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Catholic Press.

There is no gainsaying the fact
that the Catholic press of the United
States is more virile, more aggressive,
more powerful than ever before.

Much of the credit for this con-
dition is due to the staunch support
of the hierarchy as represented in
the National Catholic Welfare Coun-
cil. Under this leadership one month
each year is set aside as "Catholic
Press Month" and bishops and priests
are urged to preach on the Catholic
press and call upon their people to
support it.

Bishop McDevitt, of Harrisburg,
who is remembered here as the pan-
egyrist at Bishop McQuaid's funeral,
is chairman of the Publicity Depart-
ment of the Welfare Council and his
1926 letter on the Catholic press to
his fellow bishops is a strong presen-
tation. Space forbids publication in
its entirety but these excerpts are
timely:

In Belgium, at a congress of the
Catholic press, the Right Reverend
Bishop Legraive, who represented
Cardinal Mercier and brought greet-
ings of His Eminence, delivered an
address in which he said:

"The bishop's first task is to teach.
He cannot, however, fulfill that task
unaided; he needs collaborators.
Journalists, writers are among his
collaborators by virtue of their pro-
fession. That is saying enough as to
the veneration we owe those cham-
pions of the good cause. But the
edited and printed paper needs yet
to be disseminated. To that end
every possible assistance is required.
That assistance must come in the
first instance from our young men
and women. They do much in Bel-
gium at present for the propagation
of good literature; they could do still
more. The well-to-do have also a
great duty to perform in this regard.

"That the Catholic press may hold
among all the good works the place
to which it is entitled, we may well
pray that all Catholics realize fully
its importance. French Catholics,
for having been remiss therein, saw
their churches abandoned and fall
to ruin, their religious communities
expelled, their school closed. Similar
catastrophes await us if we do not
support the Catholic press."

But the success of a Catholic
paper depends in a large measure
upon the Catholic reading public.
The generous support and the per-
sonal interest of Catholics in pro-
moting the circulation and advertis-
ing of Catholic papers will provide
the revenue to make more success-
ful the already efficient papers and to
strengthen those that are not alto-
gether satisfactory. Catholics can
make no better investment of their
money and interest than in the build-
ing up of the Catholic press. When
Bishop Legraive said to the Belgium
congress that 'catastrophes await us
if we do not support the Catholic
press,' he was merely repeating in
different words the warning of Pope
Pius IX, "In vain will you found
missions and build schools, if you are
not able to wield the offensive and
defensive weapons of a loyal Catho-
lic press."

This year, because of the Euchar-
istic congress, an onerous duty will
rest upon the Catholic press to give
full and accurate information of an
event which is of world-wide inter-
est.

Cardinal Mercier's memory will
be green when that of him whose
egotism prolonged the World War.

Rochester is proud of its automo-
bile show. Like our Industrial Ex-
position it is in a class by itself.

Rochester's subway is likely to
prove a fine municipal asset.

Mr. William C. Page is threescore
and ten. How the years do roll
back! Bill Murphy, Martin Glynn,
James H. Flower, all have passed
and Mr. Page survives!

Alien's.

It is plain that one of the subjects
that will occupy much of the time of
the present session of Congress is the
immigration law. Secretary of Labor
Davis is strong for the registration
of aliens and periodical reporting
while there are others who believe
this should not be done. One of the
strong opponents of the registration
plan is the Rochester "Times-Union"
who says:—

The meeting which assembled in
New York on Saturday to denounce
the measure before Congress for the
registration of aliens was acting in
a good cause.

Registration of aliens is not only
impracticable, but also contrary to
every sound American political tradi-
tion. It was actually required more
than 125 years ago in the famous
Alien and Sedition acts of 1798.
Those acts caused a wave of protest
that showed clearly enough the pop-
ular antagonism. Expiring in 1801,
they were never renewed, not even
in the most excited days of the anti-
alien agitation.

Registration of aliens would add
one more to the already heavy bur-
dens of the federal government.
That, in itself, is an argument
against it, unless an overwhelming
need could be shown.

But where is the need? Under the
new immigration policy adopted in
the laws of 1921 and 1923, the prob-
lem of dealing with the immigrant
has been immensely simplified by a
large reduction in numbers. There
was never less reason for annoying
and badgering him with regulations
only too suggestive of some of the
European countries from which he
comes. There, however, they have a
reason in universal military service
requirements.

Is the prevention of radicalism the
end aimed at? There has not been
a time in the last 40 years when
there was less danger from radical-
ism than there is today. Nor is the
problem of social unrest ever to be
attacked and solved by mere meas-
ures of restriction, in any case.

A proposal of this kind is the prod-
uct of the exaggerated anti-alienism
and extreme conservatism that has
after-the-war reaction brought in its
train. There is nothing to be proud
of in the national mood which pro-
duced these tendencies. The country,
as a matter of fact, seems to be mov-
ing toward a more normal balance.

The enactment of such legislation
would be the sign that the hysterical
spirit of 1919 and 1920 had not en-
tirely passed. But, fortunately, its
passage is not to be expected.

Cardinal Mercier.

Hearts of Catholics all over the
world are saddened at the death of
that lion-hearted champion of the
faith—Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium.

No where is this sorrow greater
than in the United States where he
was revered and loved not only for
his stalwart fighting qualities but be-
cause to us he typified the true
churchman, the true follower of
Jesus Christ.

Irrespective of creed, Rochester-
ians loved Cardinal Mercier because
so many of us came in personal con-
tact with him on his visit here some
years ago. He impressed us as a true
Christian gentleman, a typical church-
man and a kindly man. The writer
will ever remember with pride that
he was honored as one of the Car-
dinal's escort along with other
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.
It was a labor of love and a privilege
to assist in honoring one of the
greatest Catholics of a generation.

We bespeak for all our readers
a prayer for the repose of the soul
of Cardinal Mercier.

Radio.

One has only to study the columns
of the newspapers, listen in on the
cars, on the elevators, in the restau-
rants and every office to realize the
deep interest even the rank and file
amateurs have in the new and uncanny
entangled something we know as
Radio.

One is not obliged to leave his
home on these winter evenings to be
entertained unless, perchance, he be
one of those gregarious beings who
must come in physical contact with
his fellow-humans. He is not com-
pelled to set through an unsatisfac-
tory programme because, forsooth,
he has paid out his good money for
tickets and feels he must try to get
the worth or unworth of his money.

All he need do is to twirl the
dials on his receiving set until he
finds a programme on the air that
fits his mood or fancy, sit back and
listen in to hearts' content. Oratory,
music, comedy, science or art—any
or all of these he may enjoy at will.

Radio! Its wonders are just be-
ginning to be realized.

Bishop McDevitt's appeal for sup-
port of the Catholic press should be
heeded by every Catholic. Never was
there greater need for a strong Catho-
lic press as at present.

If the Herald should discontinue
publication Rochester would be min-
us a democratic daily. Frankly speak-
ing, outside of Norman Mack's Buf-
falo "Times" is there another
straightout democratic paper in New
York state now that Martin Glynn's
"Times Union" has passed into Mr.
Hearst's hands?

Opening Lake Shore.

We feel sure the readers of the
Catholic Journal will agree with the
following editorial that appeared in
a recent issue of the Rochester
"Herald":—

Decision by the Greece town board
to proceed at once toward obtaining
the improvement of Dewey Avenue
Extension as far north as the Shore-
mont boulevard marks a new ad-
vance toward realization of the plan
for improvement of the entire lake
front of Monroe County. Taken in
connection with the proposal that
the abandoned right of way of the
Manitou electric road be utilized for
the construction of an automobile
highway between Shoremont and
Manitou Beach, the Dewey Avenue
improvement will be one of the most
important of the immediate future.

Few localities along the south
shore of Lake Ontario surpass in in-
terest the stretch of sandbars and
bays between the Port of Rochester
and Manitou Beach. The low coast
line, the rows of homelike cottages
set amid trees that seem always to
be tossing in the breeze, the blue
of lake and sky and bays, and in sum-
mer the intense green of the land-
scape make a series of pictures which
once seen, never can be erased from
memory.

That the beaches and bays are
popular is shown by the increasing
migration of population in that
direction each warm season. Only
the inaccessibility of the region has
prevented more rapid development
and improvement. A direct lakeside
boulevard from Shoremont, following
the roadbed of the abandoned trolley
line, would bring all the beaches in-
to close touch with Rochester and
open to development a long stretch
of lake shore not only from the city
line to Manitou Beach, but far be-
yond the latter point.

Rochester has been slow to take
advantage of its splendid lake front.
While other cities of the Great Lakes
have been expanding for miles along
their shore lines and expending mil-
lions on retaining walls, lawns,
boulevards and parks, Rochester has
been merely reaching out here and
there to touch the water front at
points most easily accessible. Dis-
tance and lack of good roads have
combined to check development. But
a boulevard westward from the
Twenty-third Ward and Shoremont
would eliminate the difficulty in that
direction and quickly lead to a lake-
side expansion comparable with the
best that other cities can show.

Reading.

Supplementing another editorial
on this page it is a pleasure to re-
produce the following from the
"Union and Times":—

Father Wynne, S.J., former editor
of America, is authority for the
statement that people are reading
more than they ever did. Some one
has explained that movies and radio
have taken such a hold of the "fans"
that they have given up literature
for the cinema and broadcasting.
This Father Wynne promptly and
properly contradicts. And he is right.
Other literature of one kind or an-
other is sold on the streets of Amer-
ica now than at any other period.
Magazines and newspapers have in-
creased far faster in circulation than
our numbers have increased in popu-
lation. This is due partly to the
movie, partly to the radio and partly
to the concerted effort of publishers
to increase the attractiveness of their
periodicals. We may also say that it
is due to a school system which has
cultivated in the student a literary
taste—such as it is.

Our concern, however, is not
how much the people read, but what
the people read. It is one of quality
rather than quantity. We have been
accused as a nation of not thinking
and there are grounds for the accu-
sation. Quantity reading will not pro-
duce a thinker. Such readers are
merely a sponge—drinking in the
water without absorbing it. Quality
reading, on the other hand, will gen-
erate a race of thinkers. Such read-
ers become like fertile soil—absorb-
ing the water to give to vegetation
its growth and sustenance. Father
Wynne may claim for the people that
they are reading more. Sometimes
after looking over the display of
reading matter on our public news-
stands.

So far as the radio and movie are
concerned, they can be made to
greatly improve a national literary
taste. In fact there is reason to be-
lieve that both will materially aid
in doing it. As Charles A. McMahon,
head of the N. C. W. C. Motion Pic-
ture Bureau states, "The responsible
heads (of the moving picture indus-
try) in recognizing and solemnly
proclaiming their moral responsibil-
ity toward the public is its outstand-
ing achievement." And the radio, as
it is featuring programs which are
notably of a higher character than
common jazz, proves that the broad-
casting stations are determined to
assist the public out of an age of
literary and musical decadence. So
much the better. Unconsciously the
people will be weaned away from the
corrupting influences of openly im-
moral periodicals and will be won-
over to things that tend to elevate
rather than to degrade.

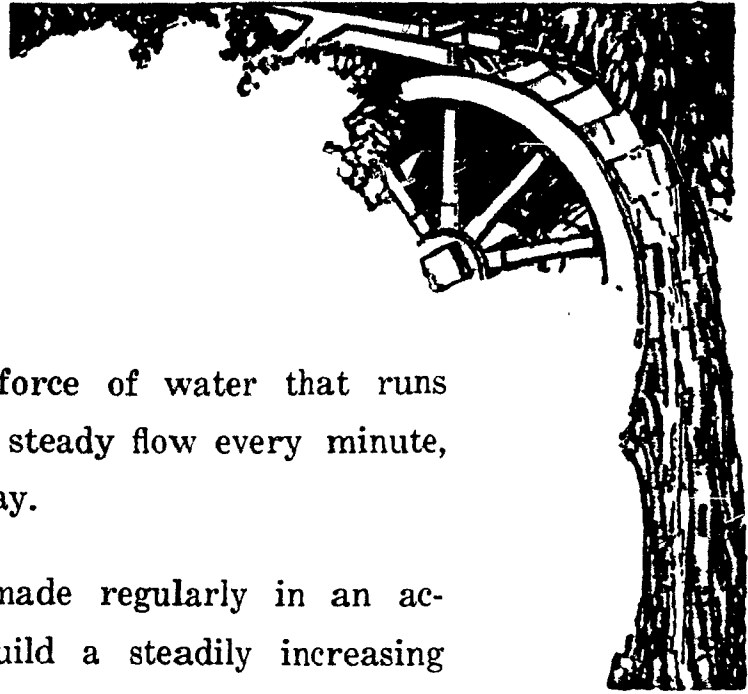
If there are Aquinas pledges still
unpaid, those owing should make an
effort to pay up.

Mr. Eastman is a courageous man
at 71 to brave the African wilds.

Power

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every hour, day after day.

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Biblical History

Is Supported By Tabgha Skull Find

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Jerusalem, Jan. 11.—Speculation
aroused by the recent discovery of
the skull of a Neanderthal man in
the cave of Tabgha, near Tiberias,
has served again to focus attention
upon the harmony between the find-
ings of archeology and the Biblical
account of the history of man in
Palestine.

The recent find at Tabgha was de-
scribed by Professor Garstang, Di-
rector of the British School of Arch-
eology, Jerusalem, as follows:
"The front part of a primitive hu-
man skull has been discovered dur-
ing excavations by Mr. Turville-Petre
in a cave at Tabgha, near Tiberias,
among well-defined Neanderthal flint
deposits. The new Tabgha skull is
characterized by a prodigious devel-
opment of the supra-orbital prom-
inences and depressed forehead as in a
chimpanzee, and conforms closely
with the Neanderthal European type
not previously found on the continent
of Asia."

This discovery, while undoubtedly
important, is not astonishing since
carved stones found in Palestine have
long since furnished apodictical evi-
dence of the presence of primitive
man here. The finds coincide with
the Biblical narrative. When Abra-
ham went from Mesopotamia to the
mountains of Canaan he found there
a population dwelling, for the most
part, in towns. That was at the be-
ginning of the second bronze age.
The country at that time had been
inhabited for centuries but the Bible
mentions other peoples who inhab-
ited the land before the Canaanites.
Notable among these earlier races
were the Rephaim of whom only the
name remains. They constitute,
however, a pre-cious link in the chain
leading to the origin of man. The
carved stones found everywhere in
Palestine are evidences of the activi-
ties of these prehistoric races and it
is not surprising that their bones may
be found in the caverns they occu-
pied.

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Cornerstone Of New Detroit Collegiate Blessed By Bishops

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)

Detroit, Jan. 22.—The corner-
stone of De La Salle Collegiate, the
new institute of the Christian Broth-
ers at Connors Avenue near Gratiot
Avenue, was blessed by Bishop Mich-
ael J. Gallagher on Sunday after-
noon. The Bishop was escorted by
Knights of St. John in uniform.
Following the ceremony Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament was given
in St. David's church.

Ground was broken for the new
college on the 12-acre site on No-
vember 15. The new institute, which
will be entirely separate from the
St. Joseph's Commercial College on
Jay and Orleans Streets, will event-
ually consist of three of four units
costing almost \$1,000,000 and ac-
commodating one thousand students.
The first building now under con-
struction, will cost \$110,000 and
house 280 students. The courses in
the new institute will include
academic and scientific subjects.
A drive to raise \$300,000 for the
project is now under way, a pre-
liminary meeting having been held in
the auditorium of St. Joseph's Col-
lege.

St. Anthony's Famous American Shrine



Ever since 1912, when the Monastery
Church of St. Francis on the Mount of
the Atonement, Graymoor, was finished
and the Shrine of St. Anthony was
erected, many thousands have had re-
course to his intercession at Graymoor.
Other thousands have secured
through the Wonder-Worker of Padua
by his intercessions in trials both
great and small. In fact, we receive so
many thanksgiving letters that all can-
not be published. Below we give a few
of the more recent testimonials from
his grateful Clients.

Mrs. M. L. M., Kirkfield, Ont., Can.:
"Enclosed please find Five Dollars,
which my husband and I promised St.
Anthony if we would find One Hundred
Dollars which we lost last week. It was
found and returned to us. Kindly
publish, as we are grateful."

G. B., Galveston, Texas: "Enclosed find Five Dollars for the Bread
Fund. Some weeks ago, through your Novena, I requested St. Anthony to
make my wife well. I am pleased to say that she is out of bed and
enjoying a quick recovery."

Mrs. J. N. S., Minneapolis, Minn.: "I enclose offering for benefits
which I have received through your Novenas. I have told several
people of the Novenas, and they too have benefited by them."

N.E.N., Minneapolis, Minn.: "Enclosed please find Five Dollars prom-
ised St. Anthony Bread Fund during my Novena. It is not yet finished,
but I am already beginning to see the wonder work of St. Anthony. My
heartfelt thanks to Our Heavenly Father and the good Saint for many
blessings."

F. T., Minoa, N. Y.: "Enclosed please find offering promised in
honor of St. Anthony. My request was granted, and a sale found for
my automobile during the Novena. Many thanks to Blessed St. An-
thony, who is indeed a Wonder Worker to the whole world."

C. M. D., N. Y. C.: "Enclosed find offering of Five Dollars prom-
ised for ease from pain of a cancer patient."
The Perpetual Novena to St. Anthony at Graymoor begins every
Tuesday, and ends the following Wednesday. The Friars will be
pleased to pray for your intentions, and send you the approved prayers
for the Novena. We still have the "Short Life of St. Anthony," which
we will gladly send upon request for Twenty-five cents. Address your
petitions to

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