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A Great Man Gone

Judged from any angle of vision or thought, Rev. Augustine M. O'Neill was a great man. He was great in intellect, great as a civic force, great as a leader of men, great as a churchman. But with all his greatness, he was one of the most humble of men and one of the most approachable. He exemplified the spirit of the Savior of mankind in that he lived and died as guileless as the little children he loved so well and who loved him as a father. In that spirit of loving kindness lay his great charm, his wonderful influence over all with whom he came in contact, whether of his own faith or of no professed faith at all.

Father O'Neill possessed the finely balanced mind that would have made him a great judge had he aspired to the legal profession. He was gifted with that financial sense that would have made him a leader in the world of business had he inclined toward a mercantile life. As a physician, as a journalist, as a writer he would easily have been a leader. But his vocation was that of a priest of God and truly he typified the ideal father of a great family. His talents, his knowledge, his very life were at the disposal of those whom he served as spiritual shepherd. And his example was followed by many a one who did not belong to his Church and his influence was felt all over the city because he always shaped his every thought upon the Divine model.

In his death the Church loses a valiant defender, the City of Rochester one of her sturdiest upholders and the people of all creeds a valued friend.
May his soul rest in peace!

New Year

Another year has passed into eternity, never to be recalled. Its history is made. Its joys, its sorrows, are all passed on.

A new year stands on our threshold. The future now is ours. What will we do with the new year? Shall it be a record of progress, of achievement? Or shall it be a record of failure, of retrogression?

This is a grave question. With spiritual progress, we are sure of a record of achievement that will count much—no matter how much of a failure the world may judge us because we are laying up treasure in the next world—where we will pass an eternity of joy or sorrow due to the choice we make here.

God grant we all may make the wise choice. And in that spirit the Catholic Journal wishes all its readers a Happy New Year.

The learned scribes and correspondents are really running the disarmament conference in Washington—at least they think they are.

Well, 1921 Christmas was ideal, speaking of the weather.

Worse Places

That the phone service in Rochester is not the worst in the world may be gathered from the description of telephone service in France given by a secular contemporary.

After commenting that the latest issue of the French telephone directory contains the address and number of Balo Pasha's telephone, although that notable personage was supposed to have departed from this mundane sphere by the guillotine route several years ago, our contemporary goes on:—New Yorkers who are accustomed to new and up-to-date telephone directories every few months will perhaps call this sample of French telephone service annoying, but that is not the only complaint they might raise. There is, to begin with, a charge of 700 francs, a mere trifle of \$55, for the installation of the 'phone. And even then, unless one has influence with the postal administration to get preferred treatment, there may be a delay of one to three months.

Service charges of 700 francs a year are payable quarterly in advance, and besides one must make a deposit if one desires to make any long distance calls. The telephone instrument is not furnished by the administration, but each subscriber buys and owns the type of instrument he prefers.

In all cities (even in Rochester, Buffalo and Syracuse) "wrong number" calls are a source of irritation and profanity, but the French system carries off all honors in that line. The percentage of wrong numbers given is said to be about fifty, and there are those who say that figure is ultra-conservative.

Broad Minded

In view of the carping and snarling of some professional men at the clinics of Dr. Lorenz, the following from The Post Express telling of the indorsement of the distinguished man, probably the most distinguished surgeon of the United States, is refreshing:—Were there any real doubt of the propriety of the visit of Dr. Adolf Lorenz to this country and of his work while here, it would be settled by the coming out of Dr. Charles P. Mayo, the distinguished surgeon of Rochester, Minnesota, in his favor. The pronouncement of Dr. Mayo at once sets the seal of approval upon the distinguished visitor and should silence the mean critics and others that have pecked at Dr. Lorenz since his arrival here on his errand of gratitude and mercy, for Dr. Mayo is of authority in the medical world. To the highest attainments as a surgeon he joins the highest character as a man.

"Dr. Lorenz should be helped and encouraged in his great work by every surgeon and physician and by all hospital authorities in the country." These are the words of this great surgeon and man. In view of them, the laity will know how to value the position to Dr. Lorenz.

Following the New York "Times", the "Tribune" will move from Spruce Street to Fortieth street between Seventh and Eighth avenues. Perhaps there is to be a Tribune Square. Surely it would be funny if changes in property ownership would place the Tribune in the position of the Chicago "Daily News" that now finds itself published in Hearst Square.

Why should not the war nations of Europe, including Germany, set to work to reconstruct themselves, pay off their debts and settle down to normal basis? The United States is trying to do just that and that is all she can do. She cannot be wet nurse, financial godfather and charity dispenser to all the world.

Christmas Services In Dansville

Dansville, Dec. 26.—Christmas in all its mystical beauty was observed with rarest solemnity at St. Mary's church, this city. The altar glittered with the many beams flowing from burning tapers in bright sparkling streams and from the electric-lighted star above. Large stately Christmas trees flanked the pillared altar and backgrounded the crib. Amid the lights and lovely flowers the little stable of Bethlehem stood. All around it was rich and beautiful, it alone was poor and rude.

The midnight hour of Christmas eve found the pastor and his people keeping sacred vigil at the crib, bowed in adoration of the Infant Jesus who "was't born from eternal ages, immense in glory as in might." While they breathed their silent prayers the choir sweetly sang "Holy Night." The floating echoes of the hymn had hardly died away when the notes of the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" triumphantly flowed around the Sacramental throne as the Reverend Pastor intoned that hymn of glory that breathed of heaven. Then arose the sweet strains of the "Adeste Fidelis," Venite Adoremus Dominum.

The flowers, the fruits, the jewels that retain their savor and their sweetness throughout eternity were gathered through the unbounded riches of the Holy Masses. During the solemn moments of Benediction the debts of gratitude was paid to Jesus, the Divine Solitary of the temple. The Reverend Pastor intoned with serene joy the first phase of the Te Deum, the great voice of the organ was heard, the song of joy began and the congregation accompanied with humble fervor the noble chant of triumph and gratitude.

The greatness of the Christ Jesus, the dignity of His Divinity and humanity, His love and goodness, how to serve God, to be grateful to Him and to follow Christ were points for consideration brought out by the Rev. Leo G. Hofschneider in his three sermons delivered in a voice strong and deep that rang out clearly, earnestly and eloquently, raising the minds of his hearers to the loftier things of life.



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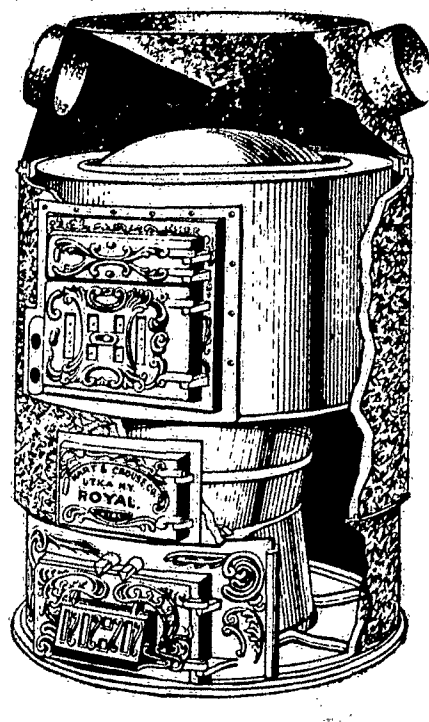
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Nerves and Blood Are Life

According to how you have lived your life are found the strength mentally and physically, so if you have weakened or exhausted either or both the nerves and blood better take care of yourself in time—go to a doctor at once and when you pick your doctor go to a specialist who knows how to tell what ails you, and just what to do to get quick alleviation and at a reasonable cost.
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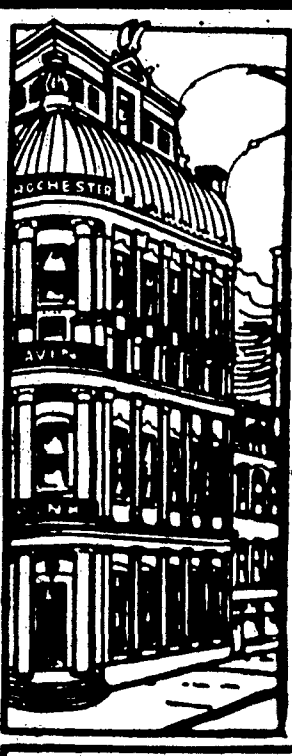
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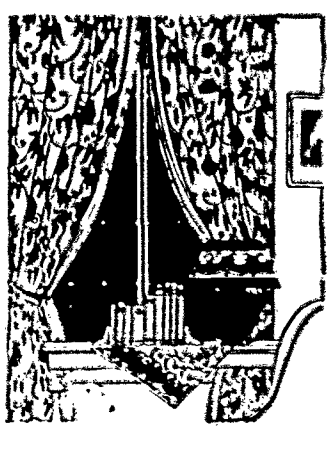
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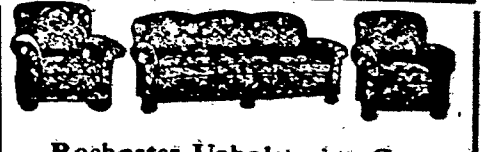
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