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Silver Jubilee.

From all over the world came felicitations to St. Bernard's Seminary last week upon the formal celebration of its silver jubilee. How time flies! It does not seem 25 years since Bishop McQuaid dedicated this Rochester institution to provide priests for the Diocese of Rochester who could be educated at home, under their own Bishop's watchful care and also make it possible for wider extension of vocations because it is a matter of expense to educate theological students in distant colleges and expense often restricts unduly the number of needed priests in a given Diocese.

The first Bishop of Rochester saw what was needed for the Diocese of Rochester and he appealed to his people to assist him in building the institution. But he did not expect that inside of a few years the fame of the institution would wax so great that students would be sent here from all over the Western Hemisphere to prepare for the priesthood. As Bishop Hickey so well said at the jubilee dinner it was a pity Bishop McQuaid was not spared to see the full fruition of his arduous labors but his spirit still hovers over St. Bernard's and his memory will always be cherished by the faculty and students at St. Bernard's.

Not alone Catholics but the entire citizenry of Rochester is proud of St. Bernard's and hope that the zenith of its prosperity and influence has not yet been reached.

Why Not a New Tack?

It is not necessary to agree with a person or corporation on their objects sought to be attained in order to admire the potency of their methods employed.

Very many persons dislike the objects of the Anti-Saloon League and are utterly opposed to national prohibition. There is more than a suspicion of sectarianism in its official personnel and this is intensified by William H. Anderson's scurrilous attack on Cardinal Gibbons.

But this does not blind our eyes to the very effective organization and astonishingly efficient publicity campaign waged by the Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Anderson seems to possess an uncanny intuition of what the press will print and also to discern in advance the line his opponent will take and then "beat him to it."

The liquor interests, as a whole, seem to have been astonishingly obtuse to the growth of the Anti-Saloon League and its efficient publicity methods. The liquor men continue to employ the arguments of a quarter of a century ago. They do not appear to realize that public sentiment, at least so far as is publicly manifested, is in a very large measure, absolutely opposed to the saloon and the public bar,

and that all the arguments advanced that "the saloon is the poor man's club" fall on deaf ears, even if the assertion were true. Public congregation of men and women to drink intoxicants never will carry in a public referendum. Neither will the liquor men get very far with their shop-worn arguments about "vested interests". The vested interests do not cut much ice these days in the public sentiment of the United States. This may be an unfortunate condition but it is a fact. Neither is it evidence of sanity to talk about declaring the prohibition amendment unconstitutional. It is now a part of the United States constitution, effective January 16, 1920, unless the United States Supreme Court finds and declares that the prohibition amendment was not adopted in conformity with the procedure laid down in the Constitution itself whereby it may be amended and hence is not a part of the Constitution. It will be observed that this is a very different proposition to declaring the amendment itself unconstitutional.

But if the liquor interests would realize that once the saloon, with its slimy record of unwarranted interference and influence in politics, is doomed and stand out man-fashion on their right to manufacture pure and not doctored liquors, to be sold to the individual for home consumption, they would insure widespread public support because the American people resent Federal interference with state rights and only tolerate Federal interference when state laws are inadequate to meet a given situation. We will go a step further and predict that public sentiment already has set its face against the use of "hard liquors" and the day of the old-time "booze fighter" is passed never to return. American public sentiment is decidedly in favor of temperance and against intemperance. March of education has accomplished more for temperance progress than all the Anti-Saloon League propaganda but the latter shrewdly claims the credit.

"Intolerance"

The following from an English exchange is respectfully commended to Tom Watson and his ilk as a sample of "Catholic intolerance" which might well be emulated by "Menace" readers:—

At a meeting of the Newcastle board of guardians it was moved that the Rev. Mr. Averell, Anglican chaplain at the workhouse for forty-five years, should be given a gratuity of £100 on his retirement, in consideration of the special services rendered by him. There was opposition to the motion on the ground that the board had no right in its dying moments to give any such sum of money away; but the Catholic chairman of the board, J. C. Doyle, who paid a tribute to Mr. Averell's work for the Protestant inmates, prevailed upon the dissentients to withdraw their objection, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Shaw's Absurdity.

Our old friend, Dr. Conde B. Pallen, has not lost his capacity for crisp, concise reasoning even if he no longer dictates the policy of a Catholic weekly and has graduated to the managing editor's desk of the Catholic Encyclopedia. In a recent article in the "Columbiad", Dr. Pallen thus briskly flays the pesky George Bernard Shaw who has blossomed out as an ardent preacher of Socialism:—

"Mr. Shaw's conception of democracy as a political scheme for the purpose of rolling all humanity out flat is such a grotesque misunderstanding that even the people below stairs blush for it. His plan—for arriving at human equality by making all incomes equal would be like cutting off all men's legs, or heads, to make

them of the same stature. If all men were by nature equal, it might follow that all incomes would be equal, and for that matter everything else. The only way to accomplish this would be to crush everybody into the same stereotyped mould, and turn men out as you would bricks or buttons. Humanity in the Eskimo and the Bushmen approaches most nearly to equality. The farther you can get away from the lowest type, the more completely and spontaneously does human nature burgeon into inequality, for inequality is the marrow of human growth and development, and democracy is only that orderly condition of freedom which enables human nature to find its proper levels, above or below, as equality of opportunity."

Community Chest.

Last year the people of Rochester united in one grand drive for all sorts of war work. That is the entire citizenship was canvassed but once for subscriptions for K. of C., Y. M. C. A., Red Cross and all the other war services instead of each service appealing at various times separately. This plan was followed in many other localities but the plan was extended in Rochester to cover all the local charities and benevolent projects which are in the habit of appealing to the public for funds to aid in carrying on their work.

Rochesterians responded nobly, it was estimated that about \$3,000,000 would be needed to cover the Rochester quotas for national war work and to cover the amounts ordinarily raised by popular appeal for the local charities. Not only was this amount contributed by all the citizens of Rochester but about \$1,250,000 over was pledged which has been held in a contingent fund to be drawn upon for special objects.

It has been decided to continue the "Chest" this year with the title "Community Chest" succeeding "War Chest," and the spring drive is now on. Pledges may be redeemed monthly for a year or in one, two, three or four payments.

Good reading matter is a prime essential to enjoyment of your vacation. Catholics should include their Catholic paper.

Our old friend Charlie Betts is still against the Roosevelt. Now he will have none of young Teddy. Perhaps, the feeling is mutual.

Hon. Chauncey M. Depew will regret the advent of July 1st. He says champagne has been a great aid to his digestion.

Wonderful, is it not, how many people there are who could do the other fellow's work so much better than he can who was trained especially for his job.

Fitting indeed was the tribute paid by Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, to the memory of the Knights who made the supreme sacrifice in the world war.

"The cause of Ireland is the acid test of the sincerity and good faith of England in the peace conference." Justice Daniel F. Cohalan in the Buffalo mass meeting in behalf of Erin's right to self-determination under President Wilson's own definitions.

National Republican Chairman Will Hays' announcement that his party will not accept contributions for the 1920 campaign of more than \$1000 each is proof positive that another "infant industry" is doomed.

One Charles T. Chapin would give real money for an assurance of twenty-five consecutive days of sunshine.

This month's experience demonstrates the worth of deepening the Genesee river channel.

It is a pity that the C. M. B. A. will have to levy additional assessments to replenish its reserve fund because of influenza demands because it will tend to check the growth of the association already restricted in its membership.

Well, it cannot be denied that "Ben" Cunningham's legal attainments compare favorably with those of the present justices on the Supreme Court when they ascended the bench.

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