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Dissolve Bigotry!
Delegates to the National Conference of Charities and Correction who were at Pittsburgh a few days ago learned something which they perhaps did not already realize, at least heard a subject approached at a new angle when Bishop Canevin, of Pittsburgh told them:-

Antipathy and mistrust never can be eradicated from the minds of all individuals so long as human nature remains what it is; but all of us who are honestly striving for fairness and justice and charity towards all should deprecate and aim to correct the social distrust and false opinions which often divide a people into unfriendly groups and classes until some great common peril or common misfortune brings them together in whole-souled unity and loyalty and makes them realize their common brotherhood.

While unity is desirable, we recognize that perfect unity and co-operation of all the intellectual and moral forces of local communities and societies is impossible at all points. We are divided by racial and religious lines. Jew and Gentile, Catholic and Protestant have charitable institutions, societies and purposes. They are separated from other institutions and organizations by religious demarcations. Divided as we are by religious convictions and class affiliations, yet there are a hundred forms and duties of social and civic service in which we should unite with one heart and one mind as neighbors and fellow-citizens.

Love of our country at all times; sincere devotion to broad American principles of justice, charity, liberty, tolerance and respect for the opinions and modes of our neighbors will help good men and women to understand each other, bind them closer in charity and enable them and their organizations to accomplish more than they are now doing for God and their country.

Batavia On The Map

Since Louis Ward, now a State Industrial Commissioner, was Mayor, Batavia has been putting itself on the map. In proportion to its population Batavia has the largest and liveliest Chamber of Commerce in the United States. In other ways this New York State City of the third class in point of population has shown that it is a city of the first class in many ways.

There is another hospital there and it ranks high. But the Sisters and their friends thought there was room for another. When the project was broached there were a few bigots who opposed it and sought to discourage contributions or help from the Protestant part of the population for the reason, as they put it:- "As a matter of principle we do not feel that the Protestant people of the city should put money into any public institution which is to be entirely under sectarian control."

Of course the treatment in the Sisters' Hospital would be just as non-sectarian as in the General Hospital but this "cuts no ice" with the bigots. However the real people of the city paid as little attention to the plea of the bigots as they did to the pleas of somebody in Timbuctoo. They went ahead and subscribed as if the bigots had not spoken. This is as it should be. Everybody knows that the Sisters' Hospitals rank as high as any in the land while the Catholic who goes there will be sure his spiritual needs will be cared for and sometimes that is not so in a non-Catholic hospital when a bigot happens to be in command. And we all know that the non-Catholic patient never will hear any talk of religion in a Sisters Hospital unless he himself wishes it.

Must Be a Mistake.

Inasmuch as our own Bishop is serving on the committee in charge of the Rochester Campaign for Red Cross it is certain that there is a misunderstanding somewhere when Mrs. Bellamy Storer alleges that the Red Cross Medical directors are in full control and have made regulations so rigid in the matter of uniform that a nun cannot be a Red-Cross nurse. Inasmuch as the Red Cross controls the base hospitals on the European battle fields this would indicate that the Governments engaged in the War do not intend to avail themselves of the voluntary offers of the many Sisterhoods to assist in the work of caring for the wounded and afflicted in the battlefield and near by. We are sure that when this matter is sifted down there will be found a mistake has been made. But if Mrs. Storer is right and the Red Cross is modeled after the Y. M. C. A. in which no one who does not believe and worship a certain way can hold office although his membership fee and dues are accepted with alacrity then the Red Cross should be changed. But we feel sure that the "American Red Cross" is not bigoted in any sense else Bishop Hickey would not be on one of its committees.

Generous.

Rochester has surpassed itself in its purchase of Liberty Bonds and also in its magnificent outpouring of subscriptions for the American Red Cross Fund. If all the communities in the United States were to show the splendid spirit displayed by Rochester what a wonderful country it would be to be sure! Much of the "Pep" in the Red Cross Campaign was due to the way in which Rochester's great philanthropist, Mr. George Eastman, went at his work as chairman of the general committee. When Mr. Eastman puts his time and money into any enterprise or undertaking that project is bound to go and this just what happened in the Rochester Red Cross Campaign. Mr. Eastman also set another good example. He told everybody that it was no great credit for a rich man to be generous. He should be generous because his wealth was only left in his hands as a trustee. It was the clerk and the artisan, Mr. Eastman said, and truly, who is really generous because he must deny himself or his family in order to contribute to charity.

Rochester is a good city in which to live!

Why He Must Go?

Probably, the German-Americans who side with the United States in the present crisis coincide with editor Charles H. Betts when he writes as follows in the Lyons "Republican": "When the German Kaiser by his cruel and heartless disregard of the instincts of humanity and his defiance of international law and of the rules of civilized warfare forced Uncle Sam into the great European War, he committed a blunder that is destined to shatter his crown, strip off his royal robes and reduce him to the ranks of a helpless private citizen."

This result would be a blessing to mankind and a blessing no less to the German people and the Empire of Germany. Germany is fast losing its prestige, its power and its influence in the world owing to the conduct of the Kaiser in this great war. For this reason he is Germany's worst enemy. The methods of his warfare, his ruthless warfare on mankind has had the effect to crystallize the enlightened conscience of mankind against the Empire of Germany. The Kaiser's ambition to rule the world by military force has involved nearly all the great nations of the world into a bloody and destructive war which will result in disaster to the German people by the sacrifice of their lives, their property, their prosperity and their influence in the world. Therefore the Kaiser is the German people's worst enemy."

Those rare days in June are still to come.

John McGraw would do better to stand by the newspaper boys than to try and insinuate he was "misquoted." That trick is too old.

These are the familiar Commencement Days. It does not seem that a year has rolled by.

Well, the Catholics of Rochester seem to be doing their full duty by the Red Cross and other public philanthropies. It is also true that we are bearing our full share of enlistments in Army and Navy.

If Mr. Hoover is right, the sooner we get after the food pirates and put some fear of vigilante law into their hearts the better for all concerned.

It is reported that there is a drought in Germany. If food is short in Germany the war will soon end. The German efficiency experts may be able to devise ways and means to finance and equip the armies but they cannot make food where food is not. And armies must be fed else they do not fight.

No matter what our previous racial affiliations, if we have taken the oath of allegiance our loyalty is to the United States and our only flag is the Stars and Stripes.

Well, Well! John D. Wells humorist has been made an M. A. by Syracuse University while Mayor John Purroy Mitchell has been made a Doctor of Laws by the University of Rochester. By the way, either Rochester is broadening out or it was not known that the Mayor of New York is classed as a Catholic.

Inspection may be a good thing but it is stated that the cost of Government and State inspection of meat costs us four cents per capita each year and of course the "ultimate consumer" pays that additional cost in his meat bill.

If a man says he has a wife dependent upon him when he wishes to escape the draft and

then it develops that that wife has him arrested for non-support the last state of that man is worse than his first.

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