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Wise Counsel.

They outside our Church who have tried to modernize the Catholic Church and they who nightily have held that the Catholic Church constituted the main if not the only safeguard against the assaults that are now being made for all that savors of law order and authority should peruse carefully and diligently the first encyclical letter of His Holiness Pope Benedict XIV.

The Catholic who reads Pope Benedict's encyclical is reminded of the stately phrases of Leo XIII who the present Pontiff is held to resemble in many ways but he holds up to the reverence of the entire Catholic world the wonderful accomplishments of the comparatively brief reign of Pope Pius X both for the Church, Religion and the Catholic world.

Pope Benedict sternly condemns those Catholics who are not content with the ancient faith and seem so ashamed to be known as plain, every day Catholic's that they must add some qualification like "liberal" or "modern." He reminds us that Truth cannot be more or less than Truth and that Error can be nothing less than Error.

Governor's Message.

Governor Whitman's first annual message is a welcome relief in one way, at least. It is short and couched in terse, virile language easily understood and it rings as if the writer meant what he said.

As to the subject matter, doubtless there will be sharp difference of opinion. Naturally, the democratic leaders will challenge the new governor's direct and implied charge that the democrats did nothing worth while during their four years' occupancy of

the state government and they will also challenge his charge of democratic extravagance and wholesale increase of unnecessary offices. As a matter of fact, many of these new offices were created in response to pressure from the so-called "uplift forces."

If Governor Whitman is right and there are many places and ways in which the state service can be as efficiently performed, at less expense, and with less officeholders and he demonstrates that he is actuated by a spirit of real economy and not merely to attain temporary partisan advantage, he will have popular support in any remedial legislation and policies he sees fit to install.

For the present, it would be well to take Governor Whitman at his word and watch a bit before indulging in fulsome praise or criticism.

One Way To Help

There is no use in blinking at the demonstrated fact that there are many men out of work in Rochester at present and that there is widespread privation and want due to this very fact. There are many men in this city who are not lazy, not afraid to work, who are unable to find it. These very often are ashamed to apply to the poor authorities or charitable societies until they are actually driven to such a course by the depletion of their little stock of savings or the pangs of actual hunger.

The Chamber of Commerce has suggested one way to remedy this state of affairs which we hope will be followed. It is to the effect that each manufacturer, each corporation employing whatever class of help, make an especial effort to find employment for one more hand. This would go far toward relieving present unsatisfactory conditions and it would also be a distinct help, not only to the city poor authorities but also to the firm or corporation so acting, because they have to pay their proportionate share of the cost of supporting the idle poor and each unemployed person placed in the way of earning the support of himself and family will reduce the poor authorities' just so much.

Such an act would not only be genuine charity but it would also help to restore the self-respect of many a man now out of work, who might acquire the pauper habit if left out of work for any great period of time.

By all means, we hope that the suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce will be followed generally in Rochester. It may also tend to encourage a return of business optimism.

It is reported that President Wilson will veto the proposed law to restrict immigration because of the literary test. That is all right but would it not be well to pass a law that all aliens who do not become naturalized within a certain number of years shall be deported?

Those who persist in attending where they hear their Catholic neighbors reviled are not seeking to learn the truth as to what Catholics do or do not believe.

Whether the crusade of the bigots is or is not responsible in nearly every parish in Rochester there are from one to a dozen non-Catholics receiving instruction in the Catholic religion.

Not many O's or "Mac's" in the list of appointments from Albany these days.

Disraeli once wrote: "This is no act of treachery or meanness of which a political party is not capable, for in politics there is no honor."

Knowledge of God

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We approach the social question, for if men will only be convinced that there is a Supreme Being who commands that the order that he has established should be maintained, there will be a quick solution of our present day difficulties. All nature obeys its Creator; man alone is rebellious; man alone refuses to bow his neck and act towards his fellowman as his Creator would have him act.

"Let the realization of the existence of a supreme being once penetrate the minds and hearts of men, and let them realize that whatever they have of this world's goods has come to them from Him, and that he will demand a rigid accounting of them as to the use they have made of it, let this sink into their minds and hearts, I say, and there will be less reason to cry out that conditions at present are horrible, for then all will understand that each man is his brother and that each man is to a certain extent his brother's keeper, then there will be a return to the Christian life and Christian institutions, wherein lie the true solution of our social ills."

This was the first meeting of the Circle since the Christmas recess. The Circle will announce at the next meeting the list of speakers for the remainder of the season.

The Circle will hold a card party in Holy Redeemer Hall this Friday evening, and on January 22 will listen to the second of the course of lectures on the Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII, on the Condition of Labor, which are being given by Philip H. Donnelly.

ALCOR, THE DOUBLE STAR.

Much Brighter Now Than It Was in the Tenth Century.

The two stars, Mizar and Alcor, form a double star system which can easily be perceived by the naked eye. This was not the case formerly, as the Arab used the resolution of the system into its two components as a test for good eyes.

It would seem, therefore, that this star has increased in brightness since the tenth century, a supposition which is supported by the fact that it is not mentioned by the ancients.

The history of this star was familiar to astronomers when it was found, in 1007, that Alcor is itself a double star. It is now discovered by Harlow Shapley that Alcor varies in brightness, the variations having a feeble amplitude and a short period. The spectrum type of Alcor, which is a star A5—that is to say, a white star with hydrogen predominating and the doubling of the lines—announces a variation of the Algor type, by eclipse rather than continuous variation.

It is supposed that there exists a couple of elliptic stars very close together and inclined on their orbit in such a way that the mutual eclipse is feeble or almost nothing, the variations of brightness resulting from their marked ellipticity. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

SUGAR MAKES YOU GROW.

That, It Seems, is Why Our Girls Are Becoming Taller.

English and American girls just reaching womanhood, and the next generation in its early teens, are unusually tall, standing a head or more above their mothers. This has been remarked on over and over again, and has been the subject of learned discussions. Yet no generally accepted cause for the fact has been given up to this time.

Now comes a London physician of note and says that it is simply a case of lengthened sweetness. By "sweetness" in this particular case the nature of the young ladies is not referred to, but their diet. In fact, statistics of recent years show that Americans and Britons of both sexes are increasing in height and weight. Why? The physician referred to says it is sugar.

Great Britain and America are the sugar eating nations of the world and have quadrupled their saccharine consumption in the last score of years. This is now the best explanation of an accepted fact, and it will have to stand until a better one comes along. — London Tit Bits.

Clearing the Atmosphere.

In his capacity of dramatic critic Mr. J. Conyns Carr, the author, wrote a notice of the play of "Charles I." in which Irving played under the management of Mr. Bateman. His criticism deeply incensed the manager, in order perhaps to find the opportunity of informing the critic of his disapproval, the manager invited him to a supper at the Westminster club on the second or third night of the production. When he thought the fitting moment had arrived Mr. Bateman led the conversation to the point at issue and, sympathetically banging the table with his fist, declared in the loudest tones that he did not produce his plays at the Lyceum theater to please Mr. Conyns Carr. There was a moment's awkward silence, which Mr. Carr broke, but which was relieved by a wit of the company with the happy remark, "Well, dear boy, then you can't be surprised if they don't please him."

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PROFIT IN GOLDEN SEAL

A Woodland Crop That May Be Cultivated With Little Trouble.

Speaking of plants that may be cultivated with little trouble and with profit to the grower, a writer in Green's Fruit Grower advises those who have a bit of unused woodland or underbrush to plant golden seal. He considers it one of the most remunerative of plants to raise and says that it requires very little care.

The roots of this plant sold fifteen years ago at 30 cents a pound. The price has steadily advanced. The root is now worth \$3.50 a pound, and the dry leaves and stems now sell for 25 cents a pound. It is one of the most widely used drugs known to the modern pharmacopoeia.

At the end of three years you can sort out the mature roots from the young ones and wash and dry them for sale, while you put the young roots back in the ground. At the end of the three years the grower has a yearly crop of roots, and, beginning with the first year, he has a yearly crop of leaves and stems. This is one of the crops on which there is an absolute certainty of a market that will run after you as soon as any golden seal buyer knows you have the goods to sell. Go and ask your druggist or your doctor about the value of golden seal.

WHISTLER AND HIS GROCER.

An Overdue Bill, a Threat and a Payment Not in Cash.

Whistler's financial affairs were the mingled joy and terror of his friends, and the Pennells, in their "Life of Whistler," give a most amusing glimpse into this side of his life. On one occasion he had actually run up a bill of \$800 with a Chelsea greengrocer, who at last called to insist upon payment. Whistler came out strong on that occasion:

"How—what—why—why, of course, you have sent these things—most excellent things—and they have been eaten, you know, by most excellent people. Think what a splendid advertisement! And sometimes, you know, the salads are not quite up to the mark—the fruit, you know, not quite fresh. And if you go into these assembly discussions about the bill—well, you know, I shall have to go into discussion about all this, and think how it would hurt your reputation with all these extraordinary people. I think the best thing is not to refer to the past—I'll let it go. And in the future we'll have a weekly account—wiser, you know!"

The greengrocer left without his money, but received in payment two noturnes, one the blue upright Valparaiso.

A Calamity.

Five-year-old Tot's mother was telling the youngster the story of herself and her twin sister.

"One morning when we were a week old the nurse was bathing us, and she took the blue ribbon off Stella's wrist and the pink ribbon off Della's wrist. When she was ready to put them on again she could not remember which one of us was Della and which was Stella, so she took us in to mother, but mother could not tell either, and no one ever did know whether or not we had our right names. Then when we were seven years old one of us

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