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### Why Not In Rochester?

Here is the outline of an ambitious plan for a "Catholic Community Building" sent out from Cleveland in a report made by the building committee of the Knights of Columbus:—

There are thousands of Catholic society members in Cuyahoga county and in the diocese of Cleveland outside of the county. There are Catholic clubs and executive offices scattered all over the city and in down-town office buildings. There is no efficiency in scattered effort.

Why not gather as many of these societies and offices as practical into one Catholic Community Building, a sort of Catholic Chamber of Commerce?

A committee, with power of decision, should enter into the details of this plan,—but the committee should be composed of men with a record of accomplishment,—so that when appointed, there would be assurance of action.

The weight of opinion seems to be that a Catholic Community Building would be a good thing for Cleveland and the Cleveland diocese, and that such a building should be promoted, and operated by one organization, with proper consideration of the requirements of others intending to use the building.

Possibly, this is too big a project for Rochester. However, on mature reflection and consideration it may not be such a tremendously impossible project. Peter A. Vay, one of the solid Catholic business men of Rochester, is chairman of the finance sub-committee of the building committee of Rochester Council 178, Knights of Columbus and also of the newly-organized men's Catholic Charity League.

### Men's Charity League.

It is announced that under the leadership of Bishop Thomas F. Hickey, a Men's Catholic Charity League has been launched in Rochester and that the movement contemplates a survey of the entire field of relief work, the underlying causes of poverty and distress and remedial agencies, both temporary and permanent.

This is a splendid undertaking and one that has long been needed. Bishop Hickey has followed in the wake of the late Bishop McQuaid in pressing the Catholic laity into service only he has broadened the field. He proposes that the laity shall hold up his hands and be the bone and sinew of what may be called the material side of the Church's work.

There is absolutely no reason why there should not be Catholic institutions of the type of the Y. M. C. A., and the Y. W. C. A., where young Catholic men and women may enjoy advantages under the supervision and guidance of men and women of their own faith. Let us hope that Rochester will blaze the way in this respect.

### Applies In East.

Because of some reports as to certain measures which the

"Guardians" and their ilk wish to present to the Constitutional Convention, the following editorial from the Milwaukee Catholic Citizen is timely and equally applicable to New York state as to Arkansas where Governor Posey has signed the infamous "Convent inspection bill":—

There is no call for this measure in any proven abuses or for any definite purpose. Private reformatories and orphan asylums might properly be subject to some kind of state visitation. Minors, legally committed to private institutions, are still, technically, in the custody of the court, and may easily be withdrawn or transferred or set at liberty. Boards of supervisors, paying bills to private institutions for the support of public charges, are in such relation that they may inspect and investigate as to all matters connected with the contract. No additional legislation is needed in any of these cases to safeguard the rights of the public. And, usually, there is a classification of public officials, like plumbing inspectors, factory inspectors, health officers, building inspectors, and what not, whose duties may, at times, take them into orphan asylums, Houses of the Good Shepherd and even convents.

### Silver Jubilee.

Next Thursday the silver jubilee of the Catholic University in Washington will be observed with fitting ceremonies.

The celebration will take place in St. Patrick's Church and for the first time, the three American Cardinals, Most Revs. John Gibbons, of Baltimore; Dennis J. O'Connell, of Boston and John M. Farley, of New York city, will be present together at a ceremonial. Cardinal Farley will celebrate the Pontifical High Mass and Cardinal Gibbons will preach the sermon.

It seems but yesterday that the University was dedicated. It has made great progress since it was placed under the supervision of the Archbishops of the country and today it ranks as one of the great educational institutions of the world. Albeit this is a young country compared with the countries of the Old World.

Let us hope the Catholic men of wealth will contribute still more generously in the future to make the Catholic University truly the fountain of Catholic educational achievement.

### Horrible

Knowing something about the way war news is censored and handled, we have hesitated to credit the unconfirmed tales of "atrocities" committed by the soldiery engaged in the European war. But the story by Edward Lyell Fox, a neutral correspondent, vouched for by the German magistrates and other officials in Prussia of the revolting acts of the Cossack regiments attached to the Tenth Russian army, are too clearly presented to be dismissed perfunctorily. They include instances of bestiality too revolting to print and indicate a heritage of disease and loathsome conditions for years to come in the invaded province.

It is the unexpressed fear of many observers of the war that the great menace to European equilibrium is Russia. Apparently, not co-operating in any way with the allied forces of England and France, Russia is waging war. What is to prevent, when England, France, Austria, Germany and Turkey are exhausted and impoverished in the struggle, Russia from proclaiming dominion over Continental Europe? Who will be in position to say nay? Who, is to stay her hand? Not the United States. Not Italy. Not the little countries which have remained neutral. Japan might step in and by invading the Czar's Asiatic dominions act as a successful counter-irritant.

But if the other European countries are devastated, impoverished, beaten to earth. Who will be left to stay the ruthless march to conquering laurels if the Czar's fighting machine so essays.

The establishment of a Rochester branch of the New York Bureau of Municipal Research, and the men who are behind it is a first-class barometer as to what the political atmosphere around the City Hall will be on or about January 1, 1916.

Charles Zuehlen, certainly is not entitled to any more credence than George Bernard Shaw—who would drop dead if he fancied anybody really took him seriously—is positive that Americans lack emotion. It must be that American audiences no longer are thrilled by Charles' peculiar notions about ethics and conventionality.

The London Spectator is of the opinion that the part of a neutral is a harder one to play correctly than the part of a belligerent, whereupon the Albany "Argus" observes: "Hard enough, it is true, but not so wearing on the population."

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