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Twenty-eight Years.

Brief mention was made last week of the fact that the Catholic Journal has completed twenty-seven years of journalistic life and has entered upon its twenty-eighth year.

Many changes have taken place since the three promoters of the project to launch an English Catholic weekly in and for the Diocese of Rochester entered upon their work.

The first Bishop of Rochester has completed his life's labors and been called to his last reward, leaving behind him monuments which will last for years to come.

The second Bishop has completed the unfinished work of his predecessor and broadened their scope as well as beginning new lines such as the St. Elizabeth Home for Girls and the consolidation of all the Catholic Orphan Asylums.

Another eminent son of Rochester has been called to the archbishopric of San Francisco.

The Catholic Journal has seen the St. Bernard's Seminary grow from a conception into an accomplished fact. It has seen St. Ann's Home for the Aged planned and built.

It has seen the secular Catholic churches in Rochester doubled, yes more than that. It has seen the Catholic population grow by leaps and bounds.

The Catholic Journal has been published under six Presidents of the United States - Harrison, Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson.

It has seen twelve Governors inaugurated in New York state - Hill, Flower, Morton, Black, Roosevelt, Higgins, Hughes, White, Dix, Sulzer, Glynn and Whitman.

Of these four are no more, while eight are still alive and several of them are very much in the eye. One of them has been elevated to the United States senate.

When the Catholic Journal was started, there was but one Cardinal in the United States while today there are three. The number of archiepiscopal sees has practically been doubled. And the same may be said of the number of Dioceses and priests.

The Catholic Journal has made many warm friends since it became a journalistic entity and to these we return sincere thanks. We hope to return these friendships and to add to them as the years roll on.

The Reason.

Rev. Paul Blakely, S. J., writing in America gives these reasons for the vigorous efforts made to combat the attacks made by Mayor Mitchel and certain misguided men and women to break down the Catholic Charities of Greater New York: -

Confessedly, there is a weariness in this round of legal procedure, and the end is not yet, for

the soul of the dependent Catholic child is the gage of battle. Timid voices ask, "Why all this strife?" and gently counsel "come to violate them?"

We are fighting to bring each little waif into his Father's land, in every city and town, wherever he may sit at his table, in almost every hamlet, the King's Table, know the love of Mary, his tender Mother, and enter into his friendship, the companionship relation to be disturbed by un-Christians and un-Gods. Compromise? We are fighting to put into the heart of every passion and ill-feeling a child a realization of his privilege. "To-morrow, as to-day and for ages and duties as one destined for heaven, that he may not deem mere temporal success the mate goal of human endeavor, also as friends?"

Generous Tribute.

Commenting upon the agreement reached between Russia, Germany and Austria that do, shall do, is to give the best of that is in us, that these so great sufferings, be not spent in vain for the word for a foul deed, we know not. It finds no place in our minds. During the Boer war the writer well remembered how education of calumny against the Catholic institutions, sinking to a disgraceful close, brands with yet deeper ignominy, the craven cowardly, to which any one in any sort of trouble from word and tyranny - for a guide, sought to take Christ from the heart of the helpless Catholic.

Quietly, persistently, unostentatiously, but with the implacable faith in righteousness which brooks no denial, they establish themselves where terror and horror are fiercest, where misery is deepest and danger dire, fearless of death, careless of life, but always ready and capable to serve the torn heart of the broken body.

The writer was once in a shipwreck when two nuns were on the tottering deck, offered a short prayer, then touched the captain quietly on the arm and asked for orders.

One could never forget the relief with which the captain saw their serene faces. "Gather the women and children at this end of the deck," he said, "and calm those frantic men." It seemed a tall order, but without more ado they moved gently among the wretched crowds, smiling, soothing, commanding, with such amazement in a few minutes be of a sort that can be utilized as chaos was reduced to order, wild misery transformed to calm. And the fact that not a soul was lost on that ship was certainly due to their persistent gentleness.

On the other hand, the Catholic press being a specialist publication, prints no political news. Due to their persistent gentleness, it presents the Catholic current of 24,000 nuns instead of twenty-four could be exchanged between the belligerent countries; all who know the strength and influence of the gentle nuns could not secure reliable bank on an early peace.

Hence a Catholic weekly and Catholic monthly are averaged two tons to the year, excluding that grown in subscription list to periodicals, streets of Philadelphia.

Do you subscribe to a Catholic paper? If not, why not?

Why Not As Friends?

So finely does the 'Columbiad' set forth the reasons why Catholics and non-Catholics should dwell together in peace and harmony, that we have taken the liberty of reprinting it in full as follows.

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As usual Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, provided a celebration of Columbus Day worthy of the occasion.

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