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The Oath Taken.

In view of the charges made frequently that Catholic bishops take upon themselves obligations that are directly opposed to the spirit of free American institutions, we herewith reprint from the Catholic Universe, established by the late Rt. Rev. Richard A. Gilmour, the oath taken by Archbishop Mundelein, of Chicago, in presence of the Apostolic Delegate, Most Rev. John Bon-

zoano: "I, George W. Mundelein, archbishop of Chicago, from this hour forward will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter, to the Holy Apostolic Roman Church, to My Lord Pope Benedict XV, and his successors canonically entering. I will not join in any counsel or agreement or deed to deprive them of life or limb or to bring them into captivity. I will disclose to no one any counsel which may have been entrusted to me, whether by themselves or their nuncios, or by letters, or in any way to which my knowledge will cause harm. I will give aid, saving my order (that is, so far as the canons which forbid bloodshed to an ecclesiast permit), to defend and maintain against every man the papacy of the Roman Church and the royalty of St. Peter; when called to a synod I will come unless hindered by a canonical impediment. I will treat with honor the legate of the apostolic see in coming and returning, and I will help him in his needs. I will visit the thresholds of the apostles every three years, either in person or by deputy, unless I be absolved by apostolic dispensation. The possessions which appertain to my episcopate I will not sell or give away, or pledge, or enfeoff afresh, or alienate in any way without having first consulted the Roman pontiff. So may God help me and these holy gospels."

United Effort.

It is often argued that we as Catholics are not united enough and do not present a united front to the common enemy and that we divide too much on racial lines. In support of this argument the following extracts from a reservation. Liberty does not require Guilday, professor of American Church History at the Catholic University are of more than passing interest: "The anti-Catholic movements in the United States have been for the most part complex movements, made up of many factors, and therefore often hard to analyze. But there is a lesson to the corporate Catholic body of the United States in their history, rid of anarchists, not when we There is a special lesson to the Catholic body of the city of Philadelphia, where so many unpleasant scenes have occurred to stain the national honor in this matter of religious liberty, and that lesson is the necessity of unity in

our ranks. In speaking of this necessity I want to hint at one of our weaknesses today—it is the lack of unity of a very special kind, and for which no one can be held responsible.

"It is the fact that the Catholics of Irish, Polish, German, Lithuanian and Italian blood who make up the Church here are as much apart as if they were of different faith. We have all our own organizations, but what we need is a municipal organization which will bind us all into one brotherhood, not for any sordid political end, but for the defense of the fundamental law of the land—religious liberty. We ought all to learn what our German, Polish, French and Italian brothers are doing to preserve the faith in their own ranks. There will be several amazing surprises for many of us. Their organizations are about as perfect as one could wish, and this alone would show how much we are losing spiritually at least, by the present system of keeping apart."

Know the Business.

On more than one occasion we have called attention to the fact that many of the critics of the Catholic press are utterly unacquainted with the technique of newspaper work, else they never would make the "breaks" they do. We are glad that another of our contemporaries, the Denver "Catholic Register," feels as we do. In a recent editorial it made these pertinent observations:

Some of our contemporaries are quoting an "old reporter" who wants the Catholic press to stop giving local news. When we get a new big advertisement the firm handing it out invariably asks that it be put on page five, where most of our parish items appear. Advertising experts make this request because they have made a study of what the public wants. Evidently the "old reporter" like a good many other newspaper men who have had only a top-sliced training in their business, has gone to seed in his declining years. There is a need for both the local and national Catholic papers. But a man who thinks that either should entirely supplant the other evidently knows nothing about the reading public unless he shuts his eyes to the experience of daily journalism.

The Penalty.

The Catholic Journal believes in free speech and a free press but it does not believe in permitting unlimited license in either direction. It believes that this country, each state and each locality should repress sternly any tendency to license, either of speech or of publications in the press.

We believe that the attempted poisoning of Archbishop Mundelein in Chicago is ample evidence that the dangerous, anarchists of Europe are making of the United States a roosting place and a haven from which to carry on their nefarious plots. The Rochester Union and Advertiser truly says:

This is a free country, in the to the common enemy and that we divide too much on racial lines. In support of this argument the following extracts from a reservation. Liberty does not require Guilday, professor of American Church History at the Catholic University are of more than passing interest: "The anti-Catholic movements in the United States have been for the most part complex movements, made up of many factors, and therefore often hard to analyze. But there is a lesson to the corporate Catholic body of the United States in their history, rid of anarchists, not when we There is a special lesson to the Catholic body of the city of Philadelphia, where so many unpleasant scenes have occurred to stain the national honor in this matter of religious liberty, and that lesson is the necessity of unity in

Let us be preparing for the Lenten season.

Well, the iceman must have got in a few digs as well as the coal man.

Lincoln's Birthday served to recall the fact that the great Emancipator chose Archbishop John Hughes for a delicate European mission during the Civil War.

Abraham Lincoln, were he alive today, would not belittle the Holy Name Society.

"The Ford Hate Party" is the facetious appellation which the political wags have irreverently bestowed upon the low-priced automobile owners recent peace excursion.

Archbishop Mundelein will prove a worthy successor to the late Most Rev. Dr. Quigley in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Is it an opportune time to discuss seriously the question of independence to the Philippines inside of two years?

It has taken years to prepare the American Indians for self-government and we do not yet think they are competent to administer their own affairs.

Knights of Columbus.

Rochester Council, their ladies and friends celebrated Washington's birthday at the Council Chambers, Tuesday evening, February 22d, in a manner in keeping with the high patriotic aims of the order. The following program was rendered: Address, "Washington," Judge John B.M. Stephens; Address, "Catholic Aids to Washington," Rev. Wm. P. Ryan, of Clifton Springs, N. Y.; Vocal Selections, Mrs. Pearl Keenan O'Connell, Columbian Quartette. Dancing was afterward enjoyed.

Personal.

Mrs. Anna E. Karnes of 1458 Lake Avenue is spending a week in New York City.

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