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Silver Jubilee

Brief mention was made in these columns last week to the fact that the Catholic Journal has entered upon its twenty-fifth year of journalistic life. How time flies! It seems but yesterday that three young Catholic men called upon the late beloved first bishop of Rochester and asked his approval of a proposition to publish a Catholic paper in Rochester. One almost hears the venerable bishop as he discussed the practical proposition with the trained analysis of one who had been forced to master financial details in the establishment of the new Diocese. He pointed out the possible hardships we would have to undergo and what a discouraging task the launching of a new paper was likely to be and especially, that of a Catholic paper. But when he saw that we had determined to go ahead, he gave us his blessing and wished us Godspeed.

"Of course," the bishop said, "I cannot give you official sanction as the official organ of the Diocese. That would compel your submission to me of the material that went into every issue and my episcopal approval before the forms were made up each week. That would hamper your efforts. But if you hew to the line you have outlined that of publishing a weekly Catholic newspaper, you will have the best wishes of your bishop."

All these years we have endeavored to fulfill our promise to episcopal authority. We are aware that the Catholic Journal has faults. We are aware that it could be improved in many respects. But such improvements cost money and we have proceeded cautiously and only added to our expenses as funds were available. From the words of approval that come to us from time to time we feel assured that our efforts are appreciated and we feel encouraged to persevere. To all old friends we return sincere thanks for their encouragement and support. We hope to retain their good will as well as to enlist the support of new friends as the days go on.

For and Against

An interesting debate is started in the October "Everybody's" which cannot fail of interest and education. It is on the burning topic "Socialism—Promise or Menace?" The Socialist end of the proposition is to be defended by Morris Hilquitt, a New York lawyer who is recognized as one of the leading exponents of Socialism of the Marxian school. The Catholic side is to be handled by Rev. Augustine John Ryan, D.D., of St. Thomas' Seminary, of St. Paul, Minn. He has been for the last twelve years professor of moral theology and economics in St. Thomas. Supplementary to his early education he took a post graduate course in the University of Washington and was ordained in 1898. He is the author of "The Living Wage" and other pamphlets dealing with social and political economics.

Union labor men regard him as one of their leading Catholic champions. Mr. Hilquitt was born in Russia and came to this country in 1886. He has been a delegate to socialist national and international conventions.

While this discussion really is an attack upon Socialism by a churchman and a defense by one of the leading socialists it is an unofficial controversy as neither disputant has been officially chosen to speak for his side. However, the eminence of each in his chosen field will give the discussion an air of authoritative recognition and hence those who follow it will glean a knowledge of the contentions advanced for or against each side of the proposition.

The proprietors of the magazine are to be commended for their discernment in recognizing that this proposition is one of the burning issues of this day and by far overshadows such hitherto leading issues as the tariff, direct primaries, commission government. In a sense, all of these enter into the discussion as to whether the United States shall continue as a constitutionally governed country or whether the notion of a universal democracy shall prevail.

Church of the Ages

Day by day the non-Catholic public is coming to a better understanding of the Catholic religion and Church is evidenced by the following letter to the New York "Sun" by a non-Catholic: "Is it any wonder that disbelieving Protestant ministers preach to empty benches, and that thousands of Protestant churches have been closed in this Christian land the last few years as reported by the different Protestant denominations? And is it any wonder the Catholic Church has been increasing so rapidly in America, since that great Church does not stand on a shifting and uncertain foundation?"

"While yearly reports show many of the Protestant clergy groping about in the dark, feeling for some solid biblical foundation-stone upon which to build their religious belief, the old Church stands firm, as it has done for ages; it has never repudiated the great foundation truths of the Christian religion, the Virgin Birth and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. "Though I am a member of a Protestant Church in this city, and do not believe in much of the teaching and practice of the Catholic Church, yet I admire this great religious body for being able to withstand the fierce assaults of agnosticism, infidelity, and so-called new thought, and to be today a lasting defense of the fundamental truths of the gospel of Christ."

"If all the things that are said against the Catholic Church were true, the Church would long since have gone out of existence as the result of its own folly," says the Irish Standard.

We beg leave to remind our correspondents that reputable newspapers never publish anonymous letters. They often suppress the name and identity of the writer but they never pay attention to unsigned communications.

The new Federal secretary of agriculture evidently, is not a faddist on the food question and must be possessed of fine digestion. He advises everybody to eat whatever he likes.

Let the Catholic men of Rochester turn out strong in Sunday's Holy Name parade.

It is not necessary to be a timid Catholic. Neither is it necessary to parade chip on shoulder. There is a happy medium.

Miss Margaret Barry, who died recently, left \$10,000 to establish a Barry scholarship in the Catholic University of America.

Good government is good citizenship in action.

Some men never borrow trouble; they buy it outright.

No such word as "pacification" in the Balkan dictionary.

Wood for artificial limbs is running short. Save your legs!

Probably Mexico would like our fatherly attitude better if she did not fear adoption.

"New York physicians extol the value of the Pirkowski serum." Oh, tell it to Sweeney/kovitch!

There is reason to believe that a race of arctic explorers will be evolved in the natural course of events.

Devotees of golf should frown upon those explosive balls. The language of the game is sufficiently explosive.

Holland will enfranchise its women, thus indicating the meaning of the expression, putting the men "in Dutch."

Chicago now has three courts for the settlement of domestic difficulties; but, just the same, young people continue to marry.

Perhaps we shall yet see the day when playwrights will discover that realism isn't necessarily a synonym for indecency.

Four years ago Bleriot flew over the English channel. Now Garros crosses the Mediterranean. Atlantic ocean next.

Who is going to wear all the hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry that has been stolen the past summer?

The reason why most of us are reluctant to take advice is that we hate to admit that any one has judgment superior to ours.

Candidates need not despair because the tariff is settled. It's the easiest thing in the world to drum up an excuse for running for office.

Argentina has adopted old age pensions for workers. Mexico could do it more economically. Its revolutionaries don't permit much old age.

A medical journal tells how to lie when asleep. This is valuable and needed advice, as that's when most men tell the unfortunate truth.

Manuel, it seems, is plotting again to recover his throne, but what's the use? The Republican government has not had time yet to pile up a surplus.

It is said that Minnesota's new prison will cost \$2,000,000, but we will wager that many of its guests will kick about the accommodations nevertheless.

The French scientist who makes the declaration that man is descended from the bullfrog probably bases it on the fact that eventually everybody croaks.

Modern Greeks are just as heroic as their ancestors, reports Jacob Gould Schurman. Unfortunately no Homer or Xenophon now chronicles their prowess.

The uninformed man who tries to gather mushrooms is the natural running mate of the person who ventures to take medicine without examining the label.

A gambling bit of news has been received from Indianapolis of interest to women and theatergoers: All the actresses in one of the theaters are red-haired girls.

Women to wear real suspenders? Then it is up to them to learn another many art. They'll have to know how, in emergencies, to fasten them with a shingle nail.

More than 2,000,000 American farmers have telephones, and many of them have automobiles also. Still, for some reason, the farmers' sons keep on yearning for city life.

A German invention called the toximeter determines just how drunk a man is. It is presumed that when a man is hitting 300 a little bell rings and warns him to desist.

A Paris maid, thinking to win good luck, stroked a thumb-nail on the bump, causing him to attack her with his cane. Certainly her good luck came swiftly, if her experience taught her good sense.

Scientists tell us that the temperature in the crater of Vesuvius is 600 degrees. Anybody who is skeptical as to the veracity of science has only to park his little thermometer and take the next boat.

It might not be so terribly hard to have good roads if drivers of all vehicles could educate themselves into avoiding incontinent ruts and consider it their duty to co-operate in the great work of improving and preserving the public highways.

The Englishman's breakfast of bacon and eggs is condemned by the London Lancet, which recommends coffee and rolls as more suitable for "brain workers" after a sound night's rest. Is no British institution immune from attack? This in effect is a distasteful attempt to continentalize a cherished English meal.

Short the nation may be of cows, sheep, goats and other things on which people feed, but the country apparently never will be short of those who feed on the public.

A St. Louis packer says porterhouse will be selling for a dollar a pound in ten years unless we stop killing the fatted calf. Suppose we welcome the prodigal with clam chowder.

A British visitor complains of the shocking publicity of our barber shops and adds that we have no notion of modesty or privacy. Perhaps he thinks we ought to have our hair cut in the dark.

This prediction of a restoration of hoopskirts to fashion may not be realized. A great many such threats never come true. For instance, about a year ago they were foretelling side whiskers for men.

A New England suffragette has named angeworms so that they come up out of the ground and eat sauerkraut from her hand. Such a woman should have no trouble whatever with mere man.

That proposition to make baggage cars collapsible, so they may act as buffers in train collisions, will meet the hearty approval of everybody, perhaps, except the person who has a trunk in the baggage car.

The New York lockups are overcrowded, and various relief measures are pondered. The district attorney suggests longer hours and fewer holidays for the judges. Is the man mad that he makes so revolutionary a proposal?



FATHER KOENIG'S NERVE TONIC
A Sister recommends it Most Highly, a Kew-Forest, Wis., August, 1913.
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