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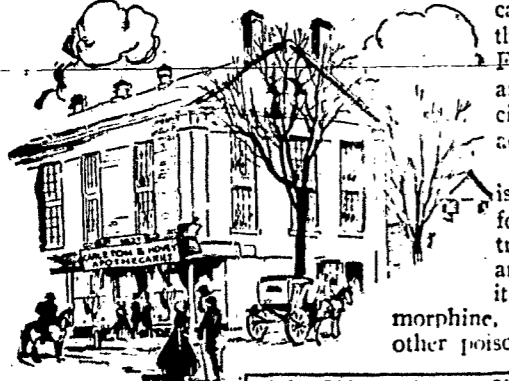


One of the interesting places in Lowell, Mass., is the old apothecary shop on Merrimack street, established in 1827. This location is still a drug store, although of course modernized in many departments. The old prescription books, however, have been preserved and form an interesting record covering nearly a century.

Perhaps one of the most interesting books is that of the year 1855. On one of the pages of this book, that dated June 9th, 1855, is written the original prescription for Father John's Medicine. This prescription was compounded for the Reverend Father John O'Brien at the old drug store on that date, and was so successful in treating Father John's ailment, which was a severe cold and throat trouble, that he recommended the medicine to his friends and parishioners. In going to the drug store and



The Old Prescription Book



The Old Apothecary Shop Established in 1827

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Our Special Number

With this issue The Catholic Journal enters upon its twenty-ninth year of Catholic journalism. In honor of the event we have printed a special number which we hope will bring pleasure to our readers.

Many changes have taken place since we launched the Catholic Journal in a little office and print shop in the old Sibley Block where now stands the handsome Triangle Building at the corner of East Avenue and Main Street East. In the early morning one could look out and see "the market," because in this triangle and at the junction of Main and North and Franklin Streets the farmers came each day to sell their produce and then there was a real retail market accessible to all who possessed the virtue of early rising.

The Wilder Building, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mercantile Building and the Granite Building were scarcely thought of then and there were but two big department stores on Main Street and but one on State Street. The Four Corners and the Liberty Pole were the centers of Rochester's activity. Even the great Kodak plant was in embryo as were so many others of Rochester's mammoth industries.

When the three founders of the Catholic Journal launched their project they consulted the first Bishop of Rochester, Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid. He discouraged them and pointed out the many obstacles to be met and difficulties to be overcome. But when he saw that the optimism of youth was proof against the wisdom of age he imparted his blessing and promised all possible assistance and nobly was the promise fulfilled. Indeed, it is not too much to say that had it not been for the kindly encouragement and friendly counsels of the first Bishop of Rochester the Catholic Journal would not long have survived. Because there were dark days ahead. Many there were who patted us on the back whose support were lacking when the real straits were to be crossed. Many there were who knocked where we had expected a boost. It was and still is hard to please everybody.

But the founders of this paper were obstinately perseverant. They kept on even when it was difficult to see where even the postage bill was coming from. Two of them dropped out later on but the paper continued. After awhile the tide turned and The Journal attained a firm footing on the sands of Catholic newspaperdom. Old friends continued staunch and new ones came year by year.

We may say, we think, truthfully that the files of The Catholic Journal mirror the progress of Catholicity in the Diocese of Rochester. Each new parish established, each new convent instituted, the development of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminars, the weekly history of each parish, the new priests ordained, the school commencement exercises, all have been faithfully chronicled along with the general Catholic news of the world as they happened week by week.

To our old friends we return thanks. To those who have joined us as the years rolled on we record grateful appreciation. We bespeak the cordial support of all the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester of their own home Diocesan Catholic paper.

In order to properly care for our increasing patronage we have decided to improve our facilities for newspaper and job printing and will, after October 1st, be located at 470 Main Street East, corner Windsor Street, where we will be able to serve you in a prompt and efficient manner. No job will be too small or too large for us to handle and we promise good service.

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At the best, military life is not tended to develop the spiritual side. Moreover, a temptation besets the soldier boy on every hand. The khaki uniform seems to spell invitation to the baser side. And the boy must not be censured too severely if he yields. He is away from home ties and influence. He has entered upon an entirely new life. The physical side is developed to the full. To meet these conditions we must interpose spiritual and moral assistance, clean and wholesome amusement.

By common consent and with the approval of the Federal authorities the Knights of Columbus will have charge of this work for the Catholic boys. But the project is to represent the entire Catholic population of the United States. Not only will spiritual facilities be provided at the Catholic camp headquarters, good reading matter will be available, wholesome entertainment will be furnished. In a word, we will enter into competition with the forces of evil. And we must win.

To insure the success of this project, money is needed. If every Catholic in the United States were to contribute but a mite, a large sum would be available. And is there not every reason why each and every Catholic should contribute?

Just think this over seriously!

GAELIC ASSOCIATION TO OPEN SEASON

The Gaelic Literary and Musical Association will open its season of 1917-18 with a reception and dance in its new hall, "The Fitzhugh," 81 South Fitzhugh Street, on Friday evening, October 12, and President D. C. Ryan has issued a call to all members to be in attendance on that evening.

Owing to the existing conditions in the affairs of the nation, it is anticipated that a considerable part of the efforts of the association during the coming season will be devoted to patriotic work.

Miss Mary Carr, treasurer, announces that the association has a reserve fund on hand sufficient to take care of all emergencies during the coming season, and Miss Elsie Cole, secretary, announces that no effort will be made to increase this fund at present, but all receipts in excess of current expenses will be devoted to charitable and patriotic purposes.

Mr. Ryan will submit his program for the season to the membership on the opening night, October 12, and looks with confidence for their assistance in carrying it out.



JOSEPH M. QUIGLEY, Chief of Police.

Chief Quigley was born in Canada in 1858, but was brought to this country by his parents when a year old. Until he was ten years old, the family lived in Lima, whence they removed to Rochester. The young man received his education here and in Buffalo. In 1891 he was appointed expert to the old State Dairy Commission and served with that body even after it had become the State Department of Agriculture. In 1907 he was made Commissioner of Charities of Rochester, and his record in that office is one of which he should be proud, for it gained him the love of the poor people with whom he came into contact. On December 4, 1908, he was appointed to the Chief of Police and in that position has gained the respectful admiration of his men, the gratitude of the people and the regard of other police chiefs of the country for his good work. The moral cleanliness of the city is due to his efforts and he is to be commended by all good citizens for his work in this direction.

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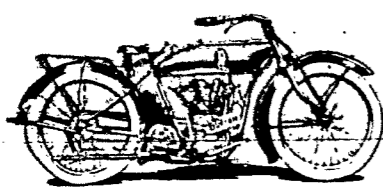
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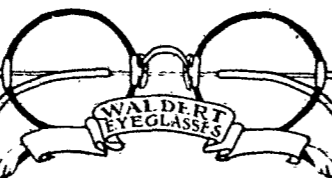
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