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Thirty-first Year.

With this issue the Catholic Journal enters upon its thirty-first year of Catholic journalistic life.

Thirty-one years ago, when this paper was started, there were not nearly as many Catholic papers published in the United States and the Catholic population of the country was not nearly what it is today. It was not felt by many, even by the Catholic clergy, that a strong Catholic press was necessary, even though we were not so strong numerically as we are today, the open enmity of our antagonists was manifested in coarser, more bludgeon-like method than to-day.

While it would be no small undertaking to launch a Catholic paper today, it would be easier than thirty years ago when it looked like a stupendous proposition. A subscription list had to be worked up in order to secure the necessary cheaper postage rates accorded to regular newspapers. Advertisers, as might be expected, were shy about inserting their advertising in a publication of unknown merit and of unknown circulation. As has been stated, the Catholic clergy doubted the wisdom of a local Catholic paper when out of town publications edited by men like McMaster, Father Lambert, Father Cronin were available in Rochester.

However, the projectors of the Catholic Journal possessed the vim and enthusiasm of youth, even if they lacked the caution of the veteran editors and publishers. Had they forseen the uphill struggle, the disappointments, the trials of future years, perhaps they would not have entered upon the venture. But they did not foresee, and they did enter upon the venture.

The early storms have been weathered. It were best to forget the past and look only to the future. But there is one point to be emphasized. The Catholic Journal cannot be accused of profiteering. It was the pioneer Dollar Catholic Weekly and despite the enormous increase in the price of paper, wages, ink, rent and every other factor which goes into the makeup and upkeep of a newspaper, this paper has steadily refused to increase its subscription price. It still sells for One Dollar a Year.

In view of this point we feel justified, while we return sincere thanks for those who so nobly stood by us in the past, in urging support by all the Catholics of the city and Diocese of Rochester. We want to retain all old friends. We need and invite new subscribers and advertising patronage. Our publication is worth more than we ask for it. Only if we secure additional subscribers and increased advertising patronage can we continue as a Dollar Weekly.

We feel confident of a hearty response.

Rosary.

In the calendar of Holy Mother Church, the month of October is dedicated especially to the Rosary of the Blessed Mother. This does not mean that we are to do neglect this beautiful devotion in the other eleven months of the year any more than we neglect to pray for the souls of our departed loved ones in other months than November, the month especially devoted to the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

But we are urged to say the Rosary oftener to keep it special before our minds. And is there a more beautiful devotion than the Rosary? In repeating it our thoughts are directed toward the principal incidents in the life of our Lord, from the angel's announcement of the advent of His birth to His crucifixion on Calvary, His resurrection from the dead, His ascent into Heaven, the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles and the assumption and coronation of the Blessed Mother. And even through the decades we repeat that wonderful prayer "Our Father" and the angel's annunciations words "Hail, Mary, full of grace, etc." The oftener we repeat the Rosary, the more deeply are impressed upon us the truths, the mysteries, the beauties of our holy faith. And the more deeply are we so impressed the better Catholics we will be and our daily lives and conduct will reflect the constant devotion to Holy Mother Church, the authorized interpreter of revealed religion.

And so let us practise especial devotion to the Holy Rosary during this month of October.

Small Specimen.

It will be recalled that "Rev." S. J. Catts, a notorious anti-Catholic bigot, is now Governor of Florida. It is evident from the following despatch that Catts is offensive in other ways than bigotry:-

TAMPA, Fla., Sept. 17.-On the minutes of the Tampa City Council today was a resolution ordering a telegram from Governor Catts to be framed as "a fine example of the retort discourteous."

The telegram, sent by the governor in reply to the request made by the council ten days ago that he retract or deny the statement attributed to him in an address on Labor Day at Pensacola that P. O. Knight, a prominent attorney of Tampa, would be in danger of his life if he walked the streets of Tampa, follows: "Messrs. F. W. Ball, President, City Council; W. A. Johnson, City Clerk, and D. B. McKay, Mayor, Tampa, Fla.

"DEAR SIRS: Your contemptible resolution concerning what I said about Peter O. Knight has been received. You think you can make me take back what I said suppose you come up to Tallahassee and try it or the next time I am in Tampa suppose you try it there.

"Respectfully
"S. J. CATTS, Governor."
If our information is correct, the Anti-Saloon League was one of the principal sponsors for Governor Catts.

It will be a difficult task for Governor Smith to pick a man to fill the place of the late John Mitchell as chairman of the State Industrial Commission. James M. Lynch will come nearest filling the bill if selection is made from the personnel of the present Commission.

Governor Smith is a busy man these days with state labor boards, state food boards, state reconstruction boards and what not else all on his hands.

During October we should practise special devotion to the Holy Rosary.

Surprises.

While the great nations of Great Britain, Italy and France entered into a secret treaty not to permit the Pope to figure in any peace negotiations lest, perchance, guarantees of religious liberty might enter into the final peace treaty to the mortal offense of the Briands and the Viviani's - it looks as if the thinkers of all countries were reaching the conclusion that the influence of the Pope, at least his good will be a great factor in permanent world peace.

Just read over the following London despatch and see wherein a change of opinion has taken place in England:-

London, Sept. 2.-The polemic, which is raging regarding the retention of the British embassy to the Vatican, becomes more bitter every day. But now a powerful journal, notorious for its anti-Catholic sympathies, has taken the side of the mission. The Morning Post insists that this is not the moment to withdraw the Count de Salis and his staff from Rome. Has not the German Reich just transformed the mission, which hitherto emanated from Prussia only, into one representing the whole German empire? Moreover, the journal points out that never, in all her history, so much as now, has the British empire had need of relation with the Vatican, for in all parts of her domain are arising questions which can be settled only with the aid of the Papacy. Canada, Africa, Egypt, the new lands over which Great Britain has a mandate, India-all have their Catholic problems for solution. Therefore, the organ of the leisure and official classes strongly advises the retention of the mission to the Vatican, despite the outcries of the bigots and the would-be economists.

Just Think It Over.

To the ultra pro-Britishites-and their number in Rochester is legion-who love to speak of Irishmen who seek home rule as "rebels" we commend the following editorial description from the Liverpool "Times" of the "rebels" who the British Lloyd George government has commissioned to "rule" Ireland and Irishmen:-

Some English people seem to think that Irishmen are a turbulent lot, that they are never content, that they are rebels by nature, and that it is useless trying to win them to peaceful ways. So they applaud the sending of troops and machine guns and tanks to keep them obedient. Such people may gain profit from the perusal of the following extract from a newspaper to which rebellion is a loathsome crime: "See how the Orange Covenanters hold Nationalist Ireland in the hollow of their hands. It was Sir James Campbell, Legal Adviser to the Ulster Provisional Government, who, as Lord Chancellor, signed the latest proclamation in County Clare; it was General Hackett Pain, one of the same Government's military advisers, who signed the most recent proclamation in Derry; it is Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, another military adviser, who controls from Whitehall the British Army of Occupation. Mr. Bonar Law leads the British Parliament, and Lord Birkenhead the British Bench. Can anybody wonder if rebellion is fashionable?"

What can any honest, decent Englishman say? Would he submit to such men, if he were an Irishman? Here are rebels in honor. And it is a British newspaper which points the moral. Before Englishmen talk of rebellion in Ireland, they should stop to examine the records of the men appointed by the British Government to goad the Irish people to revolt. Our treatment of Ireland is a disgrace to us.

Pretty soon you will have to be thinking of your state income tax.

They have a few "political plums" in the Federal Railway administration. Besides 50,000 passes good for passage on all railroads by the holders these salaried plums were handed out. Under government operation five subordinates on the director-general's salary list were employed at \$50,000 each; two at \$40,000; three at \$35,000; two at \$30,000; eight at \$25,000; eleven at \$20,000; one at \$18,500; one at \$18,000; one at \$17,500; six at \$15,000; one at \$14,000; one at \$13,200; one at \$12,500; four at \$12,000; one at \$10,800; one at \$10,600, and twenty-three at \$10,000. And the dear public foots the bill for deficits!

It was the immortal Lincoln who said that: "This nation, under God, should have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people and for the people should not perish from the earth". Some of our statesmen, both national and international, appear to have forgotten that qualifying phrase "under God."

It was an impressed concourse that witnessed the blessing of the graves at Holy Sepulcher cemetery last Sunday.

Being President or Governor these days is not "occupying a position". It is "holding down a job."

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