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Catholic Teachers in Public Schools

One of the stock arguments advanced by the sub-cellular bigots against us Catholics is that while we do not send our children to the public schools we do seek to monopolize the teaching work of these same schools. While as taxpayers who help to support the public schools we have a perfect right to seek positions as teachers and while Catholic girls could not hold positions as teachers unless they were thoroughly competent, the accusation is unfounded.

We recall that the bigots made or said they were about to make a thorough canvass of all the public schools of Rochester to show that Catholic teachers predominated. The results of this canvass never were made public that we have heard. Undoubtedly, because the figures did not substantiate the charge.

Very possibly, the Rochester canvass yielded the same result as in Buffalo. There a school census revealed that out of 453 teachers holding principalships or supervisory positions above grade teacher, there were 79 Catholics. There are 4 high school principals and one is Catholic. There are 62 principals and 14 are Catholics. Out of 30 serving supervisors only one is Catholic. There are 4 supervisors in the city training school, not one of which is Catholic.

It is well to run down and answer even such absurd charges as these because there are those who might credit them if undenied and who would of their own volition never take the lead in verifying or disproving such statements. It is not difficult to refute the vaporings of the bigots.

Catholics Not Wanted.

Has the vaunted Southern chivalry vanished?
 Has the spirit of Southern tolerance, inculcated by Carroll and Calvert and the other patriots departed?

When we read the mouthing of Tom Watson which go uncriticized and apparently approved; when we read of Leo Frank murders and the like, we begin to feel that barbarism and savagery reigns in the South.

And now from Florida, over the signature of Bishop Curley, of St. Augustine, comes another instance of rank bigotry. A Miss Murphy had passed the necessary examinations and was appointed its teacher of the public school in the Lauderdale. Upon learning that she was a Catholic, the trustees notified the county superintendent of schools that they would not have a Catholic teacher in the Lauderdale school. Miss Murphy insisted on her contract whereupon a town meeting was called at which 195 citizens were present. After fiery speeches had been made those who sought to stand by Miss Murphy, being hissed pressed opinion that the day of

down—a vote was taken which showed 188 bigots present and to only seven men of fairmindedness because the resolution to reject the Catholic teacher was carried by a vote of 188 to 7.

Do the people of Florida want their state listed as a locality where Catholic settlers, Catholic investments are not wanted? If not, they had better argue with their misguided associates of Lauderdale to that their action constitutes advertising for the entire state of Florida.

The Sacred College.

One of the ancient and venerable institutions of the world is the College of Cardinals, the advisers of the Holy Father and the administrative head of the ecclesiastical machinery of Holy Mother Church.

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As a rule the reigning Pope was selected from the members of the Sacred College although the cardinalate is not a condition prerequisite to election as any Catholic may be elected Pope, even a layman. Any Cardinal is a Papal possibility. Many persons, even Catholics, entertain the idea that episcopal honors are a condition precedent to the Cardinalate. Not so. Many of the Cardinals had not advanced beyond simple priestly honors. Cardinal Newman, one of the most noted of latter-day Cardinals, was a humble monk when elevated to the purple.

Outside of the Old World countries, where a Cardinal is accorded the dignity shown to reigning princes for a Cardinal is Prince of the Roman Church—the dignity of a Cardinal is most worldly position in character so far as Cardinal Farley, for instance, occupies no higher position in the American hierarchy than does Archbishop Hanna, of San Francisco. Each is archbishop of a province, bishop of a diocese, and exercises episcopal authority in that diocese. Cardinal Gibbons is Archbishop of Baltimore and exercises episcopal authority there but he has no episcopal authority in the Diocese of Rochester. Bishop Hickey, of Rochester, is suffragan to Archbishop Farley, of New York, not to Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston. If we mistake not were a new bishop to be consecrated in the Province of New York, the senior bishop of the Province, would have the right to act as consecrator.

The point we are making is this: That while the Cardinals in America are Princes of the Church, when they go to Rome, their ecclesiastical status in the United States is determined by their episcopal position. A Bishop may be a Cardinal but a Cardinal may not be a Bishop, indeed he may be a simple priest of the Church. Such is the simple democracy of the Catholic Church.

Will "Movies" Last?

Some regular theatrical magnates are predicting that the moving picture business has reached its zenith and its star will soon be a simple priest of the Church. Such is the simple democracy of the Catholic Church.

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 Captivating portrait studies of "young Holland" forms another feature. That series also includes a film excursion to Bruges, in Belgium.
 It will be welcome news, too, that those animated caricatures, which are always such a pleasing and popular feature of Howe's exhibition will be as much in evidence as ever before. Equally welcome will be the announcement that in response to numerous and insistent requests, Mr. Howe will make an exception to his rule relative to not repeating any film shown previously and in this instance will give his patrons one more opportunity to smile, then laugh and finally scream at the antics of that king of baby-dom, entitled "Our Baby," Adv.

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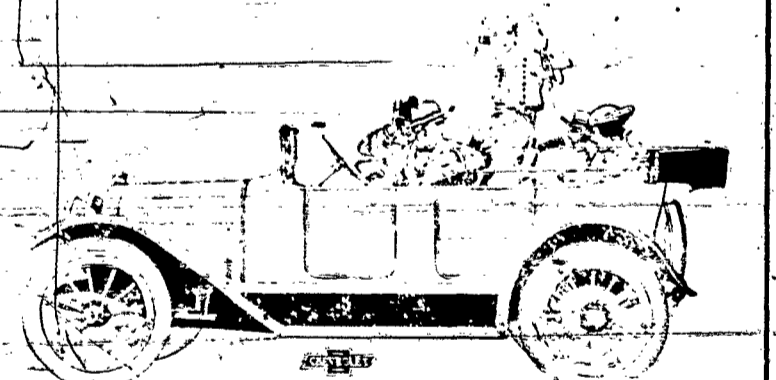
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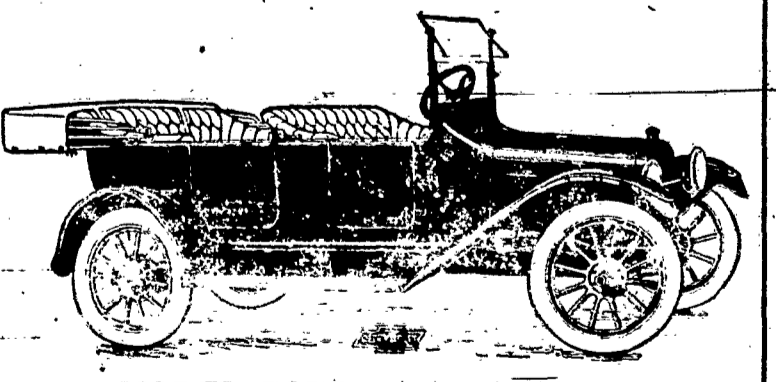


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