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Duty to Perform

In his admirable address before the Columbus day celebration of Rochester Council, K. of C., Bishop Hickey made plain the duty we of the Catholic laity owe to ourselves and our church in supplementing the work of the priesthood in the pulpit.

The bishop emphasized the point that chivalry need not die out because the days of the joust and the tilt for love of fair lady or for human honor are past.

Let us strive by our daily life to make it apparent to our fellows that the very best practical Catholic makes the very best American citizen.

Latter-Day Fallacies

It is the proper thing to-day to hail every new notion, every novel idea, every odd fancy, no matter how inconsistent with or repugnant to truth, as a sign of progress and to revile him or her who does not bow down in reverence to the new "ism" as an old fogey and a reactionary.

Some persons, with an infinite capacity for noise and for self advertisement, perhaps lacking capacity for government and discipline in their own families, set out to establish the standard that children should not be disciplined or taught to respect authority because it tends to breed within them a spirit of servility and crushed out the spirit of independence which should animate the soul of every American boy or girl.

In business, smooth, self-assertive chaps appear on the scene who never learned a single branch of manufacture or business and proceed to lecture the men who have built up institutions after years of hard work, study and attention, and to charge that they do not know the rudiments of it and need the aid of such "business doctors" as they represent themselves.

Quite often, the man who retains the aforesaid doctor finds himself a negligible quantity in the institution he gave his lifetime to build up while the institution itself retrogrades.

Change and noise do not always constitute progress.

A Lovely Mix-up

Verily, there is a delightful mix-up in things political this year. At least six parties have nominated presidential electors, state officers, congressmen, legislators and local officials.

Where voting machines are used, these mechanical devices have had to be readjusted, especially in this state, where a silly provision of the election law makes it compulsory for the voter to cast his ballot for presidential electors separately from that cast on state and local officers.

All these complications tend to puzzle and confuse the voter and to make the exercise of the franchise an annoyance and a difficulty instead of a privilege to be exercised with pleasure and with ease. In order to vote, a citizen must first register in the course of which he is asked a number of questions which come mighty near to insults and wait the pleasure of petty officials not always as tactful or diplomatic as one might ask for.

Lay Retreats

Our esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Citizen of Milwaukee, has this to say on a subject that is growing in importance every day.

The Knights of Columbus should be the first, they certainly should not be the last, in the work connected with the laymen's retreat. It may not be easy to organize retreats in all parts of our land as we would wish, but where we can organize them, they should be organized. Their spirit is, in many respects, full of the gospel spirit. It brings into men's life much that has been lost by carelessness, or by contact with the world. We will be able, by means of the retreats to win back to the fold many who have strayed far away. We can lift up many who have fallen by the wayside. We can picture to many, whose past has not been what it might have been, a way by which to be redeemed. If ever you say "The Lord is my Shepherd," remember that He is the Lord, God and Shepherd who has said that a glass of water given in His name, will be rewarded. His voice is the voice that told us who was our neighbor, and who was our brother. Beware lest some day, we may be made aware of the negligence noted in the gospel, when the priest and the Levite passed by on the other side, leaving to the good Samaritan what should have been done by themselves.

Truly, the Holy Name parade was an inspiring spectacle.

The Indiana Catholic says that Tom Taggart, the Indiana democratic politician is not a Catholic, likewise he is not a turncoat or a bigot.

President Taft lost no real friends by his attitude on the Valentine religious garb decision.

Just where will the Guardians of Liberty be on election day? Their chief mogul, General Miles,

assails Roosevelt bitterly. The Menace attacks President Taft for his friendliness to Cardinal Gibbons. Governor Wilson has a Catholic secretary. Perhaps the Guardians will go to Debs or Chafin.

Your Eyes

Do not neglect your eyes. Have them examined and in case you need glasses have them supplied and fitted by the Briggs Optical Co., 223 Mercantile Bldg., whose reliable work and reasonable prices meet with the approval of all.

The Catholic Journal will be for sale at Trant's Catholic Supply House, 10 Clinton Ave. So.

Land of the Automat

Germany might almost be called "the land of the automat." Automatic devices of all kinds are popular and are used for a thousand purposes. At all post-offices stamps and post cards are sold by automatic machines, at the railway stations platform tickets, and suburban tickets are sold by automatics, automatic restaurants, where one can secure a glass of beer, wine or liquor, a sandwich, square meal, cup of coffee, chocolate, etc. by dropping a coin in the slot, abound everywhere.

Flowers and Facts

There is an Indianapolis attorney who is known for his dignity and who rarely indulges in "flowery" oratory in arguing a case. Some years ago, however, he was engaged in a murder case in which the guilt of the prisoner was apparent and the lawyer's friends advised him to be "flowery" in an effort to appeal to the sentiment of the jury. So the attorney took his friends' advice.

"Down in the hills of old Kentucky stands a little cottage," he began. "Around the cottage vines are clinging and in the doorway stands a gray haired mother waiting."

"As I was going down in the hills of old Kentucky stands a little cottage. Around the cottage vines are clinging, and in the doorway stands a gray haired mother waiting."

The lawyer paused and his face turned red. "And while she is standing there waiting," he continued, "I guess we might as well discuss the facts in this case." Indianapolis News

Street Crowds in Caracas

One of the features of the city of Caracas, Venezuela that most strongly impresses a foreigner is the rapidity with which a crowd gathers in the streets. This is best exemplified when some of the many wandering musicians, in whom Caracas abounds, prepare to give an impromptu open air concert. Their first notes no sooner echo through the neighborhood than there gathers in a vast throng that almost blocks up the thoroughfare. The children and all the other tenants of the entries having no doors to open or shut to do and are on the spot almost instantly. They eagerly drink in the music, but at the same time bear a wary eye upon the hats of the men, and no sooner do they observe the slightest indication that one is about to be taken off for the purpose of taking up a collection by passing it around among the crowd, than they disappear even more quickly than they came.

An Offended Painter

Here is a story of Whistler's treatment of Lady Meux of whom he painted three portraits. It is told in Thomas Wain's "Memoirs of Whistler."

"In view of the number of sittings Whistler wanted and his severe treatment of his models, I think it enormously to the credit of Lady Meux that she should have continued through two and started on the third portrait in which she was painted wearing a mantle of Russian sables. There was a story that, being one day not up to the mark, she sent her maid to stand for her, dressed in the sables. This so offended Whistler that promptly the maid's face appeared in place of that of the mistress and if the picture still exists, there it probably remains."

Historic Pharsalia

It was on his way to the battle-field of Pharsalia that Caesar uttered the famous saying to the fishermen. He had come down to Brindisi to cross to Dyrrachium and finding no galley, commanded the crew of a small sailing boat to put him across the Adriatic. On the voyage a violent storm occurred, and even the experienced mariners were terrified. But the great captain said, "Have no fear. You carry Caesar and his fortunes."

Real Hard Luck

A fat Frenchwoman despairingly says, "I am so fat that I pray for a disappointment to make me thin, but no sooner does the disappointment come than the joy at the prospect of getting thin makes me fatter than ever." London Tit-Bits.

ROUND THE GLOBE

All night banks are to be introduced into London.

Chicago is installing 10,000 street lights in downtown districts.

New York state's savings banks contain \$1,827,507,287 in deposits.

The "squatters" of South Australia hold 78,000 acres each on an average.

In England last year 16,872,000 free meals were given to needy school pupils.

Out of the 11,000,000 natives of Egypt only some 600,000 can read and write.

Holland exports more wooden shoes to the United States than to any other country.

In Paris there is a carriage for each forty three persons and a bicycle for each sixteen.

Twenty-eight natives of the United States were naturalized in Great Britain last year.

The amount of coal consumed in the city of New York last year amounted to 10,000,000 tons.

England's experiments with sugar beets are gratifying and John Bull may yet raise his own sugar.

China uses millions of pounds of old newspapers chiefly British as wall paper for houses and cottages.

Cochin China is trying to find an effective method to destroy the rats that do great damage to the rice crops.

Four new Dreadnoughts are to be built in England for the Dutch navy but the guns are to be supplied by Germany.

There are 7,875 smoke consuming furnaces in London. Fifty four different types of apparatus are used in the metropolis.

In the canton of Valais, Switzerland the authorities have ordered that motor cars on the highroads shall be preceded by a horseman.

Leaders of thought in Britain are saying that hope for relief from labor difficulties lies not in settling disputes but in preventive measures.

It is stated by a lady doctor that of the children in London whom she has attended 25 per cent wear amulets or talismans under their clothing.

London handles immense quantities of frozen meat and it will soon have facilities for storing the enormous number of 1,100,000 carcasses.

A landlord of Sartouville, a town on the banks of the Seine, France, has tracked up this notice on his house: "Price of rent \$20. Discount of \$2 per child."

Chinese tailors are working overtime. The cause is the revolution, which has changed not only the government but is altering the customs and even the clothing.

Cleveland has fifty eight retired public school teachers on pension roll and within two years the number may be increased to several hundreds by additional retirements.

The total output of quicksilver in the United States last year was 21,256 flasks; of which California produced 18,820 flasks and Nevada and Texas combined 2,436 flasks.

To enable a person to leave a sunken submarine a New Jersey inventor has patented a buoy which can be entered within a boat and set free to float to the surface of the water.

Files can enter a garage in that a New York man has patented but as they try to get out they are caught in a wire trap which can be detached and the insects destroyed.

One of the most brilliant events of the London season has been the Thackeray ball where the dancers impersonated all the types of snobs mentioned in the Kern's "Book of Snobs."

One of London's well known bridge companies has designed the superstructure operating machinery and power equipment of the bascule span for a great bridge in Lincoln, England.

A standing board of concrete has been erected at the Washburn seminary, and the acoustic properties of the board proved highly satisfactory and the carrying qualities all that could be desired.

Of the 233,074 persons passing through the Suez canal last year those classified as military totaled 76,454 while the civilians numbered 128,171 and the pilgrims emigrants and convicts 28,953.

When the late mikado came to the throne not a single newspaper was published in Japan. There are now over 1,000 daily, weekly and monthly publications, thirty daily papers being published in Tokyo alone.

The new dollars of the Chinese republic are objects of a good deal of curiosity among the natives. They carry English on the obverse side and Chinese on the reverse with the picture of Dr. Sun Yat Sen founder of the republic.

Twenty nine professors representing twenty five institutions of learning and nineteen states worked the past summer in Pittsburgh (Pa.) and steel mills for 20 cents an hour. Their object was to gain a practical knowledge of economic subjects.

A German chemist in Bergamo has succeeded in making out of peat and cellulose a substance which has all the properties of hard coal. He hopes to succeed in giving practical value to what he has succeeded in accomplishing in his laboratory.

Loch Dochart castle, which was built in the thirteenth century on an island in the loch of the same name and is associated with the famous Rob Roy, has now been taken in hand by the Scottish Historical Antiquarian association and is being renovated so as to insure its permanency.

Gas and Coal advertisement featuring an illustration of a woman in a kitchen and text promoting Red Cross Range stoves.

Blasetti & Foggetti Ladies' Tailors advertisement with contact information for 112-113 Iroquois Bldg.

Stupp's Catholic Book Store advertisement located at 92 Franklin Street, corner Clinton St.

John H. McAnarney General Insurance and Fidelity Bonds advertisement.

KONDOLF & WEHLE Real Estate Brokers advertisement at 233 Powers Building.

John Miller Wholesale Lumber and COAL advertisement at 811 Clinton Ave.

FRANK KLEIN Livery & Boarding Stables advertisement at 417 Smith St.

LET US EXAMINE YOUR EYES advertisement for Julius L. Miller, Proprietor.

Flower City Optical Co. advertisement at 501 Clinton Ave N. opp. Masonic Temple.

E. J. Ryan being duty sworn deposes and says that he is editor, manager, publisher and owner of the Catholic Journal.

The Parisian Dry Cleaning Works advertisement at 35 Elm St., Rochester, N. Y.

NEW TEETH advertisement for TAFT'S dentures, ready in a day.

JOHN C. ROSSENBACH Funeral Director advertisement at 431 Wilder Street.

Watches, Diamonds and Jewelry advertisement for Snyder's Jewelry Store.