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Welcome Home!

It was, indeed, a hearty and heartfelt welcome that was extended by all Rochester, regardless of race or creed, to our old townsman, Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco, upon his first visit to his native city since he was elevated to full authority over his Western Archepiscopal see.

As boy, as man, as student, as priest, as professor, as bishop we have watched the Archbishop grow up. We have watched his upward climb, not with surprise but with pardonable pride. We expected great things of him. We have not been disappointed. And, withal, we are more than ever gratified although not surprised to note that high place has not changed his disposition. Ever kindly to child or adult, rich or poor, to the lowly as to those in high social station as priest, he is unchanged as bishop.

We are sorry that Archbishop Hanna's see is so far distant that his visits to us or ours to him must necessarily be few and far between but this will make the rare occasions the more precious and the greetings heartier if such be possible. May Dr. Hanna, the name we knew him by so long, be spared many, many years to his parishioners of the Western Coast. We know they love him now. They will love him more as the years roll on.

Poor Andrew!

And so Andrew Carnegie has given away \$400,000,000 and only has a beggarly pittance left of \$20,000,000?

It seems pitiful. Andrew may yet die with only a million to his credit.

And with all his giving, he give thanks to Almighty God? And in all his benefactions, how many were given to honor the Most High? Has he not sought to break down faith in religion by his condition that colleges receiving aid from Carnegie Foundations must forswear all religious affiliations? Does this not sound like a covert attack upon all religious belief? Is it not a direct attack upon Catholicity? By it does not Mr. Carnegie bar Catholic educational institutions from any share in the Carnegie endowments? And are not Catholic educational institutions the peer of any in the country?

After all, is Andrew Carnegie to be envied? Is John D. Rockefeller to be envied? Is Andrew Maloney to be envied? Will all his wealth bring back a sound stomach to John D. Maloney? Do his countless millions offset the constant attendance of armed guards to ward off attacks from those who fancy they have received unjust treatment at his hands?

Ah no. The "Laird of Skibo" may endow libraries and enrich

infidel institutions—but these will not unlock for him the pearly gates.

Head Is Turned.

Henry Ford, who has amassed millions by manufacturing and selling cheap automobiles appears to have gone the way of Richard Croker and other eminent citizens who have succumbed to the insidious wiles of unscrupulous press agents who grin with ghastly glee as they pen exaggerated yarns with the one hand and rake in the shekels with the other.

Henry has set out to vie with William J. Bryan and Billy Sunday to grab the biggest chunk of the first page of the yellow journals. But there is this difference:—The two Billy's want to rake in the coin, while Henry does not need the money. When the Billys see they are not turning their harps to the popular ear, they change the tune. On the other hand, Henry does not sense the popular ear and is at the mercy of the press agents.

Henry now has a dream that by chartering a ship and loading thereupon a motley collection of uplifters, fakers, and self-advertisers and loose thinkers and talkers he will be able to end the European War when such pacifists as Pope Benedict have not been able to make an impression upon the warring nations. Verily, Henry cannot be right in the head.

Why the Difference?

We heartily indorse the sentiment contained in the following editorial from the Catholic Columnian:

The following Associated Press dispatch is self-explanatory:
Jack London's Attack
On Soldiers Under Ban, Washington, Nov. 13: (Special)—A good soldier is a blind, heartless soulless, murderous machine. He is not even a brute, because brutes kill only in self-defense.

The above, under the caption "A Good Soldier" and signed "Jack London," appears on the back of envelopes which have been barred from the mail, as it is considered defamatory of soldiers and is prohibited under section 212 of the criminal code. When Socialistic Jack London calls "a good soldier" a "heartless, soulless, murderous machine," and deems him "not even a brute," the uncomplimentary opinion is barred from Uncle Sam's mail. But when the Menace and the other "snake-in-the-grass" sheets villify the soldiers of Christ, His consecrated priests, and besmirch the characters of those cloistered and humble Florentine Nightingales—the "angels of the battlefields" and true daughters of Santa Filumena, the law cannot or will not do anything to scotch the snake of slander, and render less venomous the adder of vituperation.

Not So In Buffalo.

It appears that while the bigots were not really successful at the polls in the recent Buffalo election although they did succeed in nominating in the primaries several of their candidates for commissioners under Buffalo's new charter, they have not retired from the fray. They are now announcing that they intend to protest against the appointment of a single Catholic to office under the elected commissioners!

We have a faint idea what an answer Commissioner-elect John F. Maloney will make to such a preposterous demand? Impudent, is it not? Catholic tax-money will be accepted. Catholic votes will not be repudiated. Catholic's may help support government. But they must not seek to help administer the government their money helps to support!

What insane reasoning!

We understand that the organ of the Rochester bigots announces the Rochester sub-cellar workers are to make such a demand here upon Mayor Edgerton and the other elected officials who take office on January first next.

We fancy that we could print right now the answer they will receive!

However if we are mistaken we beg to assure everybody that there will be a day of reckoning. Rochester is not Buffalo.

He who does his best has naught to regret in after years.

It is false reasoning to think you can bring others to think as you do by abusing them.

Is the Henry Ford peace ship a clever advertising scheme or the outburst of a conceited man who has temporarily lost his head?

Rochester's city government is quite paternalistic in its desire to make things pleasant for the populace.

Regardless of creed, Rochesterians are ever ready to extend a hearty greeting to Archbishop Hanna.

"Give the public what it wants" is a false slogan.

Bishop Hickey is quite right when he says we are always ready to make a fuss over Most Rev. Dr. Hanna.

In the death of Very Rev. Martin Hendrick, Holy Mother Church loses a loyal son and the community a fine American gentleman of the old school. May his soul rest in peace!

A years subscription to the Catholic Journal would make an acceptable Christmas present for your friend.

While we agree with an esteemed contemporary that there is much published in the secular dailies which were better left unwritten, we cannot agree that the story of the Chicago defective baby is in this category. Had this story not been published we should not have had public confession that men of science arrogate to themselves the right to dispose of human life. And the wave of indignation that swept over the land proves that the great American heart is still in the right place.

In an exchange we read of "twenty uses for the lemon". These are outside the general use of lovesick swains.

Angelo Newman and Harry B. Crowley are on the list of public entertainers no matter where one goes these days.

The cold storage development is a sad one for the hogs who thought to corner the price of hen fruit and virtually blackjack the American public into paying an exorbitant price for their winter eggs. We may still pay a high price but not to the cold storage hogs who can now contemplate millions of dozen spoiled eggsout of which they never will realize a penny.

It is not the past but the present that we can control, and this is what we should be interested in.

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