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Time to Speak

While we do not need to go about, chip on shoulder, it is high time that we took more than passing notice of certain manifest tendencies of the times.

'Not-sectarian' is a much-employed term by those who strive to cloak their bigoted tendency. However, 'non-sectarian' in their interpretation, really means 'anti-Catholic.'

Secret societies of aliens who never have taken the oath of allegiance to this government, although they have made their livelihood here for years, and who say openly they never intend to forswear allegiance to their native country...

Under the plea of imparting needed instruction in 'hygiene' the same class of persons are proceeding insidiously to break down the barriers against immorality and to install the Oriental code of morality which excuses personal immorality if the perpetrator therefore be personally clean and perfumed to the proper aesthetic turn.

The Catholic Church has no slander bureau to vilify and malign their non-Catholic neighbors. In Catholic pulpits the Gospel is preached. There is no filth poured out, no lewdness heard, no moving pictures of the latest unsavory tid-bit.

Nuns do not 'escape' from convents as some of our secular contemporaries seem to think. If a nun wishes to sever her connection with her convent her exit is unimpeded just as her entrance was voluntary.

Falling Apart

Readers of history know that when political parties begin to have internal dissensions and factional divisions, such parties begin to disintegrate.

Whether these predictions prove true or not, similar conditions are noticed among the anti-Catholic bigots. Most of these precious persons are ignorant and are easily led by the shrewd leaders who have discovered that 'it pays' to abuse the Pope and things Catholic and still easier to wheedle large contributions out of their ignorant rank and file to ward off supposed impending destruction of American liberties by the Pope and Catholic hierarchy.

While the unsavory American Protective Association, familiarly known as the 'A. P. A.', has disintegrated into the 'Guardians of Liberty,' the 'American Federation of Patriotic Voters,' the 'Junior Order of American Mechanics,' and a dozen others, each of the latter is breaking up into one or more societies, the leaders of each greedy for a share of the spoils shelled out by the ignorant dupes.

If history repeats itself, there will soon be so many of these rival societies that the ignorant dupes will not be able to support them all and then they will die of sheer inanition because these 'patriots' never were known to be generous with their own money.

To the Voters!

Pretty soon the time-honored appeal will be made to Catholic voters to 'stand by our kind at the polls.'

That argument is put forward, very often, by politicians who care for Catholics only during the thirty days before election. They want our votes and so nominate a Catholic or two for the minor offices on the olden theory, 'throw a sprat to catch a mackerel.'

Our own idea is that while no man is entitled to preference just because he is a Catholic, neither should any man be proscribed because he is a Catholic. But we go a step farther. Because he is a Catholic constitutes no valid argument for a Catholic to claim support from his fellows. He must equal his non-Catholic opponent in point of ability and character.

An unworthy Catholic has no claim to support over a fair-minded non-Catholic. If Catholics are to be preferred for high place, they must measure up to the standards and qualifications laid down for such high place.

It is a noble undertaking of the Order of Alhambra to undertake the erection of a fitting memorial to the noble Sisters of Charity who served as nurses during the Civil War.

Well, men of the Holy Name do not need music to march or keep step in their annual demonstrations.

Genesee

The Forty Hours devotion commenced at St. Mary's church on Sunday last at 11 a. m., and closed Wednesday morning at the 7.45 the October devotions took place, followed by a sermon by Rev. James A. Hickey formerly pastor of this church.

Married, at St. Mary's church, Wednesday, Oct. 8th, Mrs. Sarah O'Hara Young of this village and John J. Egan of Livonia. Rev. A. A. Hughes, officiating.

The illumination of St. Mary's church by electricity for the first time took place on Sunday evening, October 12th.

St. Anthony's is the name of the new Slavonian parish erected by Rt. Rev. John J. Nilan, D. D., in Bridgeport, Conn., and of which Rev. Michael Golob is the rector.

On November 22 the diocese of Milwaukee will have been in existence seventy years. It was on that date in 1848 that Milwaukee was detached from that see of Detroit and created a bishopric.

A conservative estimate of the number of Holy Name men who will take part in the big demonstration to be held in Hartford, Sunday, October 19, places the figure at 8,000.

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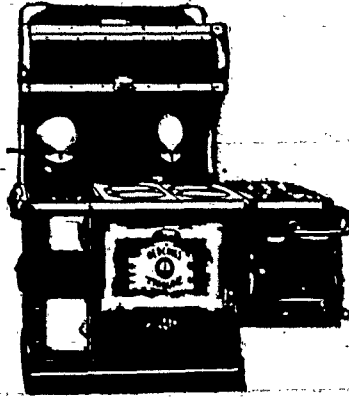
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