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Credit is Due

That was a forceful and scholarly address that Governor Sulzer delivered before the annual banquet of the Christian Brothers alumni association of Albany last week.

The Governor had been intimate with such Christian Brothers Brother Justin, Brother Azarias and Brother Arator and he was conversant with LaSalle's life and labors to an extent that, perhaps, some of his hearers were not.

Modestly, Governor Sulzer told how he had aided Brother Justin to pass the "New York State Freedom of worship bill" that simple act of justice, which so many politicians had sidestepped until Sulzer took it up.

No, we really do not think William Sulzer has a bigoted hair in his head.

Go Slowly

The Catholic Journal hopes that the new administration will institute economy in government whenever such can be achieved without impairment of efficiency.

Encourage the progress of this splendid work rather than to discourage it even if the politicians do clamor for the job.

Push, Don't Pull Back

Under whatever name you list it, whether as gossiping, back-biting, bickering or what not, lack of harmony, perhaps, is as good a term as any, there is no doubt that many an enterprise, many a splendid activity is either destroyed or weakened, because those who are in it are constantly pulling back.

falling in moral courage to speak out their minds when the proposition is up, they sneer and carp and criticize when out of sight or when the meeting is adjourned.

Such persons are the bane of society and every organized activity. They pull back. Instead of "boosting," to use a familiar phrase, they are "knockers," to employ another American expression. And, let it be known, that in this day and age optimism is healthier and that the cheerful person is more popular than the pessimist.

In saying all this, we must not be understood as holding that it is one's duty to side in with every proposition put forth. There are times when one must oppose but this opposition should be based on solid fact, not merely put forward in the spirit of faultfinding.

What is needed at the present day is more constructive and less destructive talent.

Forging to Front

Signs are not wanting that in Rochester the Knights of Columbus are taking the prominent place in the local civic activities that their organization, as the one Catholic or fraternal organization where all Catholic men may unite along purely social lines should take.

We have three councils here in Cleveland and they number over 2,000 of the best, most fervent, and most practical Catholic men in the city.

They conduct an annual retreat, founded by the chaplain of Gilmour Church, Rev. T. C. O'Reilly, D. D., and the Cathedral of St. John is packed to its absolute capacity every night of those spring retreats.

What the Knights may be in other towns, what they may be individually in sporadic instances we have no means of knowing, but we do know that the members of Cleveland, of Gilmour, and of Forest City Councils in Cleveland are real Catholic men, practicing their religion many of them making the first Fridays, a large number of them regular monthly communicants, a surprisingly large number being daily and weekly communicants, and more of them guilty of the failure to approach the Holy Table at all, as the Fort-nightly Review charges is common in the order and concerning which the Tablet inquires with some doubt.

The Knights of Columbus in the city of Cleveland at least, instead of being a harbor for designing and unworthy Catholics, has been a distinct and a potent means of strengthening Catholic practice among those men who have joined it.

A new paper called the Catholic Banner, has been established in New Mexico. It is published in Spanish and in English and is the second Catholic paper in New Mexico.

A permanent Catholic Social Service Commission has been organized in St. Louis. Archbishop Glennon is its honorary president.

Washington has a new paper called "The Catholic Citizen." Welcome to our ranks.

Firemen Will Hold Their Annual Ball February 4

The fourth annual ball of the Firemen's Mutual Benefit Association will be held in the Armory, the evening of February 4. Preparations are in full swing, the reception and ball being in charge of a committee composed of Wm. Koepplin of Hose 12, C. W. Crouch, of Hose 12, Joseph Neidert of Hose 11 and James Foley of Truck 5.

The association has already held three successful affairs. As is the custom, this ball will be graced by sundry city officials, whose presence adds materially to the reception and grand march. Last year a substantial sum was raised for the fireman's pension fund, and every effort will be made to make this year's event a financial success.

Emmet Guards

The installation of officers held recently by this organization was a night long to be remembered from a social and patriotic standpoint.

The stirring address delivered by Michael T. Ryan commanded the attention and admiration of his hearers while with true patriotic feeling and fluent eloquence he did justice to the fair name of our noble young hero, Robert Emmet.

The musical programme was certainly a treat. The Irish music rendered by Messrs. Hanly and Kennedy was exquisite and excited much enthusiasm especially when the jig dancers were on the floor. The songs of Ireland were sung in the finest style. The whole performance of the evening was flavored with Irish wit and comic stunts by Mr. Miller and others, while a good-natured committee served refreshments.

There is another good time coming on Tuesday evening when the Guards will hold a reception and dance.

The Cathedral at Milan

The world renowned white marble Cathedral of Milan, adorned with nearly 2,000 statues, contributes one of the many new features of Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival which comes to the Armory next Monday night.

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Some of the other features of the new Howe programme is a thrilling escape from a lion; Dynamiting a Mountain; a jaunt through Holland; a ride through the Simlon tunnel connecting Switzerland and Italy; another through the Niagara Gorge; a visit to La Granja, Spain, and to the famous military academy at Culver, Ind.; trapping monkeys for the world's zoo and others.

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