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Schools to Open

In a few days, school will re-open for the 1912-1913 terms. Parents should see to it that their children are in attendance on the opening days for their own welfare as well as for orderly conduct and discipline in the classes. Good work cannot be done if pupils are straggling in from a day or two to two weeks late. These late comers bring confusion and hold back oftentimes, an entire class.

Let us hope, too, that all Catholic children will be found in attendance upon Catholic schools. Our parochial schools now compare more than favorably with the non-Catholic schools, in point of secular instruction, and they and the merit of instruction in our Catholic faith and the safeguard of association with our own kind of pupils and teachers. This fact, alone, is of material benefit, in worldly and spiritual way, in after years.

Not only should Catholic children be sent to the Catholic grammar schools but they should continue their higher studies in Catholic educational institutions. There is no excuse now for any other course. Rochester now possesses a Catholic high school to which both sexes are admitted. Then there are two institutions where Catholic girls may receive the very best of secular instruction in addition to the benefit of Catholic association. For both young men and women there are Catholic colleges within as easy reach as non-Catholic institutions and where superior education can be obtained.

There is no excuse now for Catholic boys and girls being educated outside Catholic institutions.

No "Dark Lantern Work"

Religious or racial bigotry should have no place in the presidential canvass of 1912. Let there be no "dark lantern work, no sub-cellular burrowing." Whatever there is, let it be in the open. If either of the three presidential candidates of the great political parties now before the people, is or has been a bigot, let us have the facts out in the open. The average voter is able to make up his own mind upon the presentation of the facts and his record.

We have read in the press that so much underhand accusation, innuendo and insinuation has come against one of the three presidential candidates that his supporters have formed a committee to combat such a campaign that it is as it should be. At least the defense of this candidate will be in the open and we can judge pretty well the exact facts by that defense.

We have an idea that no matter what might be the personal predilections of the presidential candidates—and, mind you, we have no notion as yet that any of them belong in the bigot class—the Catholics are becoming so strong in the United States that no President will dare to deprive us of our rights or to decline to

give us a square deal. After all, that is all we can ask or expect. We have no right to demand recognition or appointment as Catholics, but we have a perfect right to protest when we are denied our rights because we are Catholics.

Darrow Acquitted

After a long and acrimonious trial, Clarence Darrow, the Chicago lawyer who defended the McNamaras on the charge of dynamiting, has been acquitted from the charge of bribing jurors in that trial.

While Darrow has not appealed to us in the past, by reason of his radical views on things which most of us hold sacred, we cannot withhold a feeling that in this trial just ended, the methods employed savor more of persecution than of an orderly attempt to see evenhanded justice done and that the jury's verdict appeared to be based on justice and fair play.

Certainly it would be a sad reflection on the American bar if one of its noted members had been found guilty of attempted bribery or of the actual bribery of witnesses and jurors. It is terrible to have to think that such things happen. To be sure, these crimes have been and may be again. Offenders should be punished to the limit.

But, while we may dislike some of Mr. Darrow's methods and opinions, we never have thought him the man who would resort to bribery to win his case. For that reason, we are glad of his acquittal.

Police Scandal

While the exact facts in the cases are somewhat beclouded by accusations and counter-accusations, enough has come to light to make it appear that conditions in New York's police department and in New York's underworld are very bad to say the least.

It looks as if policemen and politicians have been waxing rich on graft gleaned from the criminal and unfortunate classes. In order for such a condition to exist, there must be men and women outside the recognized classes who wish to gratify their lust for gambling and kindred illicit enjoyments or who participate in this graft to the extent of sharing it in rents or living from the proceeds of the illegal traffic.

Let us hope that the New York authorities will run the scandal to the bitter end and bring to justice all mixed up in it, whether of low or high degree in the social or business world.

Vacation days soon will be over for 1912.

Really where has the summer gone?

It looks as if Rochester would have a real, old-fashioned centennial celebration.

Not so long ago a Protestant minister was condemned by his congregation because he "did not jump about enough or yell at the proper concert pitch." And then they wonder why men do not go to church!

The Sacred Heart Review remarks that "a sectarian convention would be rather uninteresting if no kick were registered there against the Catholic Church.

Wilfrid Ward has written a new and sympathetic life and writings of Cardinal Newman.

After all, would it not be safe to entrust the mobs who conduct lynching parties in the South with the sublime power to recall judges and judicial decisions?

That Panama canal may plague President Taft as it has former President Roosevelt.

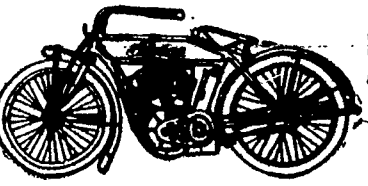
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