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**Christmas.**

To the readers of the Catholic Journal we take this opportunity to extend the greetings of the season and to wish you all felicitations and good will.

In this season of good cheer let us not forget our less fortunate than ourselves. No matter how hard the world uses us, apparently, there may always be found some one who is in worse circumstances and it is up to us, as the vernacular has it, to extend a helping hand, a hearty greeting and as much of substantial remembrance as in our power lies.

He whose advent on earth we celebrate at this holy season of Christmas came to bring good will and charity, in all that it implies to this world. Let us follow His example and practise charity. Moreover let us so live that we may be able to spend an eternal Christmas with Him in Heaven. After all, it is for the next world that we are working, not the present and we should so live that the Christmases of this will be but the precursor of those we will pass in the eternity beyond the grave.

**Treat All Alike!**

Praiseworthy, indeed, are the vigorous efforts of the National Administration to stamp out the alien efforts to aid warring nations from these shores, in violation of the United States declaration of strict neutrality. Persons enjoying the hospitality of this country, whether accredited to the diplomatic corps or as private individuals, must be taught to observe our laws and conventionalities. They have no more right to do as they please than have American citizens.

But there should be no distinction made by our Government of officials, either in the Department of State or the Department of Justice, of aliens of one country more than another. Aliens of the Central Powers at war should not be singled out for punishment and deportation and those of the Allies be permitted to go scot free. Representatives of one Central power have been convicted, sentenced to prison and others deported. It is reported that representatives of another Central power are to meet a similar fate very soon. This is as it should be if they are guilty of the offenses charged.

But we are informed that aliens of the allies' persuasion, are guilty of conspiracy and that vigorous efforts are made to coerce American manufacturers. If that be true why make fish of one and fowl of another? Why not treat all alike?

The President and his advisers will realize before long that the majority of the American people are no more pro-Allies than they are pro-German. They are Americans, first, last and all the time

and they ask no favors from and extend no special privileges to any of the warring nations.

**Governor Walsh.**

It was no ordinary man who was the guest and principal speaker at the first social reunion of the Men's Catholic Charity League last Sunday evening. Governor Walsh, of Massachusetts, has demonstrated that Catholic men, of probity and ability, can attain to high political place even in the old Puritan Bay State where, half a century ago, no political party even would have dared to mention an Irish Catholic as its candidate for Governor.

To be sure, there are more Catholics now included in the citizenship of Massachusetts than there were half a century ago. They are leaders in finance, manufacturing, professional circles and in every walk of life. But even these are not the reasons why David Walsh is now Governor of Massachusetts. It is because he has character, intellect and all that goes with a leader of men. He was not afraid to stand as his party's candidate for Governor and the people vindicated his courage by electing him twice over strong competitors. He was defeated this fall but this was because the great business interests preferred a Republican, for tariff and other business policies, to a Democrat on the theory that a Republican Governor of Massachusetts might enhance Republican presidential chances next year.

All honor and credit to Governor Walsh!

**Properly Rebuked.**

The following letter from Rev. Hugh D. Atchison, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Episcopal Church, appearing recently in the Times Journal of Dubuque, Ia., is self-explanatory:

"I am happy to state that the placing for sale upon the book tables of the Methodist Book Concern of a rabid anti-Roman Catholic publication, purporting to be the autobiography of a priest of that Church, was a matter with which neither the pastor of St. Luke church nor the Upper Iowa conference had anything to do whatever. As soon as it was noticed, its immediate withdrawal was demanded, and the agent complied at once with proper apologies.

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"I freely make this statement as a sincere message to any who have been disturbed or offended by the incident mentioned above."

The democratic national convention of 1916 goes to St. Louis and Billy Sunday goes to evangelize New York City.

"When the barge canal is completed" is a sentence we have been reading these many, many years.

Father Tierney comes right back at Secretary Tumulty about those Mexican outrages.

Shop early and give the clerks a chance to enjoy their Christmas.

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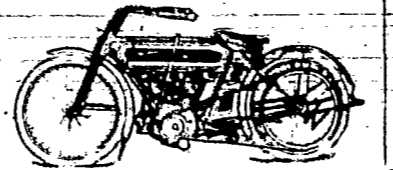
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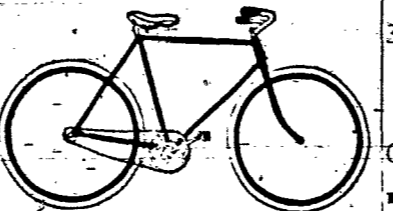
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