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What For?

Propositions to tax church property are not new. They crop up every few years in this or that state legislature.

Possibly, there are evils in connection with this tax exemption matter. Quite possibly, there are institutions which secure charters under the guise of charity, or religion, or education, and so secure exemption of their property from taxation.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that for years this State has recognized the moral benefit conferred upon communities by churches, colleges, charitable institutions and that these are not operated for pecuniary gain but for public good.

Serious consideration and mature deliberation should be given to the bill now before the Legislature by introduction of Assemblyman John Leo Sullivan to tax all churches, colleges, hospitals, asylums and philanthropies.

Governor Whitman says he will not sign a law abolishing capital punishment, so why should the legislature waste further time in discussing it?

Do you know what your boys and girls read? Do you know what they talk about? Do you know what plays they see?

What Should We Do?

There are those who say we should not pay too much attention to the antics of the vipers who are mouthing their vile bigotry and nasty insinuations against our priests and nuns and go about our ways in peace, relying on our own good behavior to right these wrongs in good time.

That we should carry ourselves as good and practical Catholics at all times admits of no denial. It also follows that our good example cannot help but have influence for good.

Nevertheless, if we permit the bigots to keep on pouring forth their vile talk and publication, it may happen that even half-way open-minded non-Catholics may proceed on the theory that silence gives to consent to believe that there is truth in their charges.

No. We need not shout on the corners, it is not necessary that we meet and pass loud-sounding resolutions and publish them in the newspapers. But we can and should withhold our patronage from those who would ostracize and exile us, thus letting them know that we resent injustice and that we propose to aid and assist our own. We do too little of the latter as it is. Our opponents stand together. We stay apart and quite often the hardest knocks received by Catholics in business and professional life come from their own co-religionists.

Still at Vile Work.

An exchange tells of a minister who addressed a gathering of his associates recently and opened up by preaching kindness and absence of bigotry and then began to put his doctrine into practice by the following assertions: "There is a medical student who teaches the English language to a young Chinese who is a convert to the Roman Catholic Church. The Chinese is in the habit of bringing English letters and writings to the student for explanation. The other day he came to him, saying that he had received from it a number of sentences which he was to commit to memory and which he would like to have explained. He then produced a written paper which contained the fourth degree oath of the Knights of Columbus. The medical student, on some excuse, went with the paper to an adjoining room and copied it. The degree proved to be, worded in exactly the same manner as the degree published by anti-Catholic publications, which was vehemently denounced by the Knights of Columbus as a malicious falsehood."

We do not violate any confidence when we brand the above as an absolute fabrication. If the good minister told the story on information and believe his informant was in error, because Knights of Columbus are not given quotations to memorize and, least of all initiates into the fourth degree. This bogus fourth degree Knights of Columbus oath has been proven an infernal lie to the satisfaction of half a dozen of the highest-degreed Masons in the United States and, we regret to say, that the minister referred to who told the story is either an exceedingly gullible person or he is a malicious bigot.

The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor did not add to its fame by congratulating Carranza upon his accession to power in Mexico.

Has Attorney-General T. W. Gregory studied the Federal statutes to see if he can find a section upon which to proceed against the Menace or have his researches been along the line of finding an excuse not to do so?

San Francisco firms which have hitherto supplied the Catholic churches in Arizona with altar wines for sacramental use decline to accept orders since the recent prohibition constitutional amendment went into effect because railroads decline to accept such shipments.

Advertisers in a Catholic paper evidently are desirous of securing Catholic patronage. Those who do not advertise in a Catholic paper apparently are indifferent to Catholic customers. See the point?

The Catholic paper in the family is a mine of information on Catholic matters and scarcely a day passes that such information is not needed.

Every Sunday afternoon, so they say, the Rochester bigots meet in a certain west side theater to revile their Catholic fellow-citizens. Nice Sunday pastime!

King Winter is not ready to relinquish his reign, it would seem.

All hail to St. Patrick! Let the Rochester observance of the day be dignified, rational and without joyous.

Why should the 16,000,000 Catholics in the United States be called upon to pay part of the Menace Mailing bills?

German's population is 36.7 per cent Catholic; Austria's, 78.8 per cent; Hungary's, 52.1 per cent.

National Flags. The American flag in its present form was adopted in the year 1777, and the only changes made in it since that time have been the addition of new stars for the new states as they came into the Union. Our British cousins often refer in affectionate terms to their ensign as the flag that has "braved a thousand years, the battle and the breeze." But they forget that the Union Jack in its present form dates only from 1801.

The Origin of John Bull. In March, 1712, there was published in London a satirical brochure dealing with the events of the previous year and bringing prominently into light the doings of Spain, Louis XIV, Holland and England, the last named country being represented by "John Bull." The original of the character was John Bull, minister of Queen Anne, who in the first edition was spoken of as "Lord Bullingbrook" and "John Bullingbrook" alternately, the title of the brochure subsequently being abbreviated to plain "John Bull." It was the production of a Scotch writer, Dr. John Arbuthnot, and not Swift, as some have stated. - London Standard.

A Dangerous Doctrine. The well meaning woman who was visiting the school addressed the pupils after the dismissal hour on the subject of "The Decline of Juvenile Chastity in the American Home." "When she finished she noticed that one little boy was crying. "What's the matter, little boy?" she asked. "Please, ma'am," said the little boy, "my dad will pound me all up for being kept after school." - Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Roland" of Ghent Cathedral. "Roland" is the name of the bell in the belfry of Ghent cathedral, and on it is engraved an inscription which may be thus translated: "My name is Roland; when I toll there is fire, and when I ring there is victory in the land." The bell has been immortalized by Longfellow in his poem "The Belfry of Bruges."

She Settles It. "Mr and Mrs. Twobble never have any difficulty in settling their differences."

"A remarkable couple. How do they manage?" "After the quarrel has proceeded as far as Mrs. Twobble thinks it ought to she says, 'That will do' and it does." - Birmingham Age-Herald.

SIBLEY, LINDSAY & CURR CO.

Hosiery in Six Pair Lots.

We remind you to-day of the Hosiery Sale in Six Pair Lots which is scheduled to run here until Monday evening, March 8th.

All the hosiery offered in this sale is from our regular stock. Styles that you have seen and worn before, and about which you already know.

Isn't it worth while buying the stockings you have learned to like at the large savings that these special prices mean to you?

Women's hosiery, children's stockings and men's socks are included in this sale.

There is one condition--each six pair lot of black stockings must be of one size and quality. In the colored stockings an assortment may be selected but all must be of one size and quality.

Look at these values:

- Six pairs of 13c stockings for 57c--a saving of 21c. Six pairs of 18c stockings for 80c--a saving of 28c. Six pairs of 25c stockings for \$1.12--a saving of 38c. Six pairs of 35c stockings for \$1.68--a saving of 42c. Six pairs of 50c stockings for \$2.28--a saving of 72c. Six pairs of \$1 stockings for \$5--a saving of \$1. Six pairs of \$1.50 stockings for \$7.50--a saving of \$1.50.

Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co.

A YOUNG MAN'S FRIENDS

If I could choose a young man's companion, wrote Philip Brooks, some should be weaker than himself, that he might learn patience and charity; many should be as nearly as possible his equals, that he might have the full freedom of friendship, but most should be stronger than he, that he might forever be thinking humbly of himself and be tempted to higher things.

Why She Wept.

Among the Maitnotes, descendants of the Spartans, thieving is considered a very honorable employment. An English traveler, being entertained at the house of one of the mountaineers, took some silver articles from a packing case he had with him to eat his dinner with. At the sight of such costliness an old woman began to cry. The Englishman having asked what affected her so much, she replied: "Alas, my good sir, I weep because my son is not here to rob you of those beautiful things!"

Midget Poets.

Philetus, the poet, who died in 280 B. C., was so small that he wore leaden shoes in order to prevent his being blown away by the wind or, according to another account, carried weights in his pockets for the same purpose. With him compare Aristarctus, another poet, who was so small that Athenaeus says no one could see him. Nicophorus Calistus speaks with airy indefiniteness of an Egyptian dwarf not bigger than a partridge. Andromeda, one of Julia's free maids, was only four inches over two feet.

A Corner on Calendars.

Among the ancient Greeks and Romans almanacs or calendars were not written for the general public, but were preserved as part of the esoteric learning of the priests, whom the people had to consult not only for the dates of the festivals, but for the proper times when various legal proceedings might be instituted. History does not relate how the society women of ancient times managed to get through a season without an engagement calendar.

Common Looking People.

In "The War Time Diary of John Hay" in Harper's Magazine is this record of a famous saying. The president (Lincoln) tonight (Dec. 23, 1863) had a dream. He was in a party of plain people, and as it became known who he was they began to comment on his appearance. One of them said: "He is a very common looking man." The president replied: "The Lord prefers common looking people. That is the reason he makes so many of them."

Retribution.

The dentist of the town had had his photograph taken to give to his sweetheart. We feel that we do not exaggerate when we say that it was the worst photograph ever taken of any body in the world. The dentist lounged, in a very human way, for retaliation, and at last his time came. The photographer had a tooth to be filled. The dentist got in some deadly work, and just when the agony was at its climax he stepped back, looked at his patient critically and said in a cheerful but mocking voice: "Look pleasant, please." - Woman's Home Companion.

SEEING OURSELVES.

Some persons would be greatly astonished should they suddenly see their own faults as plainly as they see the faults of others--a circumstance that makes one think that Burns' famous couplet would have more point if it asked for the power to see ourselves not as others see us, but as we see others.

STOP FRETTING.

What avails a life of fretting? If some stars must needs be setting Others rise as good as they. -Whittier.

Free Burning Hard COAL. Egg and Stove, \$6.00 Per Ton. Nut, 6.25. Delivery, 5.00. JENKINS & MACY CO. Standard Anthracite and Domestic Coke. Both 'Phones No. 81. Office--100 Cutler Bldg., East Ave. Yards: 104 1/2 Main St. E., 110 Child St., 381 Main St. West.

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Advice to a Young Man. "What do you say to a young lady at a dance?" queried the youth who was about to attend his first ball. "Oh," replied the society man, "talk to her about her beauty." "But suppose she hasn't any?" said the youth. "In that case," rejoined the s. m., "talk to her about the ugliness of the other girls present."

A Choice. "Isn't it horrid," said a girl to her friend, "that men will put those nasty old pipes into their mouths?" "Yes," said her friend emphatically as she stooped and kissed her pet pug, "indeed it is!"