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Credit Given

Governor Simon Baldwin, of Connecticut, recently paid a high tribute to the Holy Name Society. Before a non-sectarian society known as the "Religious Education Association," the Governor read the Holy Name pledge as follows:—

"Blessed be God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost! I profess publicly my belief that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, made man for the salvation of mankind. I recognize His divine authority, and believe that all power on earth, civil and religious comes from Him. All lawfully constituted authority I respect and promise to obey. May the God of Justice guide the minds and uphold the hands of those vested with its power. May the God of Might break asunder the bonds of those met together against the Lord and against His Christ. In honor of His divine Name, I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. Praise be the Name of God and blessed be the Name of His Divine Son, now and forever!"

The Governor's action drew forth this fine comment from the non-Catholic New Haven Union: There is one feature of this wholesome and common-sense pledge that will appeal to every one, and that is—its blow at profanity and obscene speech. One is frequently shocked in the public streets to hear boys and men use profane words. It amounts to an outrage on common decency, and is one of the most disgusting characteristics of many young men and mere lads, too, for that matter. With such a powerful, penetrating and far-reaching influence as that exerted by the Holy Name Society in Connecticut and in every other state of the Union, there is sure to be a noticeable lessening of this vicious, vile habit of swearing and filthy talk."

Lives Changing

Is it not true that we are in a period of transition, rather are we not passing through a battle of economic conditions of which, perhaps, President Wilson represents one type, and, say, men like John D. Rockefeller and the late J. Pierpont Morgan and Theodore Roosevelt the other?

The latter group believed that the United States should be pre-eminent in commerce and all other activities and that accomplishment first and apology afterward could be justified if only commerce were benefitted. Who will now gainsay that if either William McKinley or Woodrow Wilson were President that the seizure of Panama and the subsequent digging of the Panama Canal would now be an accomplished fact? True, many persons question whether it should have been done but that is neither here nor there. It illustrates our contention.

As we view it, President Wilson represents the trend of

not be the dominant characteristic of American citizenship but that we should excel in the arts, in science, in refinement and in the ancient aristocracy of breeding and not wealth should be enthroned in "the seats of the Mighty." There are those who hold that brains, minus ability to make money, will never push this country into commanding position that brawn, brains and push will do.

President Wilson has surrounded himself with men who apparently have scant respect for commanding wealth. Many of them are Southerners and it is a fact that the old Southerners bitterly resent what they term "the invasion of the South by Yankee dollars" notwithstanding that this so-called invasion has improved material conditions in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and other Southern states.

These conditions may explain the conceited movement in Congress to restrain and restrict "Big Business."

Catholic Charities

Without any reflection whatever upon the splendid work accomplished by United Charities, we feel assured that the organization of the Catholic Charity Guild is a necessary work. While we may avail ourselves of the confidential exchange of United Charities so as to keep informed of unworthy cases or "professional Charity grafters" still we must take care of our own charity work so as to escape the possibility of proselytizing over zealous and often not well informed charity workers.

It does seem to us that the first object of a charity organization is immediate relief of suffering and starvation. After real suffering is relieved then it is time enough to apply preventive methods. But to employ preventive alone is not charity as we view it. Certainly, it was not the charity of the Savior.

Moreover, is there not a danger that too highly specialized "institutionalizing" if we may be permitted to use the word may absolutely destroy all sentiment and would this not be a regrettable development?

Is It Considered?

It has often occurred to us whether due credit is given to the fraternal relief societies and associations for relieving suffering and for elimination of poverty in given communities? As one of the arguments in favor of a permanent endowment for United Charities it was cited that although the population of Buffalo has increased in recent years, the number of dependent families has decreased.

Possibly, the increase in membership in these fraternal organizations which pay a weekly sick benefit and a funeral benefit at death, has had more to do with this condition than the average person supposed. We have one such organization in mind in Buffalo which has 2600 members and has paid out as high as \$2,000 a week in sick benefits during the winter months. In many cases, this \$7 weekly is sufficient to keep that person or family from appeal for municipal or private charity. This is only one of a dozen, at least, similar organizations. What is true of Buffalo is true of Rochester.

Cases such as we have cited in our Vaseline Camphor Ice report is made of these. It is quite possible that a year before, if sickness occurred in that family when the head had not affiliated with the relief society, it was helped by the municipal or private charity. Not appearing in this year's list naturally the absence is counted as a relief case eliminated in the tabulated

port. It would be interesting to know the total disbursements by relief societies in Rochester in a twelve months by these we mean purely fraternal organizations and do not refer to purely charitable and religious societies.

Eating lots of sugar is being advocated as a diimpe producer. Yep, we know a girl who got three that way—one on each chin.

The new Chinese constitution gives the president such absolute powers as to raise the suspicion that he may have written it himself.

A theatrical journal propounds the question, "Should actresses wed?" But why ask? Most of them do, to a very considerable extent.

Don't forget that we have established a parcel post system with Greece. There's no telling when you will want to use it in a hurry.

His quarters having been raided by suffragettes, the young Prince of Wales should realize how "crazy the girls are about him."

The department of agriculture advocates a bird census, but who's going to keep the English sparrows still long enough to count em?

A New York man accused of murder was convicted of forgery. Evidently he must have been clever both with the pen and the sword.

If Dreadnoughts are built much larger not only will the Panama Canal have to be widened out, but the oceans will have to be deepened.

A Frenchman has invented a device to test the energy. But we know nothing better than an old fashioned woodpile on a Saturday afternoon.

Now that the microscope auto has appeared some one should try to apply the same idea to chauffeurs who are at times in special need of stabilizers.

The English press have defeated woman suffrage. The militant suffragettes will now proceed to show their lords that they are not their masters.

The United States district attorney at El Paso, N. M., set the natives a very good example in self restraint when he tried to shoot an opposing lawyer.

"Three ring vaudeville" is the latest in amusement split in New York. Thus the influence of the circus continues to manifest itself on the Broadway stage.

A New York judge has held a kiss to be assault and battery if the recipient is not willing, but what we would like to see would be the judge's description of the kiss where she is willing.

Edison is still hard at work trying to produce a satisfactory talking moving picture. The charm of the moving picture as contrasted with the crude and sometimes profane diction of some recent drama is in its science.

The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis was assured by eminent authorities that the Friedmann vaccine had neither curative nor preventive powers. Then there is not enough of it left to talk about.

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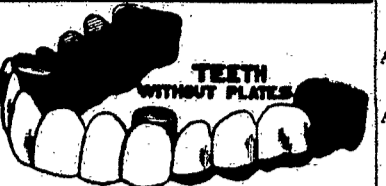
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