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Rev. J. F. Staub.

In recent years Thomas A. Hendrick, A. M. O'Neil and J. F. Staub were the three Catholic priests whose strong personality impressed itself in marked degree upon the civic life of Rochester.

The last of the three was called to his last reward a few days since. Possibly, not one of the three was so widely known and loved in all walks of life in Rochester as Rev. Jacob F. Staub.

While many beautiful tributes have been laid at Father Staub's bier, we prefer to hand in posterity this appreciation of Professor Meyer Jacobstein who coincided with him in belief but differed with all his friends in his estimation of the man, both as priest and citizen.

"Rochester has lost a truly good man and those of us who knew him mourn his death, for we shall miss Father Staub."

"It was my privilege to have worked with him in an intimate way during the building trades strike and the shoe strike in efforts to effect peace and bring about resumption of normal and harmonious conditions."

"He approached his problems with great humility and impressive modesty. He worked with an open and a fair mind and always with a noble purpose. This inspired confidence in all, regardless of their station in life."

"But what impressed me most about Father Staub was his deep sympathy for the 'under-dog.' He had a big heart that quickly sensed the human aspect of every tragedy. I shall never forget how gently and kindly he listened to the stories of the humble folk who came into his study for advice and consolation. No problem was too small for his big soul."

"He will be missed by the Germans, the Irish, the Italians, the Poles and the Lithuanians to whom he gave a life-time of unstinted, big-hearted service. He was real pastor, serving and leading his flock in a human, common-sense way."

pier and brighter and Rochester a better city in which to live.

Father Staub, you are gone, but your deeds live in the hearts of hosts of Rochester men and women."

The Catholic Church lost and gained a Pope during 1922.

Over The Top.

"Over the Top" in the United Hospital drive speaks volumes for the generosity of Rochesterians toward any worthy cause and also testifies to the wonderful selling qualities of the several hundred salesmen enlisted in the campaign to "sell" the merits and claims and needs of the hospitals of Rochester to the men and women of Rochester, for the last few years generous contributors to the Community Chest and every other worthy charity or philanthropy.

To secure subscriptions for \$1,337,000 in seven days in a city of 300,000 souls is "going some" even for Rochester. It would be considered a wonderful achievement for many a city far greater in population and resources.

But Rochester is Rochester and that's that. And the hospital campaign of 1923 was a success. The Catholic Journal is mighty glad it was and congratulates those in charge of the drive.

Rochesterians are generous in all good works.

Two Sides.

Undoubtedly, there are two sides to the proposition to restrict immigration, as suggested by Hon. Edward J. Hennery, assistant Secretary in the United States Department of Labor in his address before the Rochester Credit Men's Association.

Probably, the big employers are animated more or less by purely selfish motives when they urge removal of immigration restrictions so that this country may have a larger supply of lower-waged unskilled labor.

But the chief objection many of us urge is that the present immigration law shuts out desirable immigrants while it permits the admission of so many undesirable.

It would appear to men of common sense that the real solution of the problem lies in selection of immigrants on the other side of the water by consular or other trained agents. Then the desirables only will land on our shores and the Ellis Island propaganda set up by the "sobartists" would be avoided.

If the Ecumenical Council of 1869 is reconvened, both the first and second Bishops of Rochester will have participated in the solemn conclave. Bishop McQuaid attended the first session of the Council.

In one of the "Thirty years ago today" in a Rochester newspaper appeared a paragraph recalling one of Rochester's noted women—Katherine E. Conway—who lectured before the Associated Reading Circles of Rochester.

The original list of Rochester's irremovable rectors is thinning fast.

Charles F. Murphy is not so much in evidence at Albany as some persons expected.

The Anti-Saloon League says prohibition has decreased drunkenness while Chief of Police Quigley says his official report will show a large increase in Rochester at least in the number of arrests for intoxication.

Many Catholics subscribed liberally to St. Mary's Hospital drive last year and to the general hospital drive this year.

The advocates of an old-fashioned winter surely can find no fault with December and January to date.

War Opposed.

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, is a leader in the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches. He leads a list of 160 prominent Americans who have issued the following appeal:

"The present situation in international affairs, involving as does the imminent peril of war, must give concern to every thoughtful Christian," the appeal reads. "After a devastating conflict which has cost millions of lives, created immeasurable hatred and piled up a debt of \$50 for every minute of time since Christ was born, the nations of the earth apparently having learned nothing and forgotten nothing, are once more playing the old game of competitive imperialism and competitive armament. The Church of Christ was severely blamed for the occurrence of the last war. That the gospel should have been so long on earth and yet should not have prevented the great catastrophe with all its hideous cruelty and suffering, was a charge against the Church so serious that all thoughtful ministers felt its force and were driven defensively to meet it. Even more will another war bring down upon the Church of Christ the charge of moral cowardice and fatal inefficiency."

"We therefore urge all the people of the churches, and all ministers in particular, to an outspoken declaration that the war system and the Gospel of Christ are diametrically and irreconcilably opposed. We urge that without delay this crisis of decision between war and Christ be unmistakably recognized and stated. We would have every Christian church the center of a frank and courageous antagonism to war and everything that makes war, until in our own country and in all lands, we succeed in reinstating Christian loyalty to Christ where it belongs—far above all local prejudice, racial hatred, and divisive nationalism."

Father Staub was well liked in trade union circles, that is evident.

We are still curious to know the exact disposition of the "Near East Relief contributions" voted out of Rochester's Community Chest.

Within the last few years women in the United States have been granted many rights and privileges. But in 1758 Anna Mazzolina was professor of anatomy in the Catholic University of Bologna and Maria Agnesse was professor of mathematics.

The Auburn Board of Education has rejected the plan in vogue in Rochester under which pupils in public schools who wish may absent themselves one hour a week to attend religious instruction.

The centralization faddists are pushing for a Federal Department of Education to have charge of all the schools in the United States.

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Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, Jan. 28.—St. Cyril of Alexandria, became Patriarch of that city in 412. Imprisoned and threatened with banishment because of his activities against Nestorius, the Saint rejoiced to confess Christ by suffering. In time it was recognized that St. Cyril was right and with him the Church triumphed. Forgetting his wrongs, and careless of controversial punctilio, Cyril then reconciled himself with all who would consent to hold the doctrine of the Incarnation intact. He died 444.

Monday, Jan. 29.—St. Francis de Sales, was born of noble and pious parents near Annecy A. D. 1566. After completing his education he was sent by the Duke of Savoy to restore the Church in the Chablais. Although at first rejected with insults and even threatened with death, he finally succeeded and it is asserted that he converted 72,000 Calvinists. He was made Coadjutor Bishop of Geneva and succeeded to the See in 1602. Together with St. Jane Frances of Chantal he founded the order of the Visitation. He died at Avignon in 1622 after having refused all honors including that of the See of Paris.

Tuesday, Jan. 30.—St. Bathilde, Queen, was an Englishwoman who was carried over to France while quite young and sold as a slave to Erkerwald, Mayor of the Palace under King Clovis II. When she grew up, the King took her for his royal consort. The King gave her his sanction for the protection of the Church and on his death she became regent of the Kingdom. In this capacity she did much to promote the cause of Christianity and filled France with hospitals and religious houses. As soon as her son Clotaire became old enough to govern she retired to a convent at Chelles. She died January 30, 680.

Wednesday, Jan. 31.—St. Marcella, widow, after the death of her husband consecrated the remainder of her days to God and lived in a most abstemious manner. When the Goths under Avaric entered Rome in 410 the Saint was cruelly scourged in an attempt to make her reveal the hiding place of treasures she was believed to possess. Her entreaties, however, prevailed upon the barbarians to spare her spiritual daughter Principia. She died shortly afterwards.

Thursday, Feb. 1.—St. Brigid, Abbess and patroness of Ireland, was born in Ulster in 453. She consecrated her life to God and founded the first convent in Ireland. Later on she established many other religious houses and from the settlement that grew up around one of these institutions, the town of Kildare which later became a metropolitan see was formed. She died February 1, 523.

Friday, Feb. 2.—The Purification or Candlemas Day. On this day the Blessed Virgin complied with the law of Moses which provided that a woman should present herself at the temple to be purified a certain number of days after a child was born. Although the Blessed Virgin did not come under this law since the Saviour was conceived by the Holy Ghost and His Mother remained always a spotless virgin, nevertheless she complied with great punctuality. The feast is called Candlemas because the Church blesses the candles to be borne in the procession of the day.

Saturday, Feb. 3.—St. Blaise, Bishop and martyr, devoted the earlier years of his life to the study of philosophy and afterwards became a physician. He became Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia and was seized and hurried off to prison by Agricola, the governor. On his way to prison, a distracted mother whose child was suffering from a disease

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