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Encouraging

While so many preachers of the non-Catholic sort are complaining bitterly that they cannot induce the people, especially the men, to attend services, it is most encouraging to know that even on the week night services and when only the regular priests are in attendance, Catholic churches have been filled to the doors during the Lenten season.

No "revival services", no "Men and Forward Movements" have been needed to induce attendance upon our week night services. And the men who have attended were a revelation to the persons who have thought that men were and are not interested in Religion and things spiritual.

Who can controvert the assertion that men who go to Church solely to pray and to hear a sermon by preachers who they hear regularly all year round are impelled by religious motives that are deep-seated and well-grounded?

May it not be that the opposition encountered by the Church all over the world and the assaults made by ignorant and religion-hating men have aroused the militant spirit among Catholic men and made them more resolute in their faith?

At all events, the Catholic churches show attendance, without the adjuncts of brass bands, free lunches, picture shows or foreign orators. So long as our churches are filled, we need not fear that Catholicism is losing ground.

Holy Week

In preparation for the joyous feast of Easter Holy Mother Church next week enters upon "Holy Week." While the fasts are a trifle more rigorous, nevertheless we are glad to make them because of the feast they precede.

And so in the next six days the Church again goes on its journey to Calvary. We accompany our Savior to the Garden of Gethsemane; we share with Him the watch there; like His disciples, we may fall asleep. We are with Him before Pilate; we travel anew the Way of the Cross; we bow our heads at the Crucifixion. We watch the Savior laid in the tomb and then we watch for the Resurrection.

Solemn though they be, the Holy Week ceremonies and services are the most impressive of the ecclesiastical year.

Different

In 1801 the Supreme court of Massachusetts decided that even if a Catholic did support his own Church he was bound under the law, to contribute toward the support of "Protestant ministers and them alone. Papists are only tolerated."

Our esteemed contemporary, the "Catholic News," draws a striking parallel between then and now in the following editorial:

Nowadays courts do not employ the language of absolute rulers and by decree attempt to tell the

people what the courts will or will not allow.

Catholics are not only tolerated in all states nowadays, but they are welcomed in all states of the union. In the Eastern states the country is well settled, industries on a large scale exist, life is conventional and custom and law are well settled. Catholicism is thriving under such conditions.

In the western and southwestern parts of the country, there is yet plenty of pioneer work to be done. Churches have to be built. Cities and towns are yet in embryo, in many places. People are scattered. Custom is forming. New expedients in laws and politics are being tried. Natural resources are still being tapped. Organized industry, especially upon the mechanical lines, is not widely diffused. Pastoral and rude conditions prevail in many places. Yet, there, the Catholic faith is advancing also. The Catholic Church Extension Society is reaching the scattered groups of Catholics with its chapel cars. Catholic literature is furnished to Catholics in out-of-the-way places by the International Catholic Truth Society.

The value of sound Catholic reading, in the convenient form of the weekly or monthly periodicals, is counteracting false statements concerning Catholic faith and practice, in renewing dim knowledge, almost forgotten in advancing years and business cares, in giving life and timely news about Catholic advance in this and other lands, is something that is incalculable but great. All Catholic editors should and most Catholic editors do, feel this responsibility of their positions. The Catholic press of America has greatly progressed in the character of its reading matter, in the literary tone of its contributions and in its grip upon the interest and affections of the Catholic public.

Catholic advance is more than gratifying. It is marvelous. And every Catholic can well rejoice at the freedom and prosperity of the faith in America.

If Socialism is not opposed to the Catholic Church, why was it that when David Goldstein asked that the Socialists adopt a resolution repudiating such sentiments on the part of the party, it was voted down well nigh unanimously?

Pretty soon the baseball seasons will open full swing again.

Joseph E. Ralph, director of the bureau of engraving and printing at Washington, is a practical Catholic.

On March 14th, Cardinals Rampolla and Serafino Vannutelli celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their elevation to the cardinalial purple.

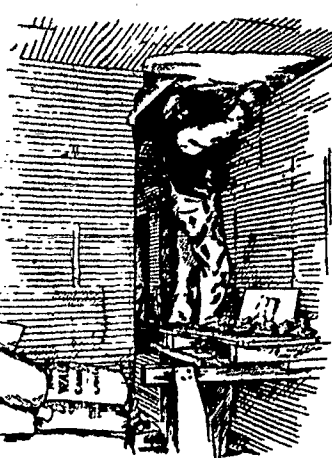
And now the new A. P. A. hand bill is agitating for taxation of church property. It hopes to embarrass the Catholics by so doing. Well, Catholics can afford to pay taxes on their church property just as well as can the Protestants. And we fancy more Protestant churches would go to the wall under such a policy than would those of the Catholic side.

The Catholic Journal extends heartfelt congratulations to Rt. Rev. Joseph Conroy, vicar general of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, upon his recent appointment by Pope Pius X as coadjutor to Bishop Gabriels, of Ogdensburg. Bishop Conroy has long labored zealously for Catholicity in New York. He was also for several years a Catholic editor and his pen still is wielded in behalf of Truth and justice. He will wear the miter worthily.

Several French priests were murdered in the Chinese riots a few weeks ago. More Catholic martyrs to the Faith.

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At the Close of Business, March 21, 1912.

RESOURCES.

Stocks and bonds, viz.:	
Public securities, market value	\$ 78,300 00
Other securities, market value	560,256 96
Real estate owned	180,000 00
Mortgages owned	2,700 00
Loans and discounts secured by bond and mortgage, deed or other real estate collateral	96,640 00
Loans and discounts secured by other collateral	1,209,260 00
Loans and discounts without collateral	1,922,969 04
Overdrafts	1,500 00
Due from trust companies, banks and bankers	406,709 21
Specie	59,428 00
Legal tender notes and notes of National banks	258,281 00
Cash items	15,288 26
Other assets, viz.:	
Furniture and fixtures	None
Accrued interest entered	\$ 1,748 89
Accrued interest not entered	10,000 00
Total	\$ 4,790,655.95

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	\$ 150,000 00
Surplus, including all undivided profits	266,279 28
Unpaid dividends	\$17.50
Reserved for taxes	700.00
	717 50
Preferred deposits	\$ 128,670 79
Deposits not preferred	3,995,691 86
Due trust companies, banks and bankers	95,054 66
Total deposits	\$4,219,417 30
Bills payable	None
Other liabilities, viz.:	
Cashier's checks outstanding	\$ 6 00
Bills rediscounted	None
Mortgages on real estate owned	125,000 00
Accounts payable	None
Accrued interest entered	31,236 23
Accrued interest not entered	8,000 00
	154,241 23
Total	\$ 4,790,655.95

State of New York, County of Monroe, ss:
P. R. McPhail, President, and A. S. Newell, Assistant Cashier of the Merchants Bank of Rochester, a Bank located and doing business at No. 125 East Main Street, in the city of Rochester in said county, being duly sworn, each for himself, says the foregoing report is true and correct in all respects, to the best of his knowledge and belief, and they further say that the usual business of said bank has been transacted at the location required by the Banking Law (Chap. 2 of the Consolidated Laws as amended), and not elsewhere; and that the above report is in the form prescribed by the Superintendent of Banks, and is made in compliance with an official notice received from him, designating the 21st day of March, 1912, as the day as of which such report shall be made.

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