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Time To Stop!

Birmingham, Alabama, noted as an industrial center is fast attaining an unsavory notoriety as a hotbed of anti-Catholicity. The murderer of Father Coyle, venerated by all decent citizens, because he did what God, the church and the law of the land requires united in marriage the convert daughter of a rabid old bigot and a decent respectable Catholic young man was the signal for an outbreak of bigotry. The husband of the young convert is refused employment. The young couple are denied a place to live. The officials of the city and county are covertly aiding and abetting the murderer of Father Coyle to kidnap and restrain his Catholic daughter. A fine reputation for a city, to be sure. Such occurrences argue for obliteration of state lines and placing the entire country under Federal Government.

Nationwide

If plans already made are carried to full fruition, there will be a wonderful gathering of Catholic men at the first annual convention of the National Council of Catholic Men when it opens its sessions in Washington next Tuesday. Ten great national organizations and nearly 800 local diocesan and state societies will be represented in this great Congress, representing fully one million Catholic Laymen! Think what this means! What could be done by one million alert and vigorous Catholic men speaking as one and thinking the same thoughts! It is a wonderful, a compelling force directed toward noble ends, the putting into practice all over this great country of the principles of the Catholic Church, the acme of real American citizenship. Let us hope and pray for the success of this great National Council of Catholic Laymen!

Fifty-four years in religious life and all that time spent in the convent where she entered! Such was the record of Sister Mary of St. Gabriel Tohaney, who died in Buffalo, on August 23rd. R. I. P.

The Catholic women all over the country are doing their part in making the Catholic Church a living, vital force in this Republic.

There should be a real K. of C. home in the splendid city of Rochester.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians has gone on record as demanding that "the present pro-British Admiral Sims" give place as head of the Naval War College to a true American. The American Federation of Labor has handed it to the doughty Sims. But it's a ten to one shot that he will not be displaced.

Vacation is over. Now let us work as hard as we played.

Setting It Right

Rev. Claude Cottman, in a letter to the London "Daily News" gives contradiction to those easily influenced persons who think that all the present trouble in Ireland is fostered and fomented by a gang of scoundrelly criminals, who are in the trouble for revenge, plunder, murder, arson and personal gain, when he writes:—

"Those who cherish this fancy," he says, "should pay a visit any Sunday afternoon to Tower Hill. There they would find convincing evidence that it is the very soul of a nation, passionate and unconquerable, exalted and heroic, against which tanks and bombs and guns are in vain directed. Sunday after Sunday for many months past, Tower Hill has been the rallying centre for crowds of London Irish. Standing on the historic Hill, one hears the distant music of stirring Irish tunes as contingents arrive from Poplar, from as far east as Custom House, and across the river from Deptford. They march on to the Hill to voice their woes, their hopes, and their defiance. Seeing and hearing it all, one recognizes that there is something spiritual and invincible. The soul of a nation is being troubled, and every Irishman, though he may never even have seen Ireland, is troubled with it. Tower Hill, so silent and deserted, on Sundays is given over to them without opposition. The police are there, but they have an afternoon's holiday. There is order without orders amongst this great crowd; and when the demonstration is over, the Hill is cleared within ten minutes. Imagination one sees these demonstrations repeated in Canada, South Africa, Australia and America—wherever Ireland's exiles have scattered. One wonders whether reason, justice and right will prevail before the gathering storm bursts on the empire."

Who is to be believed the more—this clergyman who has no axe to grind or the bigots who would trail in the mire everything that savors of Ireland and the Irish?

Mr. Babson Right

The Catholic Journal does not always agree with Roger W. Babson but he is absolutely right when he says, in the course of his Chautauqua lecture, "Our Educational System, Its Defects and Remedies" that "the public school system is trying to bow God out of America" and then goes on:—The first thing is to put back religious training in the schoolroom. Our forefathers came to this country not to get away from the Church, but to get where the Church could rule the State. Religious principles should be instilled into the children in school. There is a certain thing which it is more important for a child to know than mathematics and chemistry and that is that the spirit of God is to a community, to business, to society, what rain and sunshine are to a wheat field. Statistics show that 90 per cent. of the people who are doing the great things in America today were raised in praying homes. That religion is necessary to success is a demonstrable fact."

The Buffalo Ladies Auxiliary of the A. O. H., are to study Irish history. There are others, some Catholics, who would do well to follow suit.

Fine decorations and splendid furniture do not make a home. It is the spirit of the place, the daily life of the inmates, the whole atmosphere that tells whether it is a home or a house.

Let us not forget in our prayers the seminaries where are trained the future priests of this and other Dioceses.

The great American game of politics is called once more.

Large Enrollment In Catholic Institutions

Registration in all Catholic educational institutions, including the parochial schools, was unusually heavy and in many instances attendance records were broken. The largest entrance class in the history of the school was reported at Nazareth Hall, a private preparatory school for boys on Raines park.

St. Andrew's Seminary on Frank street also has the largest class in its history, 105 boys being registered there. It is in this school where boys begin their studies for the priesthood. The registrants are from all parts of the diocese. In the entrance class there are 33.

At St. Bernard's Seminary the Rt. Rev. James J. Hartley, president, said there were 220 students, including a number from dioceses other than Rochester. More than 60 students from the diocese of Rochester are registered at the seminary. There are 70 students in the entering class Saturday morning /20 young men will be ordained to the deaconship and subdeaconship. These ordination exercises will take place in the seminary chapel.

Reports from the various parochial schools show that a capacity registration has been the rule this year. There are more than 500 boys now attending classes at the Cathedral High School and 800 are being given instruction in the Cathedral grammar school.

A. A. R. I. R. Will Celebrate "Irish Day"

Irish Day will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, September 18, by Rochester sympathizers of Ireland by a rally at Exposition Park under the auspices of Rochester Council, American Association for the Recognition of the Irish Republic. The affair will be held in honor of Mrs. Catherine Wheelwright, mother of Eamonn de Valera, leader of the Irish cause in the present negotiations between "Dail Eireann" and the British government.

It is expected that 10,000 friends of the Irish cause will attend. Invitations have been accepted from councils at Auburn, Waterloo, Seneca Falls, Geneva, Dansville, Ovid, Canandaigua and other towns in Central and Western New York. A committee has been named to meet the speaker of the day, Major Michael A. Kelly, of New York, on his arrival on Sunday morning at the New York Central station. The Rochester Park Band is to provide music during the afternoon.

P. J. Fogarty, president of the Rochester Council, Wednesday received from Cork, Ireland, an acknowledgement of the receipt of \$300 which was contributed to the Cork City Distress Fund by members of the Rochester organization. The council, which is the largest in the state outside New York, has passed the four thousand mark.

The National Council of Catholic Laymen can be made a great force of good if all pull together.

Well the summer resorts had a good season, so did the boats, the railroads and the baseball magnates.

Fraternal orders are doing a great work to break down ancient barriers of prejudice at least some of them are.

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