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Easter

Once more the Church has traveled over the Lenten journey. Once more we have taken the Way of the Cross in the Saviour's weary journey to Calvary. We have seen Him laid in the tomb. Now, He is to rise from the grave...

On Sunday the Gloria will be sung again, the organ will peal forth psalms of triumph and gladness for "He is risen!" The priests will don vestments of joyful hue, the purple vestments of penitence and mourning being doffed for another year.

In this joyous Easter time, let us not forget that prayer and penitence do not belong exclusively to the Lenten season but that they are for our practice all year round.

To all its readers, the Catholic Journal presents the compliments of the season and hopes all is well with them.

Adjourned

In all probability, the people of the State are not sorry that the Legislature of 1912 has adjourned sine die. It is also likely that they trust Governor Dix will not call the Legislature back in special session, even if some legislation which certain persons consider important has been postponed for another year.

The legislation postponed can well wait another year, while the people consider it further. If it is good, then the people will have it. If it is not good, then we will be spared the necessity of repealing it next year.

Let the legislators go home and stay. If they have not done very much this year, at least they have had the saving grace not to continue in session all the year but have passed what legislation was absolutely necessary and then stopped. There is no earthly sense in continuing a Legislature where there is divided and dual political control. Let sleeping dogs lie in the Journal's advice to Governor Dix.

Home Rule Coming

Sympathizers with Ireland in her effort to obtain home rule are feeling happy these days in the unmistakable change of sentiment even in what have been classed as intensely pro-English circles. For, instance, the English Catholic organ, the "Tablet," has been opposed to home rule, at least not intensely in favor.

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Home Rule is necessary in the interests of the Empire. By making Ireland friendly, by burying the age-long quarrel and strangling the forces of disruption the Empire will be strengthened at its heart and in its dominions overseas, whilst hostile forces in America will be silenced. Such an achievement would constitute a victory worthy to stand forever with Trafalgar and Waterloo. We had made friends of our enemies in South Africa. Could we not make friends of our comrades, too?

The wise English now are wont to refer to the Irish as their "half-brothers." Apparently, Ireland's chief accredited spokesman, Mr. John Redmond, M. P., is ready to say with General Grant: "Let us have peace." It is peace with honor too. Says Mr. Redmond:

With Mr. Churchill's Imperial argument I absolutely agree. We want to make a settlement with our Protestant fellow-countrymen, and one of our chief reasons for wanting it is that we may come at last into our rightful place in the Empire, which we built as well as they.

All of which is encouraging to Irish well-wishers on this side of the Atlantic.

One's Word

There are varying opinions as to whether one should change his mind and whether one should change one's word, once given. There should not be any difference of opinion as to the latter proposition. Once one gives his word, unless given through misapprehension or without through coercion and there are those who hold that one's word, once passed, should be upheld even at personal sacrifice, he should keep it inviolate.

As to changing one's political opinion, we have an idea that a person can change his mind in that regard without incurring opprobrium. All this is preliminary to a discussion of the charge that Theodore Roosevelt promised the American people that he would not be a candidate for a third term and that he has gone back on that agreement. It depends upon the viewpoint. If Mr. Roosevelt made a pledge to that effect, then he certainly has broken it. If, on the other hand, he gave it as his political opinion that he would not be in the presidential arena again, then he is privileged to change his mind, just as a young and radical man may declare his adherence to free trade and, in mature age and with riper judgment, become an ardent protectionist.

However, when all is said and written, Mr. Roosevelt is again a candidate and it looks as if he intended to stay in the race. If her effort to obtain home rule the American people condone are feeling happy these days in his change of front and re-elect the unmistakable change of sentiment even in what have been classed as intensely pro-English circles. For, instance, the English Catholic organ, the "Tablet," has been opposed to home rule, at least not intensely in favor.

A sweet tempered, balanced life sheds sunlight wherever its owner goes.

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Fie, fie, that in the city of Rochester where the slogan "Do it for Rochester" means, the closest banding together of men as in a brotherhood regardless of religious distinction or affiliation for the general welfare of the individual, or the city, that one so picayune should resort to so contemptible a method of flinging his hatred for Catholics through the guise of a veiled, unsigned newspaper "ad" which has been scrutinized by thousands of honest Catholic unemployed and others.

C. W. B. L.

The Catholic Women's Benevolent Legion, a fraternal organization, counting nine councils in Rochester and 152 in New York state, will hold a district Convention here on the 17th of April. The local councils will give a reception and banquet to the visiting delegates on April 16th, at the Powers Hotel, which will be the Convention's headquarters.

The C. W. B. L. councils connected with St. Joseph's, St. Michael's and Holy Redeemer churches will put on an entertainment at St. Joseph's parish hall, Franklin street, Friday evening, April 12th, the proceeds from which will be used as part of an entertainment fund for the convention.

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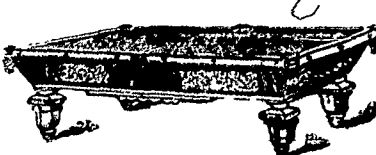
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