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At It Again!

Old readers will recall that James G. Blaine was defeated for the Presidency by the Burchard Munder of "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" applied to the Democratic platform which would not prevail were Blaine elected. Because of Catholic family ties many Irish Catholics of those days affiliated with Blaine and intended voting for him. But Blaine's failure to repudiate Burchard alienated these persons and contributed largely to Blaine's defeat.

It is possible another Burchard has appeared in the person of Rev. Dr. Edwin D. Bailey, of the Prospect Heights Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn. In his parish paper under the caption "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion" Dr. Bailey makes these astounding assertions:—

"This combination now rules at Albany and is headed for Washington. Governor Smith, a Roman Catholic, Tammanyite Governor, has signed the bill repealing the prohibition enforcement law. There is no disguising the fact that this is part of the program to nullify the prohibition amendment to the United States Constitution, not by direct action, but by subterfuge.

"The author of the repeal bill says this is the beginning of the end of prohibition. Governor Smith tries to soften the effect of his action by professing zeal for the enforcement of the Volstead law and by reading President Harding a lecture about the duty of the United States Government to suppress violations of the law.

"With a Roman Catholic President in power Rome will become the winner, and America will be run by Rome. This is the program. Rum and Romanism are leagued together to put this plan across. It is liable to succeed unless steps are taken immediately to counteract it. The good people must wake up and take united and energetic action at once or prohibition and American democracy are doomed.

"The men at the head of this movement for nullification are astute and powerful politicians, and they have abundance of money at their command."

"Rum and Romanism are leagued together." What do our Catholic prohibitionists think of the leaguer?

Daniel A. Tobin, new State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, is spoken of highly by his many friends in Brooklyn.

Unusual

Related as follows in the Baltimore "Review" is the following unusual incident:—

Just following the ordinations in the Cathedral this morning, as the young priests approached the altar to give their first blessing, a little boy dashed out of a pew and kneeling before Rev. John [Name] one of the ordained, received his blessing. The priest laid his hands over and embraced the boy, and seemed to be deeply touched. He had given his blessing to his only child, John Richard Casey.

The priest, who, 21 years ago, performed the marriage ceremony for young John Casey and Margaret Harris, was present in the sanctuary and knelt later to receive Father Casey's blessing. He is Rev. Ignatius McGovern of the Church of the Assumption, Bellevue, Pa. Father McGovern assisted Father Casey at his first mass celebrated at St. Joseph's Hospital. Young John Casey served the mass. The son was accompanied to Baltimore by his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Margaret Harris.

The mother of young John Casey died a few hours after his birth, nine years ago.

As Father Casey was with Archbishop Curley in the Archbishop's residence, young John suddenly exclaimed to the amusement of all: "Oh, daddy, you ought to see the nice presents you have at home."

Father Casey will serve in the diocese of St. Augustine. He was adopted for that diocese a few years ago when Archbishop Curley was head of the Florida see.

In August there is to be a great parade of Crusaders in ancient garb in connection with the general convocation of the Catholic Students' Mission-Crusade. But the marchers will not be masked.

Week end retreats for men are held now in many parts of the country. There will be one at St. Bernard's Seminary in a few weeks.

Sub-Cellar Workers.

Rev. John P. Carroll, Bishop of Helena, made vigorous defense of the parish schools before the golden jubilee of Columbia College, Dubuque, Iowa.

Concerning the Oregon anti-parochial school law Bishop Carroll said:—

"What was back of the Oregon campaign? First of all an anti-American aggregation who were scathingly denounced in a recent meeting of governors as usurpers of the functions of the regularly constituted authorities; men who wear masks to conceal their identity, who belong to that class of whom the Saviour said: 'Men loved the darkness rather than the light: for their works are evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth light, and cometh not to the light that his works may not be reproved.' They are men who heed not the exhortation of the Apostle: 'Let us cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly as in the day.' America has no need of an invisible empire, of men who, as Chief Justice Taft recently said, 'like cockroaches thrive in the dark.' America's symbol is not owls and bats that wander in the darkness, not kites and vultures that feed themselves on carrion. The symbol of America is the eagle whose glory is gazing at the sun."

The Bishop discussed the financial aspects of anti-parochial school legislation as follows:—

"Finally, while asking no help from the State for the support of their schools, Catholics willingly pay their share of the taxes for the support of the public schools. More than that, by bearing the burden of the education of their own children they annually save for maintenance in Montana \$177,820,000. To speak of Montana alone they are saving the taxpayers each year at the average rate of \$88.91 per capita (not including buildings and equipment) approximately \$1,000,000—a not inconsiderable sum of money in these days of financial distress. To replace the Catholic school buildings of Montana in the style employed by the State and at the present cost of construction, would mean a new outlay of from six to eight million dollars.

Which Is Which.

It is plain that either there are two contending forces in the Freemason membership in this country or the leaders "blow hot and cold." For instance: former Grand Master Judge Arthur Tompkins is quoted as follows in the public press:—

"The motives, purposes and methods of the Ku Klux Klan are, in my opinion, unmasonic.

"No genuine Mason, knowing these things, will become a member of this organization which promotes and cultivates the spirit of religious and racial hatred and bitterness.

"It fans the flames of religious bigotry and intolerance. Free Masonry teaches toleration in matters of religion and seeks to allay the bitterness caused by unfortunate and unnecessary class, race and creed antagonism. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man are the cornerstone of our fraternity, and love, charity and toleration are the virtues that true Masons manifest and practice."

This is tolerant and liberal in tone. But the "New Age, published in Washington, D. C., 'official organ of the Supreme Council, thirty-second degree, A. and A. Scottish Rite of Free Masonry of the Southern Jurisdiction' gives prominent place in a recent issue to the following:—

"The public schools of America. God bless them, are where the tiny mind begins to soar, where the great men and good women of this country first learn the alphabet that leads to fame. The public schools of America are where the boys and girls are taught to love their government for its manifold blessing; where 'Yankee Doodle' and 'Dixie' set the little hearts aglow and cause shouts to echo and re-echo from hill and dale. It is not the clergy, but the government, which holds the Bell-Rope. Not only has the Public Free School System been established, but freedom of religious belief and worship has been secured, also the highest branches of education are being fostered. Visit our Public Free School, run by the free and untrammelled powers of Protestants; question even the small boy and girl of tender age in the public schools of this country; they are taught everything that tends to make patriotic, useful men and women, who have lifted America head and shoulders above every other nation on earth.

"This nation is not to be turned backward, or that which has been done for freedom to be undone; man stands today at the wheel of liberty; his foot is on the stair of progress; in his grasp he carries the banner of hope; he goes forward, not to be nailed to the cross of defeat, but to win for his brow the crown of victory.

"Any intelligent Protestant knows that when you educate a man to believe he can be saved without the living God, that he is not a true American citizen, for it is impossible to be true to his country and at the same time believe that his existence depends upon a foreign mortal. God holds the American people responsible for flattering wrong; they know better. 'If any man worship the beast, he shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God.' 'Americans, arouse yourselves; don't be cowards, for God hates nothing worse than cowardice in His cause. Let us be true and we shall have the help of God and the blessing of the true and the noble of earth. (Mrs.) J. Watson Northrup, 2614 Carolina St., Houston, Texas

"Social Service" never will supplant "Charity" in the broad sense of the word, but Catholic social service agencies were necessary for us to derive our full share of the benefits of the Community Chest so long as our friends and neighbors operated these agencies.

Catholic College debating societies seem to have held their own in competitive contests all over the country.

One answer to the challenge of the bigots in the Western states is the announcement that the Servite Fathers are to build a great shrine to the Blessed Virgin, to be known as the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother on the Columbia highway through the Mountains of Oregon.

Bishop To Welcome C. P. A. To Indianapolis

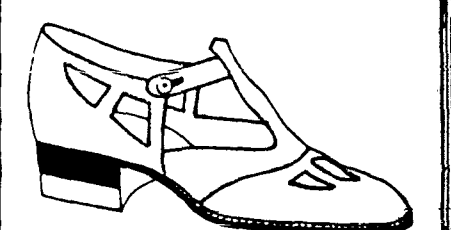
(By N. C. W. C. News Service.) Indianapolis, June 18.—Approximately two hundred delegates are expected to attend the eighteenth annual convention of the Catholic Press Association, which will be held here June 29 and 30. The Right Rev. Joseph Chartrand, Bishop of Indianapolis, will welcome the delegates, who will come from every part of the United States and Canada.

The program arranged for the convention will include addresses on many important phases of Catholic Journalism by experts in particular fields.

Henry Bousseau of Le Devoir, Canada, will discuss "Catholic Dailies"; The Rev. John Danby, S. J., of Milwaukee will speak on "The Training of Catholic Journalists"; E. Lester Muller of the Baltimore Catholic Review has been assigned the topic "Religious Advertising." Other speakers and subjects will include: Dr. Thomas P. Hart of the Cincinnati Catholic Telegraph, "How to get Renewals"; J. P. O'Mahony, Indiana Catholic and Record, "How the Clergy Can Cooperate with the Catholic Press"; Justin Casey, the Catholic Register, Kansas City, "Mechanical Requirements of a Catholic Newspaper"; Justin McGrath, Director N. C. W. C. News Service, "The National Catholic Welfare Council and the Catholic Press Association."

F. W. Harvey of Extension Magazine is president of the Association; William A. McKearney of the Catholic Universe, Cleveland, secretary and L. J. Wey of The Catholic Bulletin, Cleveland, treasurer. The committee on arrangements for the convention is headed by H. P. Pagan, of the Indiana Catholic and Record.

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(By N. C. W. C. News Service) Sunday, June 24.—St. John the Baptist. It was the office of St. John to prepare the way for Christ and before he was born into the world he began to live for the incarnate God. With the Baptism by St. John, Christ began His penance for the sins of His people and St. John saw the Holy Ghost descend in bodily form upon Him. Then the Saint's work was done. He had but to point his own disciples to the Lamb, he had but to decrease as Christ increased.

Monday, June 25.—St. Prosper of Aquitaine was born in the year 403. His works show that in his youth he had happily applied himself to all the branches both of secular and sacred learning. St. Leo the Great invited St. Prosper to Rome and made him his secretary. The date of his death is uncertain but it is known that he was alive in 463.

Tuesday, June 26.—Sts. John and Paul, martyrs. These two Saints were both officers in the army under Julian the Apostate. They received the crown of martyrdom about the year 362.

Wednesday, June 27.—St. Ladislav, King, was the son of Bela, King of Hungary. Compelled against his own inclination to ascend the throne, he restored the good laws and discipline which St. Stephen had established. He died in 1095.

Thursday, June 28.—St. Irenaus, Bishop, Martyr, was born about the year 120. He was chosen Bishop of Lyons and by his preaching in a short time converted almost that entire country to the Faith. He wrote several works against heresy. About the year 202 he suffered martyrdom under the Emperor Severus.

Friday, June 29.—St. Peter, Apostle, was a fisherman of Galilee before he was called to become Prince of the Apostles and the first Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church.

Saturday, June 30.—St. Paul, was born at Tarsus of Jewish parents and studied at Jerusalem. Miraculously converted to the Faith he carried the Gospel to the uttermost limits of the world. With St. Peter he consecrated Rome by his martyrdom.

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