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Be Liberal!

Bishop Hickey's appeal to the Catholics of the Diocese of Rochester to be liberal contributors to the collection to aid diocesan charities and to help support the Catholic Boys' High School to broaden its scope until such time as a new and suitable edifice is provided for this branch of Catholic educational activity, should meet with a ready and willing response.

Bishop Hickey presents cogent reasons why home missions should and must be maintained, as well as the necessity for Catholic social service work. We must meet non-Catholic competition if the faith is to be conserved in the hearts of our immigrant or foreign population.

When the special collection is taken in your parish give as liberally as you possibly can and God will reward you for so doing.

Change May Be Good

Certain papers and persons are finding fault with the appointment of Harry Daugherty as Attorney-General by President Harding. One set criticizes because he has been a politician. Another is exercised because he has not been a "trust-busting lawyer". A third says he cannot compare to A. Mitchell Palmer as an orator.

Perhaps it would be well to wait a while and give Mr. Daugherty a chance to show his mettle. The country at large cannot recall that Mr. Palmer and the army of trust busters who have cost the taxpayers millions of dollars in trial fees, salaries and expenses, have lowered the price of food products at all appreciably until recently when the inexorable law of supply and demand forced a downward revision.

It is very possible that the advent of a less loquacious, more producing of results, personage at the head of the United States Department of Justice may have far reaching and beneficial results to the country at large.

If the Daugherty appointment presages more work and less talk from the Harding administration, then more Daugherty appointments, say we.

Not Bad Advice

Not often does one turn to an animal magazine for advice in economics but the following from the "Breeder's Gazette" is worth passing up in front of most of us:—

Certain people apparently consider just now that this generation is about the most abused of any that ever inherited the earth. Nothing is as it should be! Everything is wrong! Our burdens are greater than we can bear. We are in open rebellion against our lot. Most of us are complaining, among other things, that we have

too much reading matter shoved upon us, as recently referred to in these columns; but even so, there is one thing the perusal of which the Gazette desires to recommend at this juncture. Did you ever hear of The Book of Job? A careful reading of the entire book—which most of our readers presumably possess—may help to a healthier mental state at this time.

We surely are plagued by the "boils" of business disappointments. We are long suffering and miserable. What's the use? There is no such thing as right and justice?

It is related that the Lord stood for Job's grouch with infinite patience for a time, but in due course he decided to tell the complainant a few things which, in casting up his balance, had been apparently overlooked. And when he had finished and Job finally was forced to admit that he had gone altogether too far in his sweeping indictment it is written: "Then answered the Lord out of the whirlwind and said, 'Gird up thy loins like a man.'"

Defects Pointed Out

The New York "Tribune" is not altogether sure that Governor Miller's traction bills cannot be improved upon. In a recent editorial it points out these considerations:—

The Governor's messages and explanations imply two highly important things: First, flexible fares, ultimately if not immediately, with the fare automatically fixed by dividing the sum of operating expenses and interest charges by the number of passengers carried. Second, a unified traction system under which there will be a single flat fare for the whole city, with the losses on feeding lines made good by profits on the main lines.

Yet it is plain that the flexible fare is in essence merely the cost plus system, of unsavory repute, in another form. It will be all the same to the management what wages are paid and what payments are made for supplies. The expenditures, whatever they are, will be charged in the bill which passengers must pay. It needs no argument to establish that inefficiency would show its head and that it is indispensable, if the fare is not to mount, to have safeguards putting a premium on otherwise compelling economy. What is proposed to be done along this line? How will the supervising commission be able under such conditions to make a private company manage well?

As to the other point there is similar obscurity. If there is a unified service, with a single flat fare, it is highly probable that interested groups will each demand a trolley at its corner and that the resistance to tearing up non-paying tracks will be strong. An energetic selfishness is loosed that it is not easy to restrain.

Not Needed

As the result of investigation, the Brooklyn "Tablet" says the revived Ku Klux Klan is anti-Catholic, anti-Negro and anti-Jewish. Judge Alfred J. Talley, of the New York Court of General Sessions says:—

"There is no room in the great broadminded state of New York for so un-American an organization. The pretensions that it apparently makes to patriotism enforce Johnson's definition of patriotism as the last refuge of a scoundrel. No secret, oath-bound organization is needed to preserve and perpetuate devotion to the American government, nor to uphold the law of the land and the constitution.

"This Ku Klux Klan, on their own declarations of principles, is composed of narrow-chested bigots and screech fanatics, and good citizens and real Americans will set their faces against them and their wild aspirations."

We have not noticed any vociferous praise of Mr. Hughes' appointment from the papers of William Randolph Hearst.

Who will be Rochester's fellower of the Pittsburgh landlord who will remit a month's rent to tenants where a baby is born?

The Eastman college of music will add to Rochester's fame all over the world.

And now the report comes that ice is scarce in Iceland and the price is high!

Announcement that Edward Sanford Martin is to succeed William Dean Howells in control of the "Easy Chair" of Harper's Monthly recalls the fact that back in 1890, Mr. Martin was associate editor of the old Rochester Union & Advertiser when William Purcell was its editor; when Joseph O'Connor and Jacob A. Hockstra guided the destinies of the Post Express; Charles E. Fitch edited the Democrat & Chronicle and Samuel Love headed the Herald staff. The Times was not in existence. Among the reporters of Rochester when Mr. Martin was here were Louis Wiley, now manager of the New York Times; James Stanley, the veteran political writer; John B. O'Hara, Pierre Purcell, John W. Dickerson and Willard A. Markle, now publicity director for the New York State Industrial Commission.

President Harding says he is willing to pay income tax on President's salary. There are others.

There may be difference of opinion on the League of Nations but there appears to be an unanimous adverse verdict in North Dakota on the Non-Partisan League.

Quebec intends to take no more chances. If you desire to partake of her refreshments you must get there, pay hotel and taxi and all the other charges and consume your purchase under the protection of the Maple Leaf.

Father Nunney of Richmond Hill, Long Island, is meeting attacks of bigots by inserting page advertisements of Catholic truth in the local secular press.

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"Our opponents put up a very warm but very unsatisfactory defense. They remind me of the chorus girl."
"A young divine met in Broadway a chorus girl from his home town. In the course of their conversation the divine said:
"You like the city best, Lalage, but I love a wild, free, open-air life."
"And don't I too?" the chorus girl protested hotly. "Every evening after the show I get my supper on a roof garden."

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Persons who have bright children.
The man who has just bought a suit cheap.
The man who sneezes and tells you he's got the flu.
The widow whose first husband was a success.

When Rochester Honored General Otis

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