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All Saints—All Souls

We enter upon the month of November, the month set apart in the ecclesiastical calendar by the Holy Mother Church to remember those who have gone before to prepare the way for our arrival in Heaven. During November we are to pay tribute to the Saints. "All Saints Day" and then to remember especially in our prayers the poor souls in Purgatory. While it is expected that each will remember in these prayers the departed members of his own family or his deceased friends, it is well for each of us to say at least one little prayer daily for those poor souls who have no one to remember them. They have need of the prayers of the faithful and they will remember us later on. It may easily happen that those we expect to pray for us after we are gone will neglect their duty and obligation—such is the frailty of human nature—and if we do not neglect the poor souls while we are alive we may be sure they will not neglect us after we are in the grave. No matter who else neglects us.

November is the last month of fall when nature is in transition to the icy thrall of winter. The trees are bereft of their foliage and as a rule the air is chill and bleak, if indeed cold rain or snow is not the order of the day. All nature calls attention to death and decay. And it is the natural month for the church to remind us of our last end—that which none of us can escape. Wherefore, let us prepare ourselves by attendance upon Holy Mass approaching the Sacraments frequently and praying for the poor souls in Purgatory.

THIRTY-ONE

The Catholic Journal has passed the 31st milestone of its existence and is now in its thirty-second year of journalistic life. In celebration thereof we are issuing and sending to our subscribers this splendid special number of eighty pages.

Inasmuch as the Catholic Journal was a pioneer in the Americanization movement we decided that the keynote of our 31st anniversary number should be the Americanization problem. Every article, every advertisement, in short every feature of the anniversary issue has been framed with an idea of aiding of Americanizing not only our foreign-born residents but also some of our people who have resided in Rochester, in New York State, yes, in the United States for years yet do not know what America stands for, what the Stars and Stripes typify, what a proud being a true American citizen should be. There are men and women who throw out their chests when ever America is mentioned, who never have had the faintest conception of what the word means. They never have caught the American ideal. They are perfectly willing, yes anxious to send the foreigner to night school while they themselves are in need of education along right lines before they may presume to look down upon the foreigner.

Knowing all these things and having followed the trend of the Americanization movement from its inception, The Catholic Journal presents this splendid special number and returns its thanks to all who have contributed to its success.

This is Not the Way

Editorials of criticism in New York and Boston papers, speeches before boards of trade and Chambers of Commerce of the East, carping and scolding of the societies and finding fault by men interested in trade relations with Japan, will not solve the California problem or allay the distrust the Easterners who never have in California who persist in telling the world that the Californians do not love the Japanese is a loutish, ill-bred creature whose unrefined nature will not permit him to understand and sympathize with the proud, mystic, sensitive son of Nippon.

Judging from some of the speeches printed in the Papers and the editorials printed there are people in the East who would make San Francisco a Japanese settlement, would make Oakland a Japanese coaling station for men and women who are true into a Japanese shipyard and make of California second rate adios jewel, letting the American population shift as best it could get out of California.

These persons either do not know or wish to know that the Californians firmly believe that unless the Japanese movement checked white supremacy in California is seriously menaced. They will not listen a minute to the franchise to Japan. It is in the marrow of these no matter how long they have lived in the United States. These Californians do not find the Japanese innocent, guileless, and Yankee-loving persons the ors, merchants and missionaries of the East tell us they are. The Californians paint a far different portrait of the almond-eyed Nipponese.

The point we make is that the place to settle the California question is in California; not on the Eastern Chautauqua platform. We also say to our readers that from personal observation we know that the Californian will not more brook Eastern interference than the Southerner will permit the Northerner to settle the racial problem, any other than the Southern method.

IN NEW YORK, TOO!

We take the liberty of repeating on this page the following which appeared in the Catholic Journal news columns a few weeks since:

Newark, N. J., Sept. 20—A law making it a misdemeanor to exclude applications for teaching positions in the public schools on the account of the religion of the applicant has been passed through the efforts of the Federation of the Holy Name Society of this State. The law grows out of the discrimination made in 1917 by the New Jersey Board of Education against an application for a position because of the fact that she is a Catholic. It is intended to vitalize the provision of the State Constitution that declares: "No religious test shall be required as a qualification for any public office or trust in the State."

New Jersey is not the only state in the country in which this type of bigotry is prevalent and the Federation of the Holy Name Society is expected to prompt similar action in many parts of the United States.

While the situation never has reached the acute stage; it did in Jersey where not one but several Catholics were denied appointments as teachers simply because of their religious belief. There are localities where such action will be taken whenever these bigots think they can get away with it.

Hence it is desirable that a similar preventive statute be passed in New York State. Do it in the Legislature of 1929.

Such rot as the following from the "Lyons Republican" is what discredits all political editorials with the average reader and voter.

"Al" Smith, the Tammany candidate for Governor, may be running but he is not the type of administrator the people need in the executive chair. Men who have done big things and who know how to do the big things are the ones who are in demand now. Judge Miller has been a success in private life and has handled big problems. The only problems Al Smith has ever handled have been little or no executive ability. Ask yourself if this is not so? "Al" knows it himself.

Whenever you are in doubt as to which of two things to do; let number and returns its thanks to all who have contributed to its success.

LEADERSHIP

In common with all other branches of the community the Catholics are taking advantage of the organization. The National Catholic Welfare Council is the Federation of the mission societies and finding fault by men interested in trade relations with Japan, will not solve the California problem or allay the distrust the Easterners who never have in California who persist in telling the world that the Californians do not love the Japanese is a loutish, ill-bred creature whose unrefined nature will not permit him to understand and sympathize with the proud, mystic, sensitive son of Nippon.

The delegates were thrilled by an eloquent address from Cardinal O'Connell, in which he said: "We are all looking for leadership. The Church and the nation both are longing for leadership, longing for men and women who will take a big part in life with its burdens, sufferings, criticisms and sacrifices, and do it nobly and for God."

The nation is in great need of leadership at the present time and the whole world is looking for men and women who are true leaders. America is expecting new leadership, and I am convinced that your association representing as it does the trained mind, the cultured heart and the religious soul of womanhood all over this country, in due time, when you have firmly taken your stand, will prove a potent force in helping to solve our problems. It is in the marrow of our bones and in your blood to work for Catholic principles and God and every noble cause. The leadership of this country among women will come from you."

Another day or so and the political bigots will fold their tents and sneak away for another four years—at least for a year.

"Al" Smith is a game fighter no matter whether you agree with him politically or not.

If William W. Hibbard has the say, there'll be a Rochester baseball team.

Now go to the polls and vote for the men you deem best fitted to serve the country, the state and YOU.

Those who have read with delight and pleasure the interesting novels of Meredith Nicholson will learn with delight that he has just been received into the Catholic Church.

The National Catholic Laymen's Council is to take charge of the training of Catholic Social workers. In fact there are many non-Catholic employers who welcome the social service and welfare plans of the National Catholic Welfare Council above the plans of their own people and wish to employ workers trained along that line.

Catholic Woman's Club Hold Halloween Party

Decorations befitting the autumn season transformed Holy Redeemer Church Hall Monday evening, the first night of a Halloween frolic and bazaar held by the Catholic Woman's Club.

There were many attractive booths. The fern booth, in charge of Mrs. George Lamb, was among the most ornamental. Aprons of many descriptions were provided at the booth of the L. C. B. A. Young Women who form the Camp Madonna group had a booth. The Alumnae booth was in charge of Florence Tschieder. The Women's Catholic Federation of Holy Redeemer parish was in charge of the miscellaneous booth. Miss Marie Rickey was in charge of the fancy booth. Music was furnished by the club orchestra, of which Miss Marie Regan is leader.

French Alliance Elects Officers

The first meeting of the season of the French Alliance was held Wednesday evening at the Century Club, and the following officers were elected.

President, Rev. A. A. Notebaert; first vice-president, F. Von der Lancken; second vice-president, Dr. Dexter Perkins; third vice-president, Mrs. Irving Loverree; fourth vice-president, Dr. Alva Miller; treasurer, Mrs. David F. Lawless; secretary, Gaston De Dellesroid; assistant secretary, Mrs. Arthur See.

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