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Mistake

In the fifty-ninth annual session
at Cleveland the Central Catholic
Verein took action in opposition to
State or National legislatures at-
tempting to enact laws to establish
any religious test or to impose any
religious discrimination. The resolu-
tion follows:—

We explicitly affirm that it is the
duty of a Christian state to preserve
intact the fundamental principles of
Christianity. Yet we view with alarm
the recent attempt of one of the
States of the Union to make of itself
the interpreter of the data of science
and of revelation. The problem of
evolution has for centuries engaged
the serious attention of honest sci-
entists, and they have as yet not found
evidence of such weight that it
would lift their theory into the
realm of fact. Similarly, the problem
of creation has evoked the deep
thought of some of the greatest
ologians of the Church, and they
vary, with characteristic freedom of
thought, in their opinions respecting
the Biblical account of creation. No
legislative fiat can solve these very
intricate questions, and therefore
we calmly await the certain data and
decisions which Science and the
Church may give us on this matter,
convinced that truth, whether it
comes to us from the book of nature
or the book of faith, will ever be
undivided and one. We rest secure
in the conviction that the fact of
creation cannot be destroyed by the
manner of it.

We affirm our belief in God the
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven
and earth. We affirm our belief in
the creation of man according to the
image of God, which he shall return
to God from Whom he received it.
We condemn those pseudo-scientists
who attempt to make of a mere the-
ory a fact, who seize upon evolution
as a means to belittle religion or
even to undermine its foundations
with destruction in view, and who
make bold to assert that religion
and science are, and ever will be,
irreconcilable.

Who To Blame?

A Catholic contemporary wonders
whether there is not more apprecia-
tion of the good work and record
of the Catholic schools of America
by liberal-minded non-Catholics than
by indifferent Catholics. Also, whether
careless or intolerant Catholics
may not be as much to blame as
bigoted non-Catholics for enactment
of such intolerant legislation as re-
cently happened in Oregon and other
Western States.

Inquiry and research, undoubtedly,
would conform such a diagnosis.
If all Catholics would be practical
exponents of their religion, living
examples of their Holy Faith, their
shining example would confound our
opponents and tend to minimize their
attacks—at least minimize their
effectiveness to inflict serious dam-
age.

And the attacks will not cease.
They will continue. And we must be
prepared to fight back. And one of
the most effective weapons at our
command is profession and practice
of our religion.

Preparedness is necessary in our
case.

President Coolidge is back in
Washington. We'll soon see what dif-
ference that makes in the coal strike.

Charles Evans Hughes championed
the present primary law. Naturally,
he stood by the candidates
designated by the political leaders
according to the terms of the law he
championed.

Perusal of the "Fifty Years Ago"
column in the "Ten Years Ago" in
this issue, furnishes one with some
evidences that things have
changed in Rochester and that
the cat as he did not vote for Al. Well,
whoever supposed he did?

Only Logical Way

In a leading article in a recent
issue, Chicago "New World" pays
tribute to the Catholic School pion-
eers as follows:—

The old time minister thought it
to be part of his ecclesiastical equip-
ment that he should shout down the
parochial school. He saw in it the
embodiment of all anti-national ten-
dencies. It was a challenge only be-
cause it was a red flag. He preferred
a red school house to a red flag. In
some unaccountable way he thought
the cause of Protestantism was
bound up with the public school. In
certain localities the public school
was, in many respects, Protestant.
The minister failed to grasp the fact
that the institution was greater than
the individual unit, and that the
institution was purely secular. Nor
did the better minds of Protestant-
ism see any menace to their own
sects in the fuller working of the
system. After a half century of
operation, it now begins to appear
that the cause of Protestantism is
not tied up with the little red school
house. Efforts are made here and
there to introduce Bible reading. In
some places time is demanded for
religious instruction. At best these
are makeshifts. At worst they are a
confession of failure over the sys-
tem. To frankly face the situation
as Catholics did, demanded courage
and sacrifice. The thing was done.
The parochial school was established.
Catholic churches are filled; Protes-
tant churches are empty. This is only
a statement of a fact. If Protestants
are not satisfied with a system of
education, to whose strengthening
they lent their aid and to its modifi-
cation, their anathema, they have
the clear path ahead, of setting up
their own system of parochial educa-
tion. It may be too late, but there
is no alternative. So when we read
that a Protestant church in Pennsil-
vania has launched its own school,
we may well wish it success. It is an
endeavor in the right direction, and
it is a vindication, if any be needed,
of the Catholic attitude in education.

Point Of View

Commenting upon what it calls
"a most inactive political season"
of course excepting in Rochester and
New York—the Rochester "Times-
Union" delivers itself of this polit-
ical philosophy:

There are two types of mind and
two points of view reflected in the
course of our politics. One type of
mind conceives of government as a
great agency for the amelioration
and improvement of social and eco-
nomic conditions. It wishes always
to improve it, but especially from
the angle of making it more respon-
sive and more democratic.

The other type of mind puts the
emphasis on the running of the
governmental machine as it stands,
on the running of it efficiently, eco-
nomically, smoothly. It emphasizes
administration rather than legisla-
tive policy. It conceives of new ac-
tivities as fully as likely to be bur-
densome as to be beneficial.

Both types of mind have some-
thing to contribute to national pro-
gress. The social reformer forgets
that a large part of every problem
lies in administration, and that the
more complex administration be-
comes, the more difficult it becomes.
"Leave time for administration to
catch up with legislation," is one of
the President's most pithy utterances.

On the other hand, the mind bent
on administration often is too in-
different to real measures of progress
that need to be taken. It does not
rate legislative action as sufficiently
important.

It is the balance of these two dif-
ferent, and in a sense, conflicting at-
titudes that illustrates American
political history. Just now the em-
phasis is on the restriction of gov-
ernmental function and activity. But,
if our past teaches us anything, it
teaches us that sooner or later we
shall have a new period in which
increasing demands are made on the
powers of the state. There is action
and reaction. Perhaps we need both.

This advice is on a par with some
impractical advice handed out now-
adays, albeit it is as old as the pro-
verbial hills:—"In promulgating
your esoteric cogitations or in artic-
ulating superficial sentimentalities
observations, beware of platitudinous
and philosophical or psychological
ponderosity. Let your conversation
possess, clarified consciousness, com-
pacted comprehensiveness, coalescent
consistency and coagulated cogency.
Eschew all conglomerations, fatulent
garrulity, jejune babblement and
asinine affectations. Let your extem-
poraneous expatiations and unpre-
meditated expatiations have intelli-
gibility without rhodomontade or thra-
sonical bombast. Sedulously avoid all
polygraphical profundity, pompous
prolixity and ventiloquial verbosity.
Shun double entendre and purulent
jocosity, whether obscure or appar-
ent. In other words, speak truthfully,
naturally, clearly, purely. Don't use
big words."

Richard H. Curran still claims
Rochester as his legal and real
home, despite the fact that as a
member of the State Industrial
Board, he has to pass a great deal
of his time in New York.

William Randolph Hearst says if
little Katherine Daly could have
been prevented if the murderer had
been kept where he had been con-
fined and where he belonged—in the
insane asylum.

Prepare!

While there may be those who
differ with United States Senator
James W. Wadsworth politically few
will deny his sterling Americanism
or question his loyalty to the Re-
public or his fealty to the Stars and
Stripes. Hence his views on reduc-
tion of our army and navy are of
more than passing interest. Speaking
at the unveiling of the latest New
York State monument at Gettys-
burg, the Senator said:—

Senator Wadsworth said the Bud-
get Bureau and Congress have re-
duced appropriations for the War
Department until every army post is
manned by a skeleton force and in
many cases the men are housed in
old rickety and leaky buildings.
Pointing across the field to where
the horses of a battery of the Sixth
U. S. Cavalry were parked he said:
"The average age of our army
horses is fifteen years, and we have
many that are twenty years old. This
means that the army has not been
buying horses because of the lack of
funds."

The Senator said he was not an
advocate of war.

"I do not fear an attack upon the
United States to-morrow," he said.
"At least, there are no signs upon
the horizon. But no one of us can
tell what will happen a generation
or two generations hence. No sen-
sible person dare assert that our
descendants will not be called upon
to defend their nation by force of
arms. I am well aware that the best
way for America to assure peace is by
disarming herself. I wish I had suf-
ficient faith in human nature to ac-
cept that doctrine. So long as human
nature remains as it is, and as it
has been for thousands of years,
there can be no assurance that men
and nations will never attack each
other again. And I hold to the opin-
ion that the nation best prepared to
defend itself is the best able to
attack. That's all we Americans
should insist upon in this matter—
the opportunity to prepare and main-
tain our defense as contemplated in
the preamble of the Constitution of
the United States.

"Safe behind such a defense, re-
spected by the rest of the world, we
shall be free to help others, to en-
courage the love of peace with
honor, to spread our conception of
ordered liberty and to protect those
great institutions which, saved by
the citizen soldiers of '61, are shel-
tering us today and must shelter
those who come after us."

Clean House!

The Catholic Journal is in full
sympathy with the following editor-
ial from the "Woman's Home Com-
panion":

It is seldom reputable to attack
the disreputable. You want to help
clean up the field in which you
work, and yet to do so you are sub-
ject to two criticisms. The timid say
that you are fouling your own nest.
The cynical say that you are feath-
ing your own nest at the expense of
your competitors.

We hardly believe, however, that
any reader of the Woman's Home
Companion will confuse it or even
think of it as in the same business
with the many salacious magazines
which are now being driven from
the news stands in many states.
None of those sheets is brother or
sister or even cousin of ours. Nei-
ther are they competitors, for the
they purport nickels and dimes
which they flinch from the youngsters
could never be diverted our way.
Speaking not as publisher but as an
old friend of the American parent
and a jealous defender of American
youth, we offer our heartiest support
to the officials and the women's or-
ganizations that are fighting dirty
literature.

This is not to encourage the craze
for censorship which often seizes
upon busybodies. There is no more
use now than there ever was for
setting up public or private judges
to say what the people should be
allowed to read or hear or see in
print, on the stage or in art. No
human is wise enough to decide
what is good for the rest of us. Cer-
tain laws, which have been on the
statute books long enough to be well
tested, make it possible to punish or
suppress by threat any downright in-
decency. The success of the present
attack on bad magazines should
prove that these laws are adequate.
We must take care that we do not,
in the heat of the chase, outrun
them and plunge into a censorship
outraging the American ideal of a
free press.

Newspapers, at least, do not frown
upon a primary contest. The cam-
paign of 1925 in Rochester showed
that leaders and candidates believe
it pays to advertise.

Mayor Hylan, they say, fights for
the love of fighting. He sure had a
plenty this year.

Judging from some of the an-
nouncements and statements issued
the last few weeks, the cemeteries
have not entombed all the dead ones.

Knights of Columbus have a fine
publication now in "Columbia". It
is up to date in every way.

Too bad, but the Noel murder of
little Katherine Daly could have
been prevented if the murderer had
been kept where he had been con-
fined and where he belonged—in the
insane asylum.



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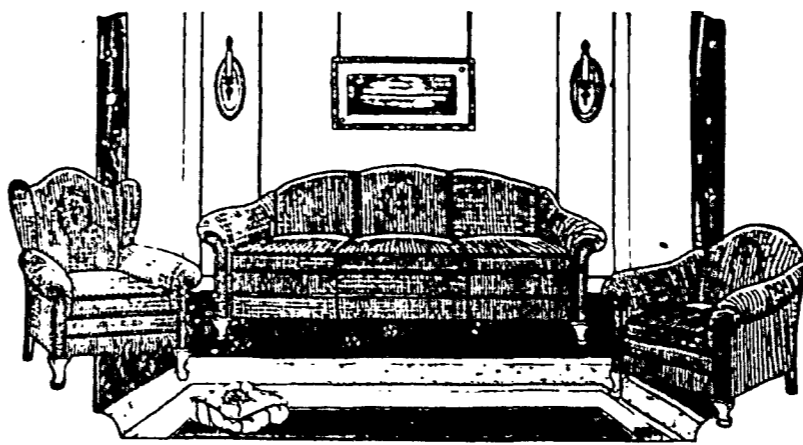


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Justice Dowling Martyrs' Shrine Orator Sept. 27

Aurietville, N. Y., Sept. 12.—Victor
J. Dowling, Associate Justice of
the Supreme Court, Appellate Division
of New York, has been named
orator of the day for the civic celebra-
tion to be held at the Shrine of
Our Lady of Martyrs here Sept. 27.

This celebration will honor the
American martyrs in their civic
achievements. Jogues was an explor-
er and the discoverer of Lake
George, an ethnologist and an ac-
curate chronicler of early events in
the New World. Justice Dowling is
admirably fitted for his task, having
made long and special studies of
New York State records.

Beatification of the American
martyrs June 12 has awakened new
interest in all that concerns their
lives and achievements. Scientific
excavations now are to be made at
Aurietville in an effort to recover
their relics.

The Sept. 27 celebration will be
attended by persons high in Church
and State. Groups from many East-
ern Catholic colleges, sodalities and
other organizations, and parish par-
ties will journey to the Shrine. The
Rev. Joseph Farrell, S.J., President
of Brooklyn College, is chairman of
the Committee on Transportation.

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German Catholics' Assembly Success Despite Opposition

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von
Capitaine,
(Cologne Correspondent, N. C. W. C.
News Service).

Cologne, Sept. 7.—The twenty-
third Catholic Assembly for the
Mark of Brandenburg, which in-
cludes Catholics of the German dis-
trict, was held this year at Ratha-
now. The meeting was notably suc-
cessful, notwithstanding attempts on
the part of a local Protestant organ-
ization to organize an anti-Catholic
demonstration with the object of
having the Catholic Assembly pro-
hibited.

Addresses at the Catholic Assem-
bly all dealt with the newly canon-
ized St. Peter Canisius. The speak-
ers included Father Aloys of Lowen-
stein, President of the German Cath-
olic Assembly; Cardinal Bertram,
Prince-Bishop of Breslau; Dr. Marx,

the former Chancellor; several
prominent government officials, and
many members of the Chamber of
Deputies.

Notwithstanding the Protestant
opposition to the Assembly, the Pres-
ident of the Potsdam District, a non-
Catholic, attended the meeting with
his staff. The local civil authorities,
however, did not take part.

Impersonates Priest Is Sent To Workhouse

New York, Sept. 12.—A man
named Walter Norris has been sen-
tenced to three months in the Work-
house here for impersonating a
priest while soliciting money. He
pleaded guilty to a charge of petit
larceny in Special Sessions.

An apartment superintendent
made the complaint which resulted
in Norris' undoing. She said the man
represented himself to be a priest
and persuaded her to subscribe for a
magazine.