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Thirty-Fourth Year

With this issue the Catholic Journal enters upon its thirty-fourth year of Catholic journalistic life.

For thirty-three years, since October 1888, the files of the Catholic Journal constitute contemporaneous Catholic history of the city and Diocese of Rochester.

For several years after its inception the life of this paper was an uphill struggle. In those days the Catholic press all over the country had a precarious existence. The Catholic population was far less than today and not so well blessed with this world's goods. The necessity for a strong, virile Catholic press was not as well understood or appreciated.

And, it must be confessed, the Catholic paper of a quarter of a century ago, was not always as creditable a publication as it might be. Its publishers and editors had not the resources necessary. Their capital was limited and the remuneration to publisher and editors was not large. There was no Catholic press association like the Associated Press and the secular organizations of like kind.

It must also be conceded that the Catholics then did not accord the support they might have given their Catholic press.

But the kindly support of the late Bishop McQuaid encouraged the young publishers of the Catholic Journal to persevere. Their very youth led them to resolve to conquer. Gradually, the subscription lists grew and advertising patronage increased. The Catholic hierarchy grew to realize the wonderful adjunct to church and pulpit comprised in the Catholic press. The National Catholic Welfare Council organized a fund to finance a Catholic news service equal, in point of what it was intended to do—to the secular news-gathering associations.

To-day the Catholic Journal is a fixed institution. The Catholics of Rochester are according it generous support. Its advertising value is appreciated and used by a constantly growing list of discriminating advertisers.

The Catholic Journal returns heartfelt gratitude to those friends who have been constant in support and encouragement these many years. It hopes to make and retain new friends in the years to come.

A few days ago marked the 40th anniversary of the appearance of "Luther's Bible", but we do not notice many brass bands in Rochester. Martin is not the headline these days.

Non-Catholic Tribute

In view of the attacks upon the parochial schools and the whole Catholic theory of education that is at present waged in Oregon, it is not out of place to reproduce the following extract from an article which appeared in the "North American Review" in January, 1898, with Honorable Amasa Thornton:—

"I am a Protestant of the firmest kind. . . . The Catholic Church has insisted that it is its duty to educate its children in such a way as to fix religious truths in the youthful mind. This it has been assailed by non-Catholic population; and Catholics have even been charged with being enemies of the people and of the flag. Any careful observer in the city of New York can see that the only people, as a class, who are teaching the children in the way that will secure the future of the best civilization are the Catholics; and, although a Protestant of the firmest kind, I believe the time has come to recognize this fact, and for us to lay aside prejudices and patriotically meet this question. The children and youth of today must be given such instruction in the truths of the Bible and Christian precepts as will prevent them in maturer years from swinging into the maelstrom of social and religious depravity, which threatens to engulf the religion of the future. Such instruction can only be given successfully by an entire change of policy and practice on the question of religious teaching in the public schools, and the encouragement of private schools in which sound religious teaching is given."

Nominations

Evidently, there is to be a clean-cut line of demarcation presented to the voters of New York State this fall.

They are asked to choose between the present Governor, Nathan L. Miller, running upon his own record and that of the Republican party at Washington and Albany and Alfred E. Smith, who was governor before Mr. Miller defeated him at the polls in 1920, running upon the platform of principles adopted by the democratic state convention held this week in Syracuse.

For a while it appeared as if William Randolph Hearst would complicate and befog the situation by backing a third ticket made up of men who accepted his ideas and principles. But he has announced that his papers will support Mr. Smith. Whether that support will help or hurt Mr. Smith remains to be seen.

The plain situation is: Which ever of the two men is elected, New York State will have as its chief executive a man well equipped for the office and whose personal integrity is unimpeachable.

Only ignorant bigots nowadays refer to the Middle Ages as "the Dark Ages". Too many of the advantages of today may be traced back to those Middle Ages, especially in art and literature and the branches of higher education.

Wherein would the taxpayers be benefitted if the parochial schools were closed tomorrow and their pupils turned into the public schools?

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, staged a great clamor last Saturday.

Mr. Eastman surely is making Rochester known as a musical and literary, as well as a commercial center.

Maurice Sammons has resigned as Grand Knight of Utica Council to become the general executive secretary of Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus.

The Mistake

It has become a fixed habit, in certain quarters, to sneer at reason as usually broken hence is at present waged in Oregon, not to be thought of. The "Ave Maria" takes a different view. It says:—

Success of all kinds, spiritual as well as temporal, is largely dependent on one's strength of will and purpose. "He who is firm and resolute in will," says Goethe, "moulds the world to his firmest kind. . . . The Catholic Church has insisted that it is its duty to educate its children in such a way as to fix religious truths in the youthful mind. For this it has been assailed by non-Catholic population; and Catholics have even been charged with being enemies of the people and of the flag. Any careful observer in the city of New York can see that the only people, as a class, who are teaching the children in the way that will secure the future of the best civilization are the Catholics; and, although a Protestant of the firmest kind, I believe the time has come to recognize this fact, and for us to lay aside prejudices and patriotically meet this question. The children and youth of today must be given such instruction in the truths of the Bible and Christian precepts as will prevent them in maturer years from swinging into the maelstrom of social and religious depravity, which threatens to engulf the religion of the future. Such instruction can only be given successfully by an entire change of policy and practice on the question of religious teaching in the public schools, and the encouragement of private schools in which sound religious teaching is given."

There is undue stress laid now on the ephemeral quality of good resolutions, at New Year's or any other epoch. "Hell is paved with good intentions" is neither so true nor so Christian a sentiment as Emerson's "A good intention clothes itself with power." The weak "I cannot" never yet accomplished anything; the resolute "I will try," on the other hand, has not infrequently wrought wonders.

"You know me Al." will be a popular jibe during this short campaign.

Thank fortune; thirty days will be the limit of the campaign of 1922.

ALHAMBRA ELECT OFFICERS

Musa Caravan, Order of the Alhambra, held its annual meeting at the Hotel Rochester Thursday evening, with an attendance of 500 members. Features of the meeting were reports for the year, the election of officers and the presentation of a substantial check to the head of the Caravan, Daniel F. Fitzgerald, who is to be married next Thursday morning.

The officers elected were: Grand commander, Daniel F. Fitzgerald; vice grand commander, William H. Rossbach; grand scribe, William H. Ginnity; scribe of the exchequer, Leon Newman; grand chamberlain, Henry J. Klee; master of the oasis, Louis J. Kfapp; historian, Dr. Phillip H. Conboy; master of the wardrobe, Charles W. Eldridge; sentinel of the tower, Nicholas O'Neill; sentinel of the desert, William Caulfield.

It was voted to have the annual clambake of the Caravan at Island Cottage on October 22.

Reports showed that the Caravan has had a prosperous year, as well as one rich in social and fraternal activities. Musa Caravan, it was brought out, is one of the largest and most successful in the order.

Clambake of K. of C. a Success

About 3,000 persons journeyed down to George W. Henner's farm in Bay Road last Saturday for the clambake. The ball game between the Irish and Dutch, umpired by District Attorney Wm. F. Love and City Assessor Joseph Fritch, ended in a tie. All who attended had a good time and went home well satisfied.

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