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Sauce For The Goose.

Perhaps, there is an element of exaggeration in the reports that there are abuses in some institutions maintained under Catholic auspices but when a representative Catholic like Thomas M. Mulry stands back of the assertions, there is no use in taking refuge in the shield of "bigotry". Let us ourselves make searching inquiry and ascertain the truth first-hand.

If mistakes have been made let us admit the facts man-fashion and start right in to correct them. Mistakes happen in every human institution. It is human to err. But there is no excuse for repeating errors once exposed.

There is another factor in maintenance of Catholic institutions. The State has unlimited resources and it is nothing to credit to erect, maintain and equip magnificent institutions because they have the unlimited support of the taxpayers' money. Catholics have to erect, equip and maintain their institutions out of their own pockets, as well as contribute their share, as taxpayers, toward the State institutions. Consequently, the rigidest economy is necessary in order to maintain institutions that will not compete with those of the State.

Unfortunately, there is a class of Catholics who are parsimonious in their contributions to Catholic institutions but generous in their criticism of Catholic methods and results and also fulsome in their praise of the State service.

Too little support is accorded by Catholics, well able to contribute and whose names are found on every "non-sectarian list", to our own Catholic institutions. Were the wealthy Catholics of Rochester as generous in proportion, as are their non-Catholic neighbors, there would be no excuse for our boys joining the Y. M. C. A., or our own girls going to the Y. W. C. A., to enjoy athletic and swimming facilities.

Less loose talk and more intelligent criticism backed up by hearty support if real constructive work is the burning need of the day, on the part of the Catholic laity. Priests and religious are doing their work but the laity has not done its full share.

Let us be, up and doing!

High Time!

It is a sad commentary on the trend of the day when Bishop Cosack, of Albany, finds it necessary to warn the ladies who propose to attend public functions under Catholic auspices where the Bishop is expected to take prominent part, must appear in high-necked and long-sleeved gowns.

Those who ape Fashion's decrees to an extreme limit have rather "gone the limit" in the matter of décollete costumes. Aside from the question of pos-

sible "bad form" of extreme décollete costumes in mixed assemblages, there can be no question that Catholic's should not transgress in our own gatherings whether the clergy grace the occasion by their presence or not.

It is plainly evident that Bishop Cosack has pronounced ideas and proposes to enforce them. The clergy and people of Albany have been told bluntly that magnificent Church structures and splendid parochial property will not be permitted unless and until a Catholic school is part of the parochial equipment. It is evident that if there were any lack of Catholic schools in the Capital of New York State, that will be soon remedied.

Reform Needed.

The following from the Rochester Union and Advertiser aptly portrays what may well be termed "a growing evil" that we reprint in full:

It is no longer an uncommon sight to see a group of school children, ranging in age from ten to sixteen years, crowd into a street car ahead of elderly women and men or mothers with babies, and to appropriate to themselves all the seats in the car. They have no scruples about pushing their elders out of the way, about jostling and squeezing, and, from holding in veneration those who are old enough to be their grandparents, they seem to consider it their right to be waited upon by persons of all ages. There were many such incidents as this Tuesday afternoon last week, after the concert given in Convention Hall to the school children of Rochester, but of all the instances not one could have been more provocative of irritation than the behavior of such a group of children who crowded onto a St. Paul street car. This peculiar species has been evolving America since the present generation of adults were children. It is largely a product of the school system whereby the child spoiled, everything made pleasant and interesting for the pupils, and according to which children are pampered and supervised and taught how to play, but not how to work, whereby, in short, they are instructed that every thing must be done for them and that of them nothing approach- ing discipline, unselfishness or respect can be expected.

And, as the complaint is made about pupils of Catholic schools, as well as those of the public schools, it is plainly evident that some of us are a trifle lax in our home discipline of our children.

Pass This Bill!

Now that the lower house Congress has passed the Keating bill to deny to inter state commerce the products of mines, quarries, mills and factories where children of tender years are employed, let the United States follow suit and place the law upon the Federal statute books.

If the Southern States will not follow the lead of New York and New England and the West in prohibiting child labor let the Federal government teach them a needed lesson by shutting off their ill-gotten gains. "Blood money" should not be allowed in the South any more than in the North. Southern employers of child labor should not be permitted to compete on unequal terms with the manufacturers of New York who are forbidden to make use of child labor and the cost of whose products must necessarily be enhanced by higher wages paid to adult labor.

Aside from the purely commercial side of the question, greedy employes must be taught that the march of progress demands the decent treatment of the human

beings compelled to labor in mills and factories for a living. This is one of the lessons that some men learn only by lessons of a drastic nature.

There Are Others.

We fancy that there are a few Protestant fathers in Rochester who could repeat or echo the sentiments expressed by Hon. Amasa Thornton ex-Consul of the United States and publicist in the following interview:

"We send our little girl to a Catholic parochial school and she talks to her mother and myself about what happens in the school-room. She goes to a Congregational Sabbath school on Sunday and is distinctly Protestant. I send her to the parochial school because I feel that the moral atmosphere there is safer and better to be in than the atmosphere of the public schools. I am as loyal to the American public school of my boyhood as any man of the United States. I have a board of the old red schoolhouse in which I learned my A. B. C.'s in my office, and I look at it with affection."

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President Wilson has braved public opinion of a certain class in appointing a Jew to the United States Supreme court. But when he went about it why did he not pick out a Jew who is credited with more sincerity, more moral fiber and more balance?

Do not crow too soon. Even if the groundhog did not see his shadow it is still possible to have a month or two yet of real winter weather.

For Germany to give peace to Belgium would be turning the tables on the Allies with a vengeance.

Bishop Dougherty has not yet been released from his Diocese in the Philippines to proceed to his new See of Buffalo.

If coal is to advance in price, Rochester will pay a large proportion of that \$28,000,000.

Is it reasonable that the Senate of 1916, being the same as that of 1915, will pass the Greiner Bill which was rejected in 1915?

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