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The New Year.

Another year has rolled round, another twelve month has passed on and never can be recalled.

Whether the past year has been of profit or loss to ourselves, none can recall a single minute that has gone.

If the year just past has not been of profit, it is now up to us to begin and continue the year to come so that the credit sheet a twelvemonth hence shall show a balance in our favor.

Last year, the European nations are still at war with each other. Thousands of precious lives are sacrificed every month and every day, for what? That rulers may retain their power and that human pride may not be humbled.

While the wisdom of our president and statesmen has kept the United States from participation in the great conflict, at least by force of arms, may we not be charged with indirect participation by reason of our expressed sympathy with one or other of the warring nations, and our furnishing of munitions of war, and our greed for European dollars?

It were well that each and every one of us who believes in a Supreme Being pray earnestly that peace may soon come to the nations of Europe and also that we may not participate, directly or indirectly, in this most terrible of all armed combats.

To Be Commended.

While we extend our commendation to the authorities of Rochester upon their determination to put an end to the bacchanalian revels which have marred and disgraced this city on previous New Year's eves we must not forget to grant to our Rt. Rev. Bishop his due share of the credit for this splendid advance in the morals of this beautiful city.

For the last three years, since the revelry on New Year's eve became so noticeable in Rochester, Bishop Hickey has been outspoken in his denunciation of this practice, as practised by everybody in general but by Catholics in particular. In order that we might not have any excuse that there was nothing else to do New Year's eve, he directed his priests to see to it that special devotions were held in all Catholic churches that night and that every effort be made to provide religious entertainment, so to speak, in place of the orgies so dear to the heart of his Satanic majesty.

Surely, none can say that the present Bishop of Rochester omits anything that would tend to uplift, to elevate, to broaden the minds of his Catholic flock. In so doing, he cannot but help to elevate the moral tone of the entire community. And once again we repeat:—That when the Catholic portion of any community is alert

and practical in the practice of their religion, that community in its entirety is benefitted. When the Catholic portion of the community is careless in its attention to religion and lax in its moral fiber, you may rest assured that the moral tone and fibre of the entire community is correspondingly lax. Why? Because he who is the best Catholic is the best citizen. The careless Catholic never is a model citizen.

If you doubt this, investigate a bit. You will be convinced.

Chase Them All Out!

It is, indeed, commendable that the Federal Department of Justice and its secret service is ferreting out and endeavoring to punish those aliens and Americans with too pronounced foreign sympathies and offenders against our declared policy of strict neutrality, nevertheless we are more convinced than ever that our secret service has not done its full duty and will not do so until it ferrets out and expels from activities inside the United States, the sympathizers with the Allies' cause.

We of the United States, at least a large majority of us, have no earthly sympathy with any of the warring nations of Europe. We know full well why they are at war and are not at all fooled by any fulsome representation of high moral motives. There are a few of us who are in just the same frame of mind as those who are egging on the European war:—we are profiting thereby in a financial and commercial way. And, after all, that is the prime motive lying back of this war.

This being so, we have not patience with the English, French or Belgian spies or abettors who are trying to use the United States as a base of supplies to aid and assist their countries to win the war.

Hunt out and expel and muzzle the activities of the English and French secret service as well as the Germans and Austrians!

A Benefactor.

Because of the fact that no Catholic institution was included in the list of beneficiaries, the Catholic Journal feels free to speak out in commendation of the splendid spirit shown in the will of the late Lewis P. Ross, just made public.

Mr. Ross was known as a public-spirited citizen for years past. Civic needs received substantial encouragement while he was alive from this merchant prince. But no one, except his most intimate friends and even they were surprised at the extent of his benefaction, dreamed that the larger part of his large fortune, would be distributed, not among relatives but to real benefaction. Such, however, is the case. While relatives were remembered in substantial form, old employees, related to him not at all, were also bequeathed sums sufficient to insure them comfort in old age. Men who had served him in his own business were, practically, left the controlling interest in that business and made executors of his will.

Then, the residuary estate, the largest share of it, was divided between two of Rochester's leading educational institutions to insure scientific research into better nutrition for the human body, and to insure more perfect digestion. This is very important in these days when we live too much indoors and avoid exercise all we can.

L. P. Ross although dead, will live on by the very humane and practical way he disposed of his fortune.

Now the thought of the fans turns baseballward because contracts and preliminaries for the season of 1916 are under discussion.

Poor, Poor Dupes.

From a recent article in the New York "World", we infer that the fakirs have turned their attention from selling gold bricks and imparting fake information on mythical horse races to enrolling gullible dupes in various secret orders having for their aim the preservation of this great Republic from the insidious attacks of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and to rescue from the clutches of the Catholic Church those who have already found their way therein.

The "World" sets forth that it is in possession of circulars and leaflets in which are set forth the details of a new secret order which seeks to ostracise Catholics and prevent them from holding public office. It also aims to oust from office such Catholics as have already succeeded in reaching them.

Certainly, one would think that there were not enough gullible persons in the world, let alone the enlightened United States, to bear the expense of printing incident upon such a transparent scheme to wheedle shekels out of the pockets of unsuspecting dupes, to say nothing of yielding profit to its promoters. Yet, we are informed, the promoters of these "orders" are reaping a plentiful harvest such as would have caused Law Sellers and other ancient swindlers to turn over in their coffins.

Truly, the late Phineas T. Barnum well said that "the American people loved to be humbugged, and it would seem that the humbugger who can spin the most lurid yarn about the awful things done by Catholic priests in the name of the Catholic Church is the fakir who reaps the largest reward!

Bishop Dougherty, recently appointed Bishop of Buffalo, in succession to the late Rt. Rev. Chas. H. Colton, has earned a see in his home country by his zealous labors in the Philippines. However, Buffalo cannot be called a rest in any sense of the word. It is one of the large and important Dioceses in the United States and its head is a hard-worked man. However, Bishop Dougherty has demonstrated that he thrives on hard work. He will find willing coadjutors in priests and laity of Buffalo.

And now they say another Rochester newspaper man is to forsake journalism and become secretary to State Commissioner of Agriculture Charles S. Wilson. Well, Rochester's loss will be the State's gain. Rochester newspaper men are the very best in their class.

Why is it that at least half a dozen justices of the New York State Supreme court have resigned to return to the practice of their profession? Are salaries paid to our supreme court justices, not sufficient to enable them to live comfortably and rear families? There must be something wrong somewhere.

Is it war, or man's greed that forces prices of foodstuffs sky-high, when America has the greatest crops in her history?

Henry Ford is learning that money alone will not purchase everything.

President Wilson at least, is able to push the "movie promoters" aside. For once, they were not able to obtain the coveted reels in Virginia Hot Springs.

The anonymous letter writer, whether to the local paper, or to her neighbors is an utterly contemptible person, and a coward to boot.

In the strenuous struggle for wealth, many men and women lose their immortal souls.

Musa Caravan, Order of Alhambra, deserves credit for its inauguration of Christmas trees for the pupils of Catholic schools who would otherwise have been debarred any participation in the festive activities of the festive season.

An exchange well says:—"Gossip is a corrosive that eats through the calluses until it finds quick flesh underneath.

The Sacred Heart League intention for December was "Devotion to Holy Mass."—Catholics should have that intention in mind all year round.

The man who is prating loudly about personal rights and liberty, generally, is the man who jumps on a street car first, utterly ignoring the prior rights of others who were on the ground first, as well as those of children and cripples.

Surely, it is not novelty or expected display of millinery and dressmakers' creations that counts for the crowded churches in Catholic parishes every Sunday.

In many cases it is gross ignorance, not innate bigotry, that impels otherwise sane and safe persons to throw in their lot with the anti-Catholic bigots.

Rochester should be and is proud of a citizen like Lewis P. Ross.

New Year's eve should never again become a synonym for reviling and abuse in Rochester.

Have you practised writing "1916" as yet?

These "good resolutions" are now the programme for a few weeks.

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A Little Story of Big Interest to You



As it appeared in a Leading Trade Journal in New York this month.

RESIDENT-BUYERS

New York—J. E. Manix Co. to be Liquidated—E. W. Edwards & Son Buy Most of Stock.—The business of the J. E. Manix Co., resident buyers and commission dry goods, which was purchased recently by Josef Frankel and Israel Mendelson at a figure which netted creditors of the Manix business 68 1-2 cents on the dollar, as reported, is to be liquidated. The owners of the business have sold most of the stock to E. W. Edwards & Son, operating several stores, while some stock, it is said, has been sold to J. E. Manix, who, it is understood, will continue in business individually with the good will of the concern.

Originally, it is reported, the purchasers of the business planned to continue it. The concern was to have moved to a more desirable location and plans for an increased business were under way. Included in the assets bought, at the receiver's sale, however, were some outstanding accounts to

taling some \$90,000, some of which were due from various department stores throughout the country for resident buying services and for merchandise purchased from the receivers. Considerable difficulty has been encountered in collecting some of these accounts, it is said, certain of the retailers advancing the contention that their merchandise purchases off-set claims against them for services, which they say they did not receive. For this reason it is reported, the new owners of the business decided to liquidate.

J. E. Manix yesterday afternoon said his plans call for his remaining in business individually, but that all arrangements for accounts he will represent have not as yet been completed.

"By the latter part of next week," he said, "I will have completed my plans and will know definitely who my accounts will be."

The following departments are strongly represented in this transaction:

- Linens, Domestic, Hosiery, Upholstery, Stationery, Carpets, Books, Neckwear, Laces' Arts, Underwear, Dress Goods, Silks, Infants' Wear, Toilets and Notions

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E. W. Edwards & Son

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