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Easter

The ecclesiastical period of Lent is at an end. We have traveled with the Savior the weary way to Calvary. We have witnessed His crucifixion, His death, His burial in the tomb and the sealing of the sepulcher. Notwithstanding the cordon of Roman soldiers on guard out side the tomb, Christ escaped all watchers and broke the shackles which chained Him to earth and earthly things and arose from the dead.

And thus was His Divine Character demonstrated. Not Death, not bars, not locks, could hold Him captive. He rose triumphant over all. And so shall we, if we follow Christ Jesus, rise triumphant over Sin, the Flesh and the Devil. Death will have no terrors for us as it will mean only the passing of mortality and immortality.

So let us remember on this joyous Easter of 1915 that we are to consider it symbolic of our own lives and so conduct ourselves that when we come to leave this world, we, too, shall be confident of the Resurrection and the Life!

Within the Church!

"It is only within the Catholic Church that religious education is a reality says "America."

Outside the Church, except in a few scattered instances, praise of religious education takes its place. Here in America, there is at least one large society whose professed purpose is to further the interests of religious education. It holds annual meetings, at which sundry great men talk earnestly and, without doubt, sincerely, of the place of religion in the lives of school children. And there the matter drops. As far as can be ascertained it has never founded a school, or subsidized a school already founded. Possibly its many published reports may influence public opinion in some degree; but de facto, religious schools are not enjoying a notable increase. In a recent number, the Guardian expresses its concern over the ill-results of purely secular education, which it attributes to Germany. "We should ensure that never again," says the Guardian, "shall the idea of a secular education be entertained in this country. . . . Religion must become an unfailing feature in our schools, and it must be taught as efficiently as other subjects." This is most excellent doctrine, but there is about one chance in a million that the comfortable Establishment will ever practise it. Just at present while the poor and despised "Roman dissenters," are undergoing untold sacrifices to maintain and even increase, as they did in the year just closed, schools in which religion is taught, Anglican authorities, battening on Roman foundations, are closing them. Religious education may be worth discussing, but it is not worth sacrificing one's self for. That, apparently, is the conclusion of many advocates of religion in education, both at home and abroad.

Widows' Pensions.

The long agitation over the question of widows' pensions is over so far as the Legislature of 1915 is concerned. A measure differing somewhat from that proposed the last two year's has been passed by both senate and assembly and now awaits action by Governor Whitman.

Under the Hill McCue bill, not all widows are pensioned as is the case with all the widows of Civil War veterans, but only those who have children dependent upon them for support and only then if favorable decision is rendered by the "board of child welfare" that they are of good moral character and physically able to care for such dependent children.

It is the theory of those interested in the "mothers' pension plan" for that is really what it is, that the state should be compelled to pay over to the widowed mother the same amount to take care of her child as it would have to pay for its care in an institution or to a foster parent who had agreed to care for the orphan. Those who are opposed to the bill contend that the state has no right to grant civil pensions to a preferred class of dependent citizens; also that such a plan would encourage pauperism and discourage thrift and industry. Granted this might be true in certain cases, nevertheless we contend that, generally speaking, it is more human, better economic policy to hold families together than to break up the family, put the children in an asylum and send the mother to the almshouse. Moreover, it would cost a municipality no more than the present plan. Possibly, institutions may object at possible loss of revenue but that is no valid reason why the new policy should not prevail.

In the new economic policy, it is held to be the duty of the community to take care of its poor in the most efficient and economical way. Is there any cheaper method, combined with efficiency, than to keep children with their mother's, to say nothing about the humanitarian or sentimental side of the question.

We hope Governor Whitman signs the Hill-McCue bill.

More Fool Bills.

It becomes more and more apparent every day that the legislators of 1915 deserve our heartfelt sympathy. They are subjected to a sort of bombardment calculated to try one's soul just as much as the realities of war in the Europoan trenches. They are beseeched on the one side to favor certain measures and policies while on the other they are commanded by men and women to oppose certain other measures and policies on the penalty of attack in press and pulpit and on the stump.

Last week a delegation of women, not one so far as we know ever has been a licensed school teacher or versed at all in pedagogics, swooped down upon the public education committees on senate and assembly with a preemptory command that they at once put through a law to compel the teaching in all public schools of "a code of moral hygience" framed by the aforesaid irresponsible women, irresponsible as educational authorities.

We trust the public education committees will not be scared by hysteria or guided by aught save their own consciences and common sense.

Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts, appears to be a fine type of American manhood, also of the Christian gentleman.

Indecent plays should be sternly repressed and protested against especially by Catholic men and women.

Thousands of Catholic children are to pray every day for peace for months to come.

C. Y. M. A. Superiors

The C. Y. M. A., Superiors closed one of the most successful season on the basket ball court, Thursday evening, by defeating the C. Y. M. A., Imperials, a team with a long record. Much of the Superiors success is do to the work of Coaches Al Frank and Trainer Edward Kummer, both of these men are former court stars with much experience. Manager Louis J. Kuhn is a former student of St. Joseph's College, where he was known for his ability as a basket ball and base ball player, and has made many a record on the track. Kuhn and Schuber other comers on the court are responsible for the opponents low score. Hohman better known as a banker has lived up to his nickname in banking up the Superiors scores. Hohman filled the position of guard and forward. Wagner, the lanky center is former captain of the S. F. X. Cadets has been one of the big factors of the team. Captain DeRoller and Frank Mahler were the features of many battles, Mahler scoring the most baskets of the team. At a recent meeting of the Superiors at the Club rooms they elected officers for the coming season. All the former officers were elected and Louis Hohman was selected as treasurer. Coach Al Frank and Ed. Kummer gave the boys lectures on by-gone days upon the basket ball court.

C. Y. M. A. Superiors Basket Ball Team

Reading from left to right, Standing—Al Frank, Coach; Louis J. Kuhn, Manager; Edward Kummer, Trainer. Sitting—George Schuber, left guard; Lawrence Wagner, center; Frank Mahler, right forward; Louis Hohman, guard. Front—Arthur DeRoller, left forward and captain.

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