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Our Schools

Ere long our Catholic schools will begin to hold graduating exercises. In the parochial schools, in the Catholic high schools, in the Catholic colleges, will be heard the salutatory, the valedictory, the farewell to Alma Mater. The instructors will be advising as to the future as they hand to the graduates their coveted diplomas. To some education is closed, so far as school pertains, with the parochial school. Others there are who will go forward to high school and other fortunate ones will attend college.

But whether it be the close of the milestone of the educational journey, our Catholic students go forth fortified with instruction in Religion and tutored well in the purely secular branches. In this respect they have the advantage of their fellows who attend the state schools. It is well to call attention to this fact even to Catholics as the latter too frequently seem to forget it.

We Catholics have reason to be thankful for our splendid Catholic educational system.

Pray For Them!

In a few days our Right Reverend Bishop will officiate at the annual ordinations of levites to the holy priesthood. These chosen young men will consecrate their young lives to the service of Almighty God. They will serve at His altars in this and distant countries, they will baptize our children, they will unite our sons and daughters in holy matrimony, they will serve us in the confessional, they will cheer our last hours, they will offer for us the holy Sacrifice of the mass.

That these should be strengthened by Divine grace, should be our prayer. They need our help as we need their ministrations. Therefore let us not neglect to offer a prayer each day from now until ordination day that God will bless these levites and give them the fullness of His grace throughout their careers.

As to Figures

There is no denial of the proposition that this is an age of figures. There is a statistical committee to every organization. There are hundreds of purely statistical organizations. Some persons have run to figures and they have a readily demonstrable statistical remedy for every evil under the sun. The statistical experts of the meat packers, the grocers' combine, the flour millers, stand ready to prove that the supposed high cost of living is only a myth, despite the tangible evidence of the housewives, in the shape of comparative bills, that the cost of the necessities of life have doubled in the last twenty years.

Tariff beneficiaries rush into print whenever it is proposed to lower the tariff with an amazing array of figures to prove that tariff reduction spells ruin not only for them but also for the American workingman. Now comes the insurance statisticians

to prove that the quality of the human race is deteriorating because while infant mortality is decreasing the death rate among those of middle age is increasing. This is attributed to the supposed increase in the consumption of meat and of liquors. This cannot be so because the high cost of meat is well-nigh prohibitive except to those possessed of a large salary. Of course, this may apply to those who take out life insurance but it should not be charged against the thousands who cannot afford life insurance albeit they lead temperate lives.

There are men of statistical turn of mind who maintain and prove to their own satisfaction, on paper how they could run a railroad, a bank, a great corporation, the state and the Federal government, if only they were put into control. To be sure, their own intimate friends have not recognized that they possess such transcendent ability but that does not matter. They have it figured out in their mind's eye how it could be done.

Spirit Is There

The following press despatch shows that the faith is strong in certain quarters:—

New York, May 21.—Ten firemen who were carrying a line of hose up a stairway were precipitated into a mass of flames, Father Thomas Owens barely escaping with his life in carrying out the pyx containing the Blessed Sacrament, and the occupants of an adjoining tenement were driven to the street in their scanty night clothes, when fire of unknown origin did \$6,000 damage to the building occupied temporarily by the Catholic Church of St. Gregory.

Hundreds of parishioners knelt in the street and prayed for the priest's safety when he dashed into the church to save the sacred host. Luckily, the burning pit into which the ten firemen fell was near an exit and all escaped death, but were badly cut, bruised and burned about the head and face. The building, which the church is using at 119-121 West Eighty-ninth street, formerly was a garage.

Remember—June is the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The famous Catholic Protectory in New York city will be fifty years old on Memorial Day.

Is the prospect of direct primaries pleasing to all the people?

Let us hope that we have heard the last of the proposition to place a minister in the second place in the State School in Industry.

It looks like a lower tariff whether we all like it or not.

"Madam Policeman" is likely to be a familiar salutation in Rochester ere long.

Let us not be scandal mongers. When we do not know anything good to say of our neighbor, then let us keep silent.

Jealousy and envy do as much harm as anything else in our body politic.

While flowers are a delicate token of sympathy in time of sorrow, to our mind the offering of the Mass is even more so. We note with pleasure the growing number of "Mass cards" in the homes of grief and the lessening of the number of floral tributes.

Respect for authority should be inculcated more than it is in the American schools and cities.

Abstinence and fasting cure many a complaint.



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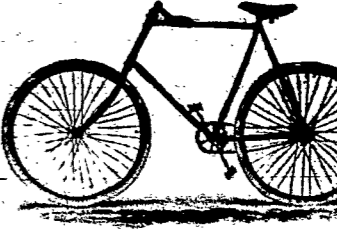
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