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Easter.

Once more the chimes ring out the glad news that "Christ is Risen! Easter morn is with us!" Were it not for the blessings and comfort of Religion, this world would be an intolerable habitation with war, destruction, carnage and casualty in progress all over the world.

It is the knowledge that there is a God over all, who the peoples of the world will yet acknowledge, that sustains millions of men and women in these trying days. They know that Christ came to bring a new era to mankind and had the nations heeded the teachings of the Saviour there would be no war in progress and peace would reign in all the world.

On this Easter of 1918, the joy we feel that Christ is risen again is tempered by the terrible scenes and happenings all over Europe. We must pray fervently with Pope Benedict XV that the veil of carnage and the smoke of battle may be lifted soon and peace may come to the warring nations and to the whole world.

Mr. Scott Honored.

Hon. Joseph Scott, known throughout California as a Catholic orator and publicist and who is now becoming a nation-wide celebrity by reason of his splendid work for the Knights of Columbus committee to Combat Religious Prejudices, has been chosen as the Latare medalist of Notre Dame University for 1918. The honor has been bestowed upon a worthy applicant. The company he will travel in is indicated by the following list of those who received the Latare medal in previous years:

Patrick J. Keeley, architect; Eliza Ann Starr, art critic; Gen. John Newton, civil engineer; Patrick V. Hickey, editor; Anna Hanson-Dorsey, novelist; William J. Onahan, publicist; Daniel Dougherty, orator; Maj. Henry W. F. Brownson, soldier and scholar; Patrick Donahue, editor; Augustin Daly, theatrical manager; Anna T. Sadlier, author; William Starke Rosecrans, soldier; Dr. Thos. A. Emmet, physician; Hon. Timothy Howard, jurist; Mary Gwendolen Caldwell, philanthropist; John A. Creighton, philanthropist; William Bourke Cockran, lawyer and orator; Dr. John B. Murphy, surgeon; Charles J. Bonaparte, statesman; Richard C. Karnes, philanthropist; Thomas B. Fitzpatrick, philanthropist; Hon. Francis Quinlan, surgeon; Katherine E. Conway, editor; Dr. James C. Moraghan, educator and publicist; Christian Reid, author; Maurice Francis Egan, minister to Denmark; Agnes Repplier, author; Thomas M. Mulry, philanthropist; Dr. Justice White, jurist; Mary V. Merrick, philanthropist; Dr. James J. Walsh,

surgeon and author; Admiral William Shepherd Benson, U. S. Navy.

Object Is Good.

While the objects sought to be attained by the bill Assemblyman Crowley has introduced in the Legislature are laudable—to put a stop to fakesolicitation for war and other charities, nevertheless the bill itself should be scrutinized very carefully lest unintentional injustice be done to reputable and innocent organizations.

If it does not seem necessary that for every little card party, dance or entertainment given by a reputable local fraternal organization or other reputable local society an application must be made to the county clerk and a license procured. It would seem that the place to apply for the license if a license is desirable would be to the mayor or village president who would have full knowledge of local conditions. If the application were made by a reputable local organization, he would issue it as a matter of course, without the exacting of a license fee of two dollars as is the case in the Crowley bill. If the application were made by persons not well-known in the community or by strangers, then a rigid inquiry should and could be made and drastic regulations prescribed before the license is granted.

The point is:—There should be discretionary power lodged somewhere to reject as well as grant the necessary license. As we read the Crowley bill, the county clerk, once application is made, would have no discretion but to issue the license and collect the fee, half of which goes to the county treasury and half to the Secretary of State at Albany.

Shuttlecock.

Certainly, it has been a merry game of battledoor and shuttlecock that wets and dries have played with the dear public for the last few weeks and the senators and assemblymen have been the pawns in the game.

First, the Federal prohibition amendment was sure to be ratified. Then it was made apparent that the Legislature, at least one branch of it, wanted the people of the State to take a referendum as to whether they wanted prohibition or not.

Apparently, the dries did not want a referendum of New York State because they immediately opposed this and it was reconsidered. It looked as if the stage were cleared for ratification. Not so. The Assembly at once took the matter off the map by voting to indefinitely postpone consideration of the whole matter.

Then the Senate took another tack and it accepted a statewide prohibition constitutional amendment for New York state alone and also a bill to make New York state dry during the war, except for beer and light wines. And so it went day by day!

New Is The Time.

Mayor Grace, of Charleston, S. C., in a recent speech in Buffalo, thus eloquently and concisely tells why Ireland should be free and why Irishmen ask that freedom be given now:—"Now is the time for brave men to speak or forever after hold their peace! And to speak should not in any manner embarrass either our officials or those of the empire whose gratitude to us can never be equal to the debt she owes. From the day Balfour came to begus for men, money and ships, is not her one cry to save her ere she sink? While thus she gasps barely above the waves she once ruled, and while the waters about her are studded for her salvation with ships of our navy, manned nearly in whole by Irish-American boys, when could there ever be a better time, not to ask, but to demand for Ireland that liberty which, if we left

England to shift for herself she could not only no longer refuse to Ireland, but could not retain for herself.

"If this is not the time to inquire for the fate of Ireland, then such a time will never be. If when this war is over, Ireland shall not have won her independence, then I, for one, will strike her cause from the docket of international equity as being one which at the moment of trial lacked audacious advocacy and as no longer entitled to encumber the calendar of a busy world.

We hope that Spring has really come to stay.

Good reading matter should be on hand in every family for the week end and other guests. In Catholic families, of course, Catholic papers and Catholic magazines should be included.

Our Catholic boys at the front should be ever present in our prayers.

The cedar of Lebanon is the stately and most majestic tree of Palestine. It often reaches a height of 100 or more feet.

The Cork Examiner states that the late Bishop of Limerick, Rt. Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, shortly before his death said: "You will find £10-\$50-of mine in the bank—not enough to bury me."

The custom of burning lights in churches dates from very early ages. As a rule it was only where the blessed sacrament was preserved that these lights were kept burning continuously.

The late Mrs. Katherine Sheehan Fratt of Billings, Mont., devised \$100,000 for the erection of a Catholic parochial school in Billings, \$50,000 for the building and \$50,000 for its support; \$5,000 to the debt of St. Patrick's Church, and \$25,000 to St. Vincent's Hospital.

The Sisterhoods regularly enlisted in and discharged from the service of the United States in the Civil War were:

The Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, the Sisters of Mother Seton Order of Charity, the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Ky.; the Sisters of the Holy Cross, the Sisters of Mercy, the Sisters of St. Joseph, and the Ursuline Nuns.

That is a praiseworthy work that the Knights of Columbus and the Young Men's Christian Association are engaged jointly in providing recreation for the boys in the United States school of Aerial Photography at Kodak Park.

The first K. of C. secretaries are to sail for France shortly—perhaps have sailed. They are real crusaders headed by that fine Christian-Knight—Walter L. Kernan.

Sister Aloysius recently celebrated the golden jubilee of her admission into the Order of St. Joseph.

Pretty soon the hobo of song and story will have no place to go. If New York and New Jersey and Ohio follow the lead of Maryland and ordain that all must work, whether they have money or not, "Weary Willie" will be dispossessed entirely and will be driven into the deserts of the great southwest.

Lord Edmund Talbot, only brother of the late Duke of Norfolk, heir to the dukedom, has been made Privy Councillor to the King.

The only rebels are those who see God's star, and fail to hold the course. [Matilda Hughes.

At Gallipoli, a cemetery of the allied soldiers is to be laid out under auspices of the Church.

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Hon. John Barrett, who recently delivered two lectures in the city, stated before our students that the Government needs were greater now than they had been at any time. Will you put your shoulder to the wheel?

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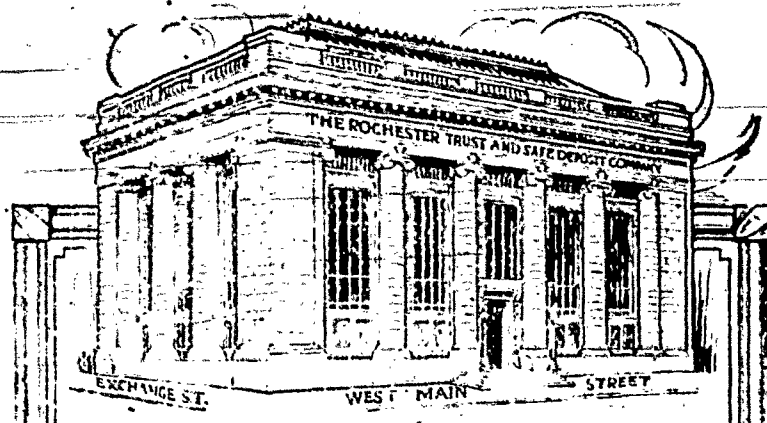
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