now, children, what is this?" asked the teacher, holding up a picture of a zebra.

High Notes. A reporter once said to Cassius: "What is your idea of a perfect day?" "The night's game," he said. "You mean get no sleep."

A Reproof. "Why, children, you are so noisy today," said a teacher to a little girl. "Now, grandma, you must be more considerate and not scold us. You see, if it wasn't for us you wouldn't be a grandma at all."

Incongruous. Guest - So your daughter belongs to the Universal Peace and Amiability society? Host - Yes, and she's rapidly fighting her way to the front of that society.



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