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Happy New Year!

Once again old Father Time has emptied the sands in his yearly glass and 1911 is to give place to 1912. Most of us are so used to the old figures that we will continue to write them for a few days. After that we will join the 1912 club's charter membership and go ahead, only to repeat the a performance twelve-month hence.

Seriously, however, how the time flies! Here we are at the beginning of another year, facing another Presidential election, looking to another gubernatorial campaign.

More than that, another twelve-month has passed into eternity. Whatever of good stands to our credit is there. Whatever of evil we have done, is on record forever. If we have spent our time well, in helping our neighbor, in improving our own spiritual condition, that is down to our credit. Whether we regret or rejoice at the record of 1911, we cannot now change it. But we can now begin and make of 1912 a record either as good or better than that of 1911. In fact, there is no human record which cannot be bettered.

Shall we not, then, take hold now and resolve to write the record of the year to come in such phrase that when its last day arrives we shall not be sorry? This is the wish of the Catholic Journal to all its readers.

Wages of Sin.

How true is the Biblical warning to the effect that the wages of sin is death. Confirmation of the truth of the admonition is found in nearly every copy of a daily paper.

That New England case where the clergyman is under a charge of murder is one of the instances where the ancient warning is verified. The careless young girl who sacrificed her honor to some man's lust lies in a lonely, dishonored grave while her relatives are bowed beneath weight of shame and remorse. Whether the man on trial was the guilty man in this particular case, circumstantial evidence points that way, moreover, his career seems to have been in keeping with his professions and that fact may send him to the gallows.

Men and women cannot commit crime, cannot sin without paying the penalty. That penalty may not be an ignominious death in the public gaze but punishment is sure to follow sin. If it does not come in this world, it will surely come in the next. True God is a God of love but He is equally a God of justice. If we will sin, we must expect to pay the penalty and we surely will whether we expect to or not.

The better way is not to experiment with crime, with wrongdoing. Then we can walk abroad with a clean conscience and feel at peace with God and man.

Begin the New Year right by subscribing for the Catholic Journal.

Signs of Times.

While it does not seem as if we elected a President only four years ago and a Governor less than two years since, we are forcibly reminded that this is so by the daily press despatches.

Political leaders are availing that this candidate, if named by their party convention, cannot possibly be elected while other leaders as surely predict that their candidate is the only one who can possibly hope to win.

This wisecrack is proclaiming President Taft's good qualities, while another is very sure that ex-President Roosevelt will not only not be a candidate for re-nomination but that he will be found supporting Mr. Taft. In the West, the insurgent Republicans are sounding the praises of Robert LaFollette while Eastern conservatives are sneering at the Wisconsin man.

In our opinion, if Mr. Roosevelt stays out, President Taft will be renominated and his Democratic opponent is likely to be Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey.

Grand Work.

The Rev. Father A. B. Dunne, pastor of St. Patrick's church, in Eau Claire, Wis., has in his twenty years of pastorate there received into the Church 401 Protestants and has brought back to the Church more than 100 baptized in infancy but reared outside of the Church. Over 100 more, instructed by him, were received into the Church elsewhere.

Perhaps the largest class of non-Catholics in Wisconsin is being conducted at St. Patrick's church, Eau Claire. It numbers forty-two, consisting of men and women from many different Protestant denominations.

Well meant, doubtless, but rather misleading was the announcement in a local paper that midnight mass would be celebrated this year on Saturday night and every hour afterward throughout the day.

One first-class New Year resolution:—To subscribe at once for a Catholic paper and read it during the coming year.

Our old friend, Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, does not propose to be ignored by the press and public neither has he any sympathy with any conspiracy to keep his name out of the newspapers.

How time flies! In less than a week, we will have the Legislature with us again.

It is announced that a central Catholic High School is to be erected in New York city as a culmination of the metropolitan parochial school system which now embraces 155 schools with an attendance of 125,000 pupils. The new high school building, it is said, will cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000.

Spanish elections, according to the press despatches, were a veritable rout for the Radicals and Socialists. The Monarchists seem to have won by large majorities in all big cities.

Cardinal Gibbons is the most consistent advocate of international peace now quoted in the press. He represents, too, an organization which has always stood for peace, when such a consummation could be had with honor.

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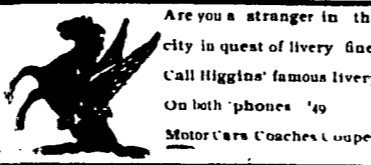
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The Reason Not Far to Seek

The sad iron begins to lose its heat the moment it is taken from the stove, which means back racking, nerve and temper-trying exertion on the part of the servant in an effort to make pressure do the work that heat should do, and this, coupled with the innumerable, foot-wearying trips between the stove and the ironing-board, is what saps strength and good nature and makes servant problems for you to solve.

Now Listen a Moment

If you had an iron to which heat could be constantly supplied at the ironing-board as fast as transmitted to the work, thus doing away with the necessity for extraordinary pressure and the trips to the stove, isn't it perfectly obvious that such an iron would conserve your servant's physical and mental strength to such an extent that life to her would be sweeter and more worth the living?

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