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Fifty Years

Fifty years, half a century is a
long time to be engaged in one line
of service, whether political, business
or professional.

When, however, it is spent in
training children, in preparing young
women for their life work the ser-
vice is the more remarkable and
praiseworthy.

That is the record of Sarah Re-
gan, in religion Sister Marcella, the
venerable, loved and respected Moth-
er Superior of Nazareth Academy.

She has been fifty years a Sister of
St. Joseph, forty-six of these spent
as principal of Nazareth.

Hundreds of Rochester's best
known Catholic women were under
Sister Marcella's care and education
in their girlhood days. How much
they owe to the splendid care of this
saintly nun God only knows but
those who are living are to express
their gratitude and appreciation in
person and in tangible shape on
November 13th.

The Catholic Journal extends sin-
cere congratulations to Sister Mar-
cella. Ad multos annos.

Why Not?

Governor Smith is back of the
proposal sanctioned by two Repub-
lican Legislatures to bond the State
for sufficient funds to complete the
State's building construction pro-
gramme and to eliminate the 4,000
dangerous grade crossings in the
State as well as to abolish unneces-
sary state boards and to consolidate
and co-ordinate all state activities
under 21 constitutional departments.

The proposals sound like good busi-
ness and one would suppose the
leaders of the Governor's opposing
political party would stand shoulder
to shoulder with him in support of
the proposals submitted by unani-
mous vote of the legislators of their
own party.

They are not, however. To the
voters must decide for themselves
what they will do with the proposals.
The people's voice is the final
verdict.

Election

Next Tuesday's will be an impor-
tant election. A Mayor and full mun-
icipal ticket will be chosen; a Com-
mon Council will be chosen; five
members of Assembly will be select-
ed; and the voters will decide
whether they desire to install in
1928 an entirely new plan of mun-
icipal government.

Moreover the voters next Tuesday
will decide if they want the State
government put on an efficient plan
with departments co-ordinated and
centralized; whether they want to
adopt a plan to at once borrow
funds to complete the State's build-
ing construction plan and to bond
the State for \$300,000 with which
to abolish at once the dangerous
grade crossings within the state's
confines.

These are momentous problems.
The voters should go to the polls and
vote yes or no. They should not be
approved or disapproved by a minor-
ity of qualified voters.

The opening of the Paulist Fath-
er's broadcasting station is answer
to the bigot's sneer that the Church
never would recognize or use radio.
The Church is the friend and patron
of Art and Science.

Let us hope it will be many a
year ere another one of "Rochester's
Pleas" will ever be in a position to
be indicted for serious crime.

Congratulations to Leo Schlitzler,
surviving charter member of the
Order of St. John.

President Calvin Coolidge, at
the conference to re-organize the
National Association of Manufacturers.

State Troopers

In company with all law-abiding
citizens, the Catholic Journal, hopes
the conference between the Automob-
ile Club and Major Warner will
result in a better understanding as
to the respective rights of the auto-
mobile drivers and the troopers.

There must be some basis for the
feeling prevalent that the troopers
at times have rather exceeded their
legal rights when so conservative a
paper as the Rochester "Herald"
prints such an editorial as the fol-
lowing:—

With a large part of New York
State in uproar over the shooting of
a young thresherman by a State
Trooper on a lonely road near Savan-
nah last Saturday morning, public
attention has been focused on recent
complaints against the use of fire-
arms by State Troopers. Before the
controversy is closed, it is probable
that there will be a far better un-
derstanding than there is at present
with regard to the legal right of
State Troopers to make use of deadly
weapons on the public highways.

Details of the Savannah shooting,
as far as they have been made pub-
lic, are of a harrowing nature. A
young farmer, riding toward his
home in the early hours of the
morning, overtook a neighbor walk-
ing in the same direction and offered
her a ride to her home. Two State
Troopers in a second machine rode
up behind the farmers car, and one
of them fired through the forward
machine, inflicting a wound from
which the young man died soon
afterward. More than that the shot
that pierced the driver's body caused
the machine to run into the ditch,
endangering the life of the woman
passenger. News dispatches stress
the fact that it was seven hours
after the man's death before the
case was reported to the proper
authorities and that essential facts
were withheld by State Troopers
from the county officers.

No doubt, the case is an extreme
instance. Yet there have been other
complaints of peaceful motorists
held up at the point of a gun, of
law-abiding citizens harshly treated
and of extreme discourtesy shown
to inoffensive tourists by members
of the State Police organization.

Citizens of New York State would
like to believe that such misbehavior
is extremely rare. They would prefer
to retain the pride with which they
have regarded the State Police and
are reluctant to believe the charges
brought against the Troopers. Yet
when a wife is widowed and six
children made fatherless by the act
of a State Trooper, the public is
forced to the conclusion that there
may have been basis for complaints
hitherto registered.

Should Read It

Much has been said on the stump
and in the press about the proposed
new city manager plan to be voted
upon by the electors next Tuesday.

Charges and counter charges have
been flying from the advocates and
opponents of the charter. To be
sure these must "be counted as bi-
ased testimony—much as may be said
of expert testimony on a court trial.
Each sees the merits or demerits
through different colored glasses.

It is for the voter to make up his
mind. The voters are the jury to
weigh up and pass upon the evi-
dence. There is the duty to adopt
or reject the Charter.

If the Charter is approved it goes
into effect in 1928. If rejected it
can be again submitted to the elec-
torate in 1927.

Each voter should procure a copy
of the Charter, read it and decide
for himself or herself.

Not only state troopers but all
police officers should be taught that
citizens have rights under the
Fourth Amendment to the Federal
Constitution which must be respected
by officers of the law.

Let us prepare now to kill off the
annual crusade for the Sanger race
suicide law.

Governor Smith avers he is
through as Governor, while he is
entitled to a rest, the people will
decide when he is to retire to private
life.

That was a remarkable tribute
paid by a non-partisan audience to
Governor Alfred E. Smith in the
Chamber of Commerce in Rochester
last week.

Nazareth Academy is to be con-
gratulated on its venerable jubilar-
ian-principal.

Even 1925 election could not pass
without an epidemic of mudslinging.

Just who can Clinton Howard sup-
port for Mayor next week after the
turndown administered by the Mayor
and Common Council?

And now America is to be the
Valley's banker.

Archbishop Hanna will soon be
back in the United States to greet
his old friends.

Who remembers when restaurants
served wines instead of eggs of rare
old vintage?

Sometimes a man gets so rich that
it takes a half dozen doctors to find
out what's the matter with him.

Wisdom

There is food for reflection in the
following editorial from the Union
and Times:—

Last year when the news was
broadcast that John D. Rockefeller,
Sr., would die a comparatively poor
man, the general public read the
statement in amazement. The fact
is: Rockefeller, the Croesus of the
American people, will leave this
world having divided his huge for-
tune before his demise. There is
sound wisdom in the oil king's
action. He avoids the large inheri-
tance tax or rather his beneficiaries
do; he prevents the usual and use-
less legal entanglements and family
squabbles subsequent to a rich man's
death; and he sees during life just
where his wealth will go and how it
will be expended.

That is wise. Many a man and
women leaving a fortune have had
their hopes frustrated by dissatisfied
relatives, scheming lawyers and mis-
management of their affairs. It is un-
fortunate how many times worthy
institutions to which notable sums
are bequeathed, have been delib-
erately robbed by unscrupulous and
unthinking lawyers and legatees.
Sometimes these incidents come to
light; many times they do not. An
injustice is done the memory of the
donor with right intentions; an in-
justice is done to relatives and
friends by those whose sole recom-
pense is the vengeance satisfied by
diverting the bequests to the pockets
of lawyers.

Men with means should follow
John D. Rockefeller's example. Let
them keep an amount sufficient for
their needs until the call of death
and distribute the remainder to
worthy relatives and to forms of
charity that have been proven to be
commendable. Such procedure will
prevent the scandalous quarrels and
dishonest methods of dishonest law-
yers and will at the same time save
the large inheritance tax which Presi-
dent Coolidge himself recognizes as
unreasonable.

It is said that a will without God
in it, is no will. That expression is
food for thought among men with
fortunes to dispose. So many agen-
cies of charity exist today worthy of
every man's support and doing a
Christlike work in a Christlike man-
ner that no one has to look far to
place God in our bequests to educa-
tion and charity. A will without God
in it, is no will—and we might add
that a life blessed with extraordinary
gifts from God that leaves God out
when the distribution comes, is arch-
ingratitude to the Giver of all good
gifts.

Toleration Need

President Livingston Farrand,
president of Cornell University, in
an interview at Baltimore and sent
out by the National Catholic News
Service, thinks that toleration is the
outstanding need of American life
and society.

"The present outcropping of in-
tolerance in this country is almost
incomprehensible. It is not only con-
trary to American and democratic
principles, but the ultimate success
of democracy in any country is in-
volved with it," Dr. Farrand said.

With the remark that it is strange
intolerance should have developed in
the country to which "our forefath-
ers, Pilgrims and others," came in
search of freedom, Dr. Farrand cited
what he termed a "particularly wide-
spread series of expressions of in-
tolerance."

"The commonest is, of course, the
18th Amendment, but it is difficult
to discuss satisfactorily on account
of its having so many collateral con-
siderations involved in it.

"And a yet more serious expres-
sion is that embodied in the Ku Klux
Klan. A less dramatic but no less
pernicious expression is represented
by such legislation as the Oregon
School Law, which endeavors to
determine the school a child should
attend. This law is but a single in-
stance of legislative interference in
matters that are private and should
be left to private determination.

"The passage of the Tennessee
law and the manner in which it was
involved with the issue of Funda-
mentalism are to me incomprehen-
sible.

"All of these are but specific in-
stances of general prejudice and the
demand that others conform to the
ideas of the speaking group. They
are incompatible with the success of
democracy in this country."

**President Masaryk's
House Illuminated
As Catholics Parade**

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Prague, Oct. 19.—Catholics, gath-
ered in thousands in Prague from the
country round about to repeat the
ancient solemn celebration of the an-
niversary of St. Wenceslaus' death,
were surprised to observe that as the
procession passed and at the open-
air Benediction President Masaryk's
house was fully illuminated.

The long procession bore torches
and was headed by Monsignor
Hrubik, Metropolitan Canon. It
wended its way from the Cathedral
to an ancient statue of the saint,
which was decked with rich gar-
lands. There all united in singing the
historic hymn which ends "St. Wen-
ceslaus, let us not perish, neither
we nor our descendants."

The eagle isn't the only bird of
pray on our dollars.

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The Cats Out of the Bag

As Disclosure After Disclosure Is Made of

Great Waste, Inefficiency and Lack of Business Methods

in the Van Zandt Administration the Public is Beginning to Understand Why
All But Two of the 82 Republican Executive Committee
Decided That Mayor VanZandt Did Not
Merit a Renomination

More Than Nineteen Thousand Loyal Republicans

Out of 42,841 Voted in the Primaries AGAINST Mayor Van Zandt Because
They Did Not Think Him Deserving of a Renomination

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