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Be Liberal!

Our Rt. Rev. Bishop has called upon his flock in the Diocese of Rochester to be liberal in their support of St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries.

But they are our own sectarian institutions. Other sects support their own theological seminaries. We do likewise.

In these days when everything costs more than it used to do, our schools and colleges and seminaries cost more to equip, operate and maintain.

It is up to us to give our institutions liberal support in order that our spiritual needs be ministered to by priests fully equipped for the work.

When the seminary collection is taken on Sunday, September 28, let it be a splendidly liberal one and gladden the heart of our Rt. Rev. Bishop upon his return from the Eternal City!

Right!

Very pertinent, indeed, is this query by "Columbia".

Conspicuous contradictions are not always valid in the order of argument; but two instances of the restrictive immigration law that does not restrict, have lately given thoughtful observers point, if not pause.

Then came a notorious prize-fighter, famed for his sensational demonstration that rational animals are yet masterful brutes for pecuniary considerations.

The only satisfaction attaching to the episode is that a colored gentleman of equally plebeian origin but more Mr. Tupper up so badly that his name is shattered and we will not be the footlight.

Nature Fights Back

Those who travel on hiking tours in the woodland districts would do well to paste this information from the Boston "Transcript" in their scrap book and read it over betimes.

Nature has her own means of defense against her enemies and despoilers. If she cannot fight them with beauty, with growth, she does not hesitate to fight them with poison.

How is this development accounted for? Purely by the processes of evolution. The removal or decided depletion of many native plants by excessive plucking, such as the trailing arbutus, the Virginia creeper, the clematis and others, has opened the way for the poison ivy, which nobody plucks—if he knows what it is.

Chicago Case

While most persons will not regret that Judge Caverly saw fit to inflict the death penalty upon Chicago's youthful murderers and will coincide with the Judge in his declaration that life imprisonment will be a more severe punishment to Leopold and Loeb, the thought uppermost in many minds is: Will they remain behind prison bars for the remainder of their lives?

If these millionaires' sons are released in a few years, then, indeed, will there be justification of the charge that there is discrimination in favor of the rich and powerful in the administration of our criminal law.

Vindication

Putting aside the possibility that the writer hopes to achieve some partisan advantage for President Coolidge, the following editorial in the Democrat & Chronicle is pertinent and states the case exactly:—

For many years Samuel Gompers has fought stoutly to keep the American Federation of Labor out of partisan politics. This year, old, none too well, and continually embattled with the radicals of his federation, the veteran concurred in the Executive Committee's endorsement of LaFollette.

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What Is Meant

The difference between extremists is well put in the following editorial in the "Union and Times" on "Immodesty in Dress":—

"The Holy Father is particularly anxious to preserve the modesty of womanhood. In a letter recently addressed to the Catholic women of the world he expressed the desire that they use means to deny the present tendencies toward immoral fashions.

"Let the Catholic women who read the Pope's warning on dangerous styles pay particular attention to the fact that the Holy Father is speaking of IMMODEST DRESS. He does not ask them to wear the fashions of Civil War times. There is nothing prudish in his request.

If Senator LaFollette does favor it will grow anywhere and in any form. It is the most protean plant decisions of the Supreme Court he in the world. It will grow flat to the ground like a scattering shrub; it will cover a rock like moss; it will run up a dead tree or a telephone pole, and send out branches greatly resembling those of several kinds of trees; it will do anything to take advantage of any situation.

According to the certification of public accountants, the Ku Klux Klan derived from initiation fees of new candidates during the year ended July 31, 1924, an income of \$1,878,631.77 and from all other sources \$330,000 derived from the "sucker list."

Be liberal in your contribution to the Seminary collection on September 28.

Leopold and Loeb are now numbers 9305 and 9306 in the Illinois State penitentiary at Joliet.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

Sunday, September 21.—St. Matthew, Apostle, was a publican whose duty it was to collect taxes from the people for the Roman government.

Monday, September 22.—The Theban Legion, when encamped near Lake Geneva were ordered by Emperor Maximian to turn their swords against the Christian population. They refused to obey this order and were massacred.

Tuesday, September 23.—St. Thecla, virgin and martyr, was one of the most illustrious as well as one of the earliest Saints on the Calendar of the Church.

Wednesday, September 24.—The Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy, St. Peter of the noble family of Nolascio, a native of Languegue, early in life made a vow of chastity and gave all his vast possessions to the Church.

Thursday, September 25.—St. Firmin, Bishop and Martyr, was a native of Pampelona in Navarre. He was instructed in the Christian Faith by Honestus, a disciple of St. Satorn.

Friday, September 26.—St. Cyriacus and Justina, martyrs. In early life Cyriacus was devoted to the black art and was a sorcerer and astrologer. Being impressed by the strength of character of a Christian organization generally alienate more votes than they gain.

Saturday, September 27.—St. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs, were born in Arabia and educated in Syria. They became noted for their skill in medicine and practiced their profession. They refused to take fees for their services.

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The Neglected Children Of The Faith

Joseph M. Stadelman, S. J.

The current issue of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart prints an article by Rev. Joseph M. Stadelman, S. J., on the above caption. He writes:

For the past thirty years, there has been quietly and assiduously at work in this special field, a community of religious women clothed in the holy habit, bound by perpetual vows and known as the "Mission Helpers, Servants of the Sacred Heart."

To extend the Kingdom of Christ in the souls of those children not reached by teaching Sisterhoods is the principal work of the Mission Helpers. Receiving a very special training as catechists, they assist pastors who are unable to procure parochial schools in city parishes and in country districts.

With the same object in view, these missionaries seek out neglected Catholics in public hospitals and penal institutions, but especially in their homes, where much preventive and reconstructive work is done.

Parents are instructed and encouraged to return to the practice of their faith and to attend to the Catholic education of their children. Often a soul on the verge of ruin has been saved by a few timely words of sympathy and advice.

In the immigrant districts the day nursery is the "open sesame" to the homes of the poor. Keating Day Nursery, East 12th Street, New York City, with its daily attendance of over 300 little ones; St. Pascal's, East 22d Street, New York, with its 100 daily, both Mission Helper activities, give some idea of the possible scope of work in one center.

It is no unusual sight in one of our large cities to behold two of these Sisters going every morning from house to house and gathering an ever-increasing line of little ones following along until the last call is made. Then the procession, now a lengthy one, wends its way to a hall where the children spend a happy morning in kindergarten work, supplemented by religious instruction. When time for dismissal comes, the children are taken home (again until the Sisters are left alone. These children, fifty in number, are thus held against the efforts of a nearby, well-meaning Protestant missionary from whom they were rescued.

Since each group dealt with presents a peculiar problem and requires a different solution, varied and manifold means are used to attract, interest, instruct, and hold

Klan Activities Of Week Show Both Gains And Reverses

Washington, September 12.—The Ku Klux Klan had an up and down time of it during the past week.

Following the severe political setbacks received by the night-gowned Knights in Oklahoma, Texas, and Arkansas, it was reliably reported that the Klan leaders of the Southwest are urging the Imperial Wizard to call a national Klan convention to discuss the "good of the order."

Oldest Catholic Living Is Resident Of Isle Of Cyprus

London, Sept. 8.—"Black Joseph," of Limassol, Cyprus, is the oldest Catholic in the world, according to the claim of a Catholic paper here.

The old man is still at work, as gardener to Father Fuster, O. F. M., at Limassol. He is slightly deaf, but otherwise in good health.

Joseph was received into the Church seventy years ago at Nicosia, the capital of Cyprus, his godfather being the then French Consul.

Another development of the week was adoption of an anti-Klan plank by the Democratic State convention in Missouri. The declaration adopted corresponds with the statement against the Klan made by John W. Davis in his recent speech at Seagirt, N. J.

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