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### Thanksgiving

No matter how the Anarchists and the other unbelievers may rave, the United States is and will remain a Christian country. One exemplification of this is the annual Thanksgiving proclamations issued by the President and the Governors of the several States. These documents call upon the people to set aside one day in the year to offer thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings of the year.

President Taft and Governor Dix in their proclamations this year follow the rule of years past. It is well. No nation in the world has so much to thank God for as have the American people. We enjoy liberty of conscience, liberty of speech, liberty in religious worship. We are prosperous, as the world is accustomed to view it, we have education widely diffused, we are measurably happy. Catholics, indeed, should lead the procession in thanksgiving. We enjoy real religious liberty under the Constitution and the law. We are staunch Americans, we uphold the Constitution and the Flag, as well as uphold our Faith. Let us thank God for what we are and where we are.

### Scandalous

Kendrick P. Shedd has a perfect right, if he chooses, to denounce the American flag, the American Constitution, the American people, the American people's heroes, but the yellow journals do not care if they do damage so long as they are able to spin "good stories" from their standpoint against libel and slander. We suppose he can continue to hold such opinions and to express them publicly and privately.

But Mr. Shedd has no right to express such opinions at our expense. The schools are supported at public expense, hence no school employee has any license to utilize his position and the buildings to exploit anarchy and treason.

Mr. Shedd is no longer a public employee. He is, however, a professor in the University of Rochester. That institution is not a public one in the sense that it shares in the public funds, shares in the public funds. But it is public in the sense that it appeals to persons of all classes to be educated in its halls, and to pay into its treasury tuition funds. Hence it should not try to affront the majority of the public it expects to derive support from by continuing in its faculty a self-confessed anarchist and hater of the American flag and Constitution.

To compel all students to take part in college chapel exercises, no matter what his religious belief is bad enough, but the continuance of Shedd on the University of Rochester faculty is a positive crime.

### More Testimony.

Testimony to the value of the Holy Name parades as a provocation to make non-Catholics sit up and take notice continues to multiply. The non-Catholic Controversy, Pa. Times has this to say:

"Tremendously freighted with significance to all intelligent persons, this spectacle has made a lasting impression. Many thousands, of all religious denominations and creeds, stood and watched, almost in awe, as the long procession of militant church members filed by giving practical assistance to the mighty crusade against profanity which has been undertaken by the Catholic Church.

"And this is the thing that made thousands of men stop and think. Many of them had not been so deeply inspired by any religious spectacle within their recollection. They were compelled to think about things which, perhaps, had not had a place in their minds for years.

"The Catholic Church has shown, not only to Philadelphia, but to this country and the world just what can be done in the name of Christianity. What it has accomplished ought to be an inspiration to every religious faith. Spectacles like that of Sunday are reflective of wonderful progress. The Catholic church has shown by this one method that it is going forward. Other denominations need to give just such evidence of their power and magnificent strength. The great thing is to interest men, and it has been shown that men can be interested. Men have been allowed to drift too far away from the Church. They have not been compelled to stop and think, as the Catholic Church made them think by its mighty protest on Sunday against profanity."

### Meddling

For a long time the newspaper harpies of the secular press have not found excuse to harp on what may be styled "ecclesiastical politics."

Since the Holy Father has signified his intention to elevate to the cardinalate two American-born prelates, these harpies have refurbished a lot of rubbish long since exploded about why this or that prelate was not made a cardinal or why this one was given the red hat.

Well informed Catholics know the absurdity of these yarns but those less acquainted and non-Catholics may be misled and damage thereby result. There is no real good served by these yarns but the yellow journals do not care if they do damage so long as they are able to spin "good stories" from their standpoint. In fact, they are rather pleased than otherwise.

Max Pemberton, the popular English novelist is a Catholic.

The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of Connecticut has passed the ten thousand mark.

Not a single arrest has been made in Ironsport, Ohio, in six months. There has not been an arrest in the village since 1909. Every miner in the town owns his own home. The population is made up of 637 Irishmen, 11 Welshmen and 52 Germans.

The Catholic press is to have a distinctive place in the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Vienna next year.

All four Catholic high school applicants in Philadelphia won scholarships in the recent competitive examinations in the University of Pennsylvania.

The Knights of Columbus endowment fund for the Catholic University has reached \$478,000 out of the \$500,000 to be raised.

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