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Still Earlier!

It is customary for those who revere antiquity to exclaim much about the great age of our most aristocratic of educational institutions, Yale and Harvard Universities.

In another quarter of a century Harvard will be celebrating its ter-centennial. That is a goodly old age and rightly entitles the Massachusetts college to veneration at the hands of her graduates and admirers.

However, Harvard is not the oldest of educational institutions within the confines of what is now the United States. Last April the Dominican Fathers had the pleasure of celebrating the ter-centennial of the establishment of St. Thomas' University in Maine. So it is seen that the oldest educational institution in this country was a Catholic college!

It is a Shame.

Some one asked a Catholic what he would be if he were not a Catholic and he replied "I would be ashamed of myself" says the Western Watchman: Every man and woman in the world who has heard of Christ should be ashamed not to be a Catholic. It is a shame to pretend to accept Christ as a teacher and reject the authority of the Church he founded.

Sounds Good.

An indignant correspondent of the Omaha True Voice repudiates the suggestion that "America" be chosen as the National anthem instead of the "Star-Spangled Banner." He hears in "America" only the English anthem "God Save the King" and declares that "it was played at the execution of the young American, Nathan Hale; just as the Irish boys in the Revolutionary army played their Irish air 'The Blackbird' at the hanging of the British spy, Major Andre."

But the "Star-Spangled Banner" the True Voice correspondent writes: "The Star-Spangled Banner" by authority of the Army regulations at least is our national anthem. It was composed by Francis Scott Key, an American Catholic, when a prisoner on board an English warship, while the British were pounding Fort Mchenry with shot and shell with the intent of occupying and perhaps destroying the city of Baltimore.

Baltimore was the city which first received the news of England's declaration of war, and had answered it with cheers of defiance. The British had determined to capture Baltimore, and terrorize Americans by destroying it to the flames. All night long a heavy fog, part natural and half smoke enveloped the shore batteries and young Key waited with anxious heart to know if the flag was still there. It was there, the British, withdrawn discomfited, and permitted Key and his fellow prisoners to land. The words of the 'Star-Spangled Banner' were sung the next day in Baltimore. The city was saved, and joyous crowds thronged the streets and exultingly sang the hymn.

Anti-Religious

In a powerful paper read before the Catholic Educational Association in Chicago, Rev. Timothy Bresnahan, of the Jesuits, discussed calmly and logically whether Andrew Carnegie's "foundation to pension college teachers" is a good thing for the country at large. Father Bresnahan finds no fault with the Laird of Skibo if he wishes to be bigoted as shown by his exclusion from the benefits of the pension fund.

Such a restriction, he thinks, tends to hamper educational liberty and to make the teachers willing to permit dictation as to their teaching from the moneyed men of the country.

Such a line of reasoning should make thinking men sit up and take notice.

Testing His Claims.

Much has been written of the great benefit to the community of a Catholic college graduate. But if he be not a worthier or a more practical Catholic for these added privileges, of what real benefit is he to himself or community. The Church Progress well says:

"But how is he meeting these responsibilities? Do we see him approaching the sacraments monthly with his parish sodality? Do we find him affiliated with the parochial work which falls to the laymen? Do we meet him in these Catholic movements? Are his voice and pen active in silencing the slanders uttered against the Church and her doctrines? Does he keep in touch with the Catholic people of various countries by subscribing for and supporting the Catholic paper, which gives them as they are, or is his indifference satisfied with the anti-Catholic reports of the secular press? Does he show himself always reverently submissive to ecclesiastical authority? These are some of the important things that measure his loyalty, test his claims and press for answer."

Count Zeppelin, the noted aviator, has been received into the Catholic Church.

Canon Quinn, of Killeavy, Ireland, during the fifty years of his priesthood has raised in his parish and expended on religious institutions the sum of \$160,000.

If illicit houses exist in Rochester, why not issue orders to close them and keep them closed for all time?

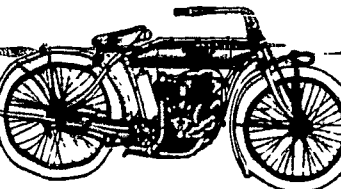
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High-sounding resolutions read well but action is what brings the results sought for.

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