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Assumption

Shortly the Church will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin into Heaven.

It is not certain where she died. The common tradition of the Church represents her as having died at Jerusalem where her empty tomb was shown to pilgrims in the Seventh Century.

In any case, it is certain that she really died, and that her exemption from original sin did not prevent her paying this common debt of humanity.

The very fact that she had received a possible nature rendered her liable to death.

Still, although the Blessed Virgin tasted of death, her body was preserved from corruption and it was united to her soul in the kingdom of heaven.

The Church signifies her belief in this fact by celebrating the feast of her Assumption on the fifteenth of August.

There is no distinct assertion of the corporal assumption in the prayers of the feast, but it is plain that the Church encourages and approves this belief for the fact that she selects for the lesson during the octave a passage from St. John Damascene in which the history of this corporal assumption is given in detail.

This pious belief is recommended by its intrinsic reasonableness, for surely it is natural to suppose that our Lord did not suffer the sacred body in which He Himself had dwelt and from which He had formed His own sacred humanity to become a prey to corruption.

It is, moreover, a striking fact that, notwithstanding the zeal of the early Church in collecting and venerating relics, no relics of the Blessed Virgin's body have ever been exhibited.

The corporeal assumption is not an article of faith. Still Melchior Canus sums up the general teaching of theologians on this head when he says: "The denial of the Blessed Virgin's assumption into heaven, though by no means contrary to the faith, is still so much opposed to the common agreement of the Church that it would be a mark of insolent temerity."

(Melchior Canus, De Locis Theolog. XII, 10).

The Catholic Journal's subscription list is always open for new subscribers.

Let us hope the Building Trades strike is settled and will stay settled for at least two years.

Dr. Gilbert Bushnell Hart says Rochester's schools are the finest in the country. Dr. Hart is from Harvard University.

It is to be hoped that Industrial Commissioner Henry D. Sayer will be able to revise the compensation law procedure so that the least possible delay will ensue in compensation reaching the injured worker.

You don't like the new phone rates? Well, what are you going to do about it?

Phone Service

There is one point that has been overlooked, apparently, in the telephone controversy. That is what the telephone officials call "metered service" and what the Public Service Commission calls "measured service" is really nothing of the sort. We meter and measure gas, electricity and water by what is actually used or consumed—there is something tangible to work upon.

Not so in the measurement of the Rochester Telephone Corporation. It wishes to apply to Rochester. If they would propose to really meter the service so that the "phone hog" who monopolizes a telephone for anywhere from ten minutes to half an hour will pay for his use of the phone more than the business man who talks as little as he can and releases the phone as quickly as possible.

That is "metered service" where the phone user can read his meter, knows what he has used and is ready to pay accordingly.

But a plan to make all phone users pay equal tax, no matter how long or how short is the talk, is unfair. And to leave the count rest only on the veracity of alleged accuracy of careless operators, who are not omniscient, is grossly unfair to the patron. The phone company has all the advantage.

Illiteracy

In a public school in New York city a test showed that only 573 children out of 1,373 questioned had any real familiarity with the Ten Commandments. These children were of Christian and Jewish parentage.

Commenting upon this showing, District Attorney Lewis, of Kings County, says, very pertinently: "It is surprising to know how few of the boys and girls of today understand the Ten Commandments. They are the rules of conduct which should and must be known. If all boys and girls observed and followed them, they would undoubtedly be and remain good American citizens."

The great trouble today is that we are not taking enough interest in children. Selfish parents believe that after birth their duty to their children is ended. They believe children should be allowed to grow up like weeds in the field, to go where they like, when they like, and do what they want, and the over-indulgent parent realizes his mistake when the boy or girl has violated the law and the name of the family is being disgraced. The damage has then been done and it is too late to remedy the mistake.

If crime is to be diminished the adult population must take greater interest in the growing children. Every parent should be watchful of his children and see that they receive the necessary preliminary training in the schools and should insist that at least one day in each week the child should be in some religious school getting the benefit of God's teaching. Too little is known of the Bible.

Which is why the Catholics pay double taxes to maintain their own parochial schools.

Well the sun is lower, the days are shorter and the nights are longer as every day in August passes over.

Every day the Police Court furnishes new arguments for greater strictness on the part of parents in bringing up children.

Some of the talk against the new telephone rates reminds one of the old saw about locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

Lord Northcliffe evidently does not like Lloyd George. There are others.

President Harding appears to have his troubles. And he seems to know how to meet them.

Mayorality

A full city ticket is to be elected this fall in Rochester—a complete set of local officials from mayor to alderman. Because of the appointment of Senator John B. Mullan as Postmaster of Rochester a new senator, to serve for a year, will be elected in the Forty-Sixth district.

Mayor Hiram H. Edgerton, for the last fourteen years Mayor of Rochester, with a splendid record of steady, safe, administration, has announced that he will not be a candidate for renomination.

It will not be easy to find another Mayor who will pursue such a safe and sane policy, one that has made Rochester a marked community among the cities of the country, as has Hiram H. Edgerton.

Irrespective of party, all fair-minded Rochesterians will wish Mayor Edgerton Godspeed and hope that he may live long to enjoy a well-earned return to the pleasures of his home life and that his successor may be as wise a man as him we affectionately style "Uncle Hi".

Japan is willing to discuss disarmament but is unwilling to give up any territorial or other advantages gained in and by the late war.

Back handed praise: The Chamber of Commerce offering to help Postmaster Mullan restore efficiency in the Rochester Post-office.

Let us hope Senator Mullan can give us better postal service in Rochester!

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What has become of Secretary of Labor James J. Davis?

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RE-ELECT ALL OFFICERS AT SUPREME CONVENTION

San Francisco, Aug. 3.—The supreme council, Knights of Columbus, in their 39th annual international convention here today, re-elected all supreme officers for a period of two years, including James A. Flaherty, Philadelphia, supreme knight; Martin H. Carmody, Grand Rapids, Mich., deputy supreme knight; William J. McGinley, New Haven, Conn., supreme secretary; D. J. Callahan, Washington, supreme treasurer; Joseph C. Peletier, Boston, supreme advocate; Dr. E. W. Buckley, St. Paul, Minn., supreme physician; Rev. P. J. McGivney, Bridgeport, Conn., supreme chaplain, and David F. Supple, San Francisco, supreme warden.

On the board of directors, the five members whose terms expired were re-elected for terms of three years as follows:—John F. Martin, Green Bay, Wis.; Luke E. Hart, St. Louis; William J. Larkia, New York; William J. J. Mulligan, Thompsonville, Conn.; John O'Dwyer, Toledo, Ohio.

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Sunday, August 7.—St. Cajetan, known as the "hunter of souls" who retired from the court of Julius II to join the Confraternity of St. Jerome, spending his money to aid the poor. He introduced the Forty Hours' Devotion as an antidote to the heresy of Calvin. St. Cajetan was born in Vincenza in 1480 and died in 1547.

Monday, Aug. 8.—St. Cyriacus and his twenty-two companions, martyrs, who were executed by Diocletian in 303.

Tuesday, Aug. 9.—St. Romanus, a Roman soldier, who was so impressed at the manner in which St. Laurence bore torture that he confessed the faith and was executed the day before St. Laurence met death, in the year 258.

Wednesday, Aug. 10.—St. Laurence, chief of the seven deacons of the Roman Church, who being commanded by the prefect of the city to yield up the treasures of the church, gathered the sick, the infirm and the poor and presented them to the official. He was tortured over a slow fire.

Thursday, Aug. 11.—Sts. Tiburtius and Susanna, martyrs. The former was a subdeacon and the son of the prefect Chromatius; the latter a holy virgin, whose refusal to marry caused her to be impeached. Both were executed in the reign of Diocletian.

Friday, Aug. 12. St. Clare, who, inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, founded the order of the Poor Clares. For twenty-eight years of illness, the Holy Eucharist was her only support and spinning linen for the altar the one work of her hands. She died in 1253.

Saturday, Aug. 13.—St. Radegunda, daughter of a King of Thuringia, who was made prisoner by Clotaire, King of Soissons. She desired to remain a virgin, but was at last forced to yield to the King's wish that she become his wife. As queen she displayed great virtue, which was at first pleasing to her husband, but later he reproached her for her pious exercises, declaring he had married a nun and not a queen. Finally he permitted her to retire to a convent, she founded at Noyon and there she died in 587.

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Even Sunday mornings, when his friend does not come to the office, he will run up to the door, wait patiently till he is tired, and then will disappear and not be seen any more till Monday at the usual hour.—Kansas City Times.

He Had the Proofs All Right. High School John's three splinter sisters were all sentimental. They treasured all the relics of their early romances—"trash" that John would joyfully have discarded so that he could have more room for trophies, etc.

One night he scornfully called the family's attention to a gaily decorated clock on the mantel. "It's no earthly good," he said. "It won't run and it's out of style, too. Let's get one of those mahogany ones like the Browns have."

"Oh, let's don't," she stammered. "Let's keep it for memory's sake. It has ticked so many happy hours for all of us girls."

"Yes, I'll say it has," John agreed scornfully, "and according to present evidences it has sounded a good many alarms, too."

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