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A Tribute

It was indeed a remarkable tribute that County Judge Robert F. Thompson paid to Rev. James Dougherty, of Canandaigua, when in the course of a public address before the Senate Cities' committee in Albany last week on the Canandaigua charter, he told the senators that "he felt impelled to say that the influence of Rev. James Dougherty for moral righteousness in the village of Canandaigua was equal to that exerted by any ten other men in that village."

Other citizens, during the same hearing, paid tribute to Father Dougherty's efforts in behalf of Religion and good citizenship as well. Since his assignment to Canandaigua, Father Dougherty has not confined his labors to parochial work altogether. In every movement for civic betterment, for municipal advancement, to elevate the standard of citizenship, to advance the cause of humanity, Father Dougherty has been in the forefront. While others carped and belittled, he led the way.

It is a pleasure to record the fact that even his non-Catholic associates in Canandaigua concede the worth of Father Dougherty's public service!

Father O'Neill Honored

Mayor Edgerton has honored himself and the city at large by naming Rev. A. M. O'Neill, of the church of the Immaculate Conception, as a member of the Public Library Commission, in succession to Daniel B. Murphy, resigned.

This appointment is more than a recognition of the claims of the Catholics of Rochester to representation upon a commission which has to do with a branch of municipal activity in which we have a peculiar interest.

Without disparagement of any of the other commissioners, it may be stated that Dr. O'Neill is the peer of any one in erudition, in knowledge of literature and books, in scholarly research and in all which goes to make up a truly educated gentleman. His advent upon the board will be of distinct assistance to his colleagues and of benefit to the city at large.

Outrages.

While it may be chivalry, political cowardice or what not that afflicts English public officials, the fact remains that they are making of themselves laughing-stocks by the dilly-dallying way they are dealing with the persons who are perpetrating all sorts of lawless outrages under the name of "militant suffragettes."

We may all differ legitimately and honestly over the wisdom or expediency of granting to women the right of suffrage, but we as fair-minded citizens cannot but deplore and condemn the destruction of property of innocent non-combatants even if it be done in the name of "suffrage." Because they are deprived of the

right to take part in caucuses and conventions, women are not thereby given license to destroy the letters of persons who are in no way to blame that they are not permitted to vote. Indeed, in so doing they may be injuring persons who sympathize with their cause.

Whatever may be said of the English "suffragettes" in their mad race for self-advertising, the Americans who applaud their actions are still worse and are deserving of our hearty condemnation. Physical force to further a cause which needs no such aid or assistance is not bravery, it is not in the "martyrdom" class. Lawlessness must be repressed at all hazards and there should be no more toadying to these misnamed women. Where they defy the law, they should receive the same treatment as any ordinary criminal. If they will not eat let them starve. But to release them because they persist in self-starvation is a farce. Ere long, all classes of criminals will learn that their term will be but short if they only refuse to eat while in prison. What a farce that would be!

More Sense of Sin

Disputing the contention of certain latter-day pleaders for jobs a brand-new crop of "teachers" turned out by latter-day "advanced college" that "sex hygiene" must be taught in our public schools, the Boston "Pilot" wisely says:

"What is needed today is not more knowledge but more of the sense of sin. That alone will keep men and women pure, clean not only in body but in soul. That of course is an old-fashioned notion and in the eyes of some of these agitators totally unscientific; but there, anyway, is the remedy for the diseases which are, indeed, the result of 'moral obliquity.'"

If the knowledge of the law of God, the sense of sin, the fear of hell, will not keep our children pure, matters will not be helped much by the salaried professor who would teach the science of sinning without risk of physical diseases. And—meanwhile—let us not forget the protective value to virtue in the natural sense of shame.

Self-respecting Catholics and fair-minded citizens, generally, saw to it that a St. Patrick's Day debate planned by unthinking high school students of Champaign, Ill., on the topic, resolved, that St. Patrick would have made a better hod-carrier than a brick-layer" did not take place.

Anarchists of the Ferrer school added another murder, to their list in the assassination of King George of Greece. Possibly, the hooligans of women who are burning and assaulting in the name of suffrage are also Ferrerists.

Spring seems a trifle dilatory, take it all in all.

Pursuant to Fashion's stern decree, furs and straw hats are the rule with the fair sex. Wonder what would be said were mere man to appear in ulsters and Panamas?

The Easter number of the Catholic Union and Times certainly was a credit to that enterprising publication.

Virulent attacks upon the Church usually inspire her children to renewed zeal and increased loyalty.

Pretty soon we shall see whether a high tariff is the reason for the high cost of living.

Governor Sulzer is so busy with partisan politics that he has not yet reached many of the matters of public moment in which he is so interested.

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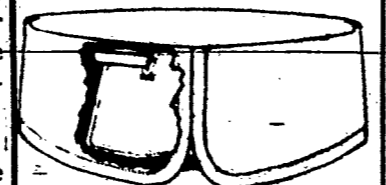
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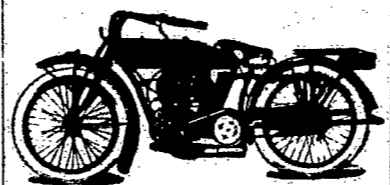
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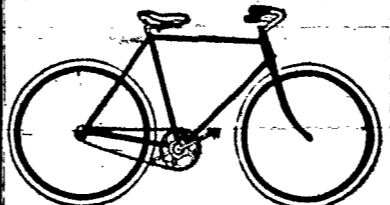
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