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### Let Us Have Peace

Now that the people have signified their choice for State officers and other officials, let us have peace for a while. Let there be a cessation of the mudslinging, of the demagogic appeals to popular passion, of the unsettling of business conditions and of preaching discontent.

We have so much of anarchy, of socialism, of down right political dishonesty that the people are utterly disgusted and want a rest.

Let us now settle down to business. Let us go back to first principles in business, morals and political ethics. We need not retrograde to do this. We may retain what of genuine progress we have attained but anarchy is not progress. It is not necessary to burn the house in order to disinfect.

We have faith that the American people have had their fill of hysteria and brass band music and that they now will devote more time to construction rather than destruction.

### Congratulations

The Catholic Journal extends hearty congratulations to Thomas F. Conway, Thomas Connolly and John J. Kennedy, elected respectively as lieutenant-governor, attorney-general and state treasurer and to Richard Gardiner and John W. Barrett, elected as purchasing agent & district attorney of Monroe County. They are eminently fitted to discharge the duties of the positions to which the people have elected them.

To Edward R. O'Malley and Thomas Fennell, defeated for attorney-general and state treasurer, we extend condolence. Mr. O'Malley has filled his position with credit and Mr. Fennell was qualified to fill the one to which he was nominated but the political fortunes of war decreed otherwise.

### Catholic Doctors Guild

A guild of Catholic doctors was recently organized in London. Surgeon-General Maunsell, who led in the movement, said that it had the sanction of Archbishop Bourne.

He outlined the purpose of the movement as "application of medical science to moral philosophy, to historical questions, etc., and also the utilizing of the expert knowledge of Catholic principles. He referred to race suicide, which he had reason to believe was on the increase.

Among those present were Father Fletcher, who for years had been a physician prior to becoming a priest. He moved that the objects of the guild should be to facilitate intercourse between the Catholic members of the medical profession (including students) in the British Empire with a view to (a) providing mutual assistance in their religious and professional life; (b) investigating the relations of "medical theory and practice to Catholic theology and philosophy; (c) upholding the principles of Catholic morality against an unscientific

materialism. (d) rendering such assistance to Catholic institutions as may be practicable; (e) and, in general, promoting among Catholic medical men such solidarity as may be an advantage both to their religion and their profession.

Dr. J. Porter Parkinson moved that "the guild shall endeavor to secure its ends by periodical meetings (especially in connection with medical and Catholic congresses), by the circulation of literature, by the formation of a Catholic medical library, by lectures and articles in the press, and by other means to be determined upon."

### Implanting Bigotry

Catholics who wonder at prejudices held by Protestants may learn the reason why by a perusal of a sketch in the "Christian Observer" by Edith McClurg Houston entitled "A Little Girl in Cuba" from which these enlightening extracts are taken.

"Her mother will not choose a name for her as your mother did, but will look in the calendar and see the names of the 'saints' on whose day she was born. (Saints of very good people whom it is said were very good when they were living, and so the people in Roman Catholic countries pray to them as much as they do to God.) And they think the 'saint' whose name a child bears, will take it all its life. So even if the family don't like the name they call the baby by it just the same."

"On Sunday they go to Sunday school in the cities where there is one. Not long ago I asked my little neighbor, Manuela, what she learned in Sunday school. 'A rezar y rifar' (to say prayers and raffle), she answered. She is given a ticket every Sunday for attendance, and these entitle her to draw for fans, dolls, bicycles, etc. Once there was a kid raffled off, but the priest got that."

"When she goes to church she must dip her finger into the 'holy water' at the door, and make the sign of the cross on her forehead. She is taught to say prayers on beads, ten to Mary and one to God. She learns the commandments this way:

"The first. Thou shalt have no other Gods before me.  
"The second. Take not the name of God in vain.  
"She is taught to pray to the images in the churches and the pictures of the 'saints' in her home, and she is given little 'saints' to take home instead of a Sunday school card. She wears a medal of the Virgin hung about her neck."

### No Monument Needed.

While Catholics know all about such things, it is a source of satisfaction to read such tributes as the following in secular "Inter-Mountain" of Butte, Montana, in referring to the death of Rev. James English, rector of St. Mary's church in that city:—"True to the traditions of his Church, Rev. Father English regarded the warnings which had been heeded, might have prolonged his life, and continued in active service until a few hours before death overtook him. More than priest and father to his congregation, his influence extended over a wide territory. For Father English belonged to the great brotherhood of man. He loved his fellows, and he gave his life devotedly to their service, regardless of class distinction or denomination. In turn he was loved as few men are. His mission was a holy one, and, since the good men do lives after them, no marble shaft or granite mausoleum will be required to keep his memory fresh in the field in which he labored so long and so well."

Bishop Berry, of the Methodist church, says that prosperity is making many communities godless.

### Embrace All Classes.

Even the right-minded non-Catholics are beginning to appreciate the work of the Holy Name Society in its war upon profanity and obscenity.

"The movement that has resulted in the recent great public protests against 'the growing habit of profane speech' began in the Catholic Church," says the Chicago "Tribune," but it is one which should embrace all classes, whether churchgoers or not.

"The shocking looseness of speech heard everywhere upon our streets, our public conveyances, and in our offices and shops should be counteracted by a campaign in which our business men and the heads of families ought to exact pledges from those in their charge to abstain from this reprehensible practice. Young women should league themselves to cut the acquaintance of any man who is known to be guilty of it. A New York teacher was recently reprimanded for putting soap in the mouth a pupil who cursed in her school-room. This old time punishment may not be so effective, but at least it was a drastic attempt to correct a growing evil."

### Centuries Old.

Another piece of evidence that the Catholics were not behind in education, sciences and inventive genius has been unearthed by the Louisville "Record" in the following editorial.

"Rev. Theophilus Kelleners, at Uniontown, Ky., has a theological work on Confession, published twenty years after the first printing press was set up.

He has another theological work printed one hundred years later and dedicated to Henry VIII. Henry's acknowledgment in Latin, throughly Catholic in matter and tone, appears in this volume. "Its back is of heavy leather, its sides of English oak. Its pages are bound together with stout cords fastened to wooden pegs driven through the leaves in a line near the back. The printing is clear, the ink remains black and the paper has held its color better than books printed twenty years ago.

They are to have a Hungarian Catholic Church in New York city. It is estimated that 60 per cent of the 70,000 Hungarians in the metropolis are Catholics.

Perhaps, that "Rome incident" had its effect.

We fancy that the American people do not desire an American repetition of Spain and Portugal.

Will there ever be a need of a branch of the International Catholic Truth Society in Rochester?

Let us all keep up the war on the divorce evil.

Pope Pius X has added another instance of his distinction as a churchman. Recently, he acted as confessor to three old persons from his native place. It is stated that Pope Leo XIII never acted in the capacity of a confessor after he became Pope and that Pope Pius IX did so only once.

In a prize essay contest recently, the parochial school pupils of Bergen County, New Jersey, sent in compositions of such uniform excellence that the judges had great difficulty in awarding the prize.

Why should not reading of Catholic papers be encouraged in the parochial schools?

In the death of ex-mayor Hugh J. Grant, the Catholic portion of New York city loses a faithful member and the Church a devoted ally.

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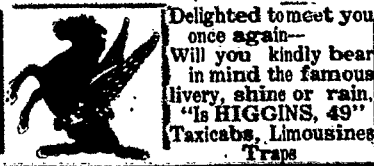
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