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Happy New Year!

To all its readers the Catholic Journal extends hearty wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

The Old Year is past, ring in the New! Whatever of sorrow the old has brought, it has passed on to oblivion, likewise the joy and happiness. The year that is passed is gone forever.

But the New Year that opens is before us with its possibilities, its joys and sorrows. We have it in our power to make or mar it, in large part, as far as we are concerned.

We as Catholics should be more than thankful for the privilege we have of beginning the New Year under the patronage of Mary Immaculate and we should show ourselves mindful of that privilege by our daily lives and conduct.

Let 1917 be an improvement upon 1916 is as good a resolution as any to make.

Even So!

Dr. John R. Mott, who is not unknown in Rochester, one of the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. and at present an American Mission Commission, has presented a unique proposition to the Federal Council of Churches - Protestant Evangelical.

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The Doctor might have added that his Protestant missionary friends, neither in this nor in foreign countries, respect the rights of the Catholic Church. Catholics are listed as unbelievers, as heathen to be perverted and seduced from their faith and the faith of their fathers.

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A Priest's Plan.

According to a press despatch from Joliet, a Catholic priest has formulated a real practical plan to aid convicts who have served their terms and have been sent out into the world. This despatch says that the State of Illinois has accepted the plans made by the Rev. Peter A. Crumbley, O.F.M., for the amelioration of conditions for discharged convicts of the State prison. Much interest is taken in the venture, for upon its success may depend similar action throughout the country.

Father Peter, through his duties as chaplain of the Joliet penitentiary, discovered that the average convict returned sooner or later to the State prison for criminal acts. Upon exhaustive research he found that in most cases this situation ensued because the discharged convict received no encouragement; on the contrary he became an outcast and no one cared for his future.

The State empowered Father Peter to visit prisons throughout the country, investigate conditions and report on his findings. This resulted in the acceptance of his suggestion that a home be established whereby the ex-convicts might be housed, educated and placed in positions, remaining under the guidance of the priest, who after surveillance of a year or two could issue a recommendation for those meriting it, and thus be better able to secure future success.

In many places during his tour of investigation Father Peter delivered lectures, his discourse on "The Human Side of Prison Life" at the Catholic University of America especially attracting widespread attention.

"Vinegar Tom"

It has remained for Rev. Dr. W. N. Ainsworth, pastor of Mulberry Methodist Church in Macon, Ga., to criticize "Tom" Watson more mercilessly than any Catholic publication we have seen has ventured to go. Speaking before 800 men in the Capitol Theater in Macon, Dr. Ainsworth said: "Some men's thoughts and speech make them veritable for-ces of infection, blasting with the leaders of the Y. M. C. A. and at present an American Mission Commission, has presented a unique proposition to the Federal Council of Churches - Protestant Evangelical.

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Have you made your 1917 resolutions yet? Archbishop-Mundelin of Chicago now exacts a total abstinence pledge for five years from every priest he ordains.

William Jennings Bryan, so he tells the New York Rotary club, has renounced economics for moral issues.

Four of the daughters of Thomas Shannon, of Chicago, have entered the convent of the Sisters of Charity at Dubuque, Iowa.

General orders issued by Mayor Meals are to the effect that Harrisburg, Pa., policemen must not chew tobacco or swear while on duty. How about drinking and smoking on duty?

On December 8th the Oblate Fathers celebrated the centenary of their foundation. Bishop Fallon, of London, Ont., is an Oblate. It is stated that in New York city on every Sunday and Holy-day Catholics services are held in nineteen languages.

Branch 87, C. M. B. A., has elected Charles P. Mead, jr., as its president for 1917. Mr. Mead's father served several terms as president of 87, before he was elected Grand President of the New York State Council of the C. M. B. A.

There is no doubt that there must be a fair measure of "give and take" if the conflict between the public and motorists over what are reasonable traffic laws and regulations is to be settled with the result to be hoped for, namely, safety for the general public.

There is merit in the contention of motorists in general that they are a law abiding class and that the offenders against the speed limit and violators of traffic laws are the exception and that the motorists would like to see these offenders punished even to the extent of being sent to jail. On the other hand, the motorists contended with good reason that in rural communities motorists are looked upon as fair prey and as the ones who should help in a liberal way to pay the local taxes.

It is alleged that rural constables arrest and rural justices of the peace fine motorists who have not exceeded the speed limits and have not broken the traffic rule, in any way. It is figured that these persons would prefer to pay up rather than be delayed by trial and legal court proceedings.

In other words, "this" practice is really a species of legalized blackmail. It is also contended that pedestrians often disobey the traffic laws but that arrests of these are seldom if ever made, while the motorist is held to the strict letter of the law. Parents, too, are careless in that they permit their children to play in the streets and often dart out in the path of an approaching automobile the driver of which has no chance to turn out or stop. If a serious accident happens, it is the motorist who is censured or penalized.

It must be remembered that motorists and pedestrians each have rights which the other is bound to respect. When this is learned and respected, we shall not have so much disputation over our traffic laws.

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