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New Year's.

Another year is upon us. The twelve month cycle has passed into eternity. Whatever of good is done, Whatever of evil is history not to be recalled. 1927 is gone never to return. 1928 is beginning.

Let us make in 1928 a new and better record, especially in a spiritual sense, as the years roll by all too quickly.

The Catholic Journal wishes all its subscribers, friends and readers a Happy New Year!

Thomas H. Donovan

Last week, in St. Agnes' Cemetery, Albany, was laid away the remains of a real American Catholic gentleman—Thomas H. Donovan.

Forty years ago the printers and editors knew "Tom" Donovan as an expert typesetter. Later on he was one of the founders of the Catholic Journal. Something like a quarter of a century ago he removed to Albany and in a short time became the editor of the "Catholic Chronicle", the Albany edition of the Syracuse "Sun", then edited and published by James K. McGuire. He continued in that capacity until the paper was discontinued by James E. Doyle, who had purchased the McGuire-Cassidy interests in the Chronicle.

How much success Mr. Donovan attained in Albany is evidenced by the following editorial in former Governor Martin H. Glynn's Albany "Times-Union":—

Thomas H. Donovan, father of the Rev. Leo B. Donovan, assistant pastor of St. Mary's church, Amsterdam, died after a long illness, and sorrowing relatives and friends attended the funeral today.

Mr. Donovan was a prominent Albanian and widely known printer and was a former publisher of the Catholic Chronicle. He was a member of Albany Council, Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name Society of St. Patrick's church, St. Patrick's Conference, St. Vincent de Paul society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and of Typographical Union No. 4.

Mr. Donovan was a devoutly religious man and was beloved for his Christian zeal by all who knew him. He was most active in the work of the various church societies. The religious ardor of the father and mother is exemplified in the son, the Rev. Leo B. Donovan, and the daughter, Sister Mary Cephas, of the Sisters of Mercy at St. Peter's hospital. Another member of the family, a nephew, is the Rev. William J. Donovan, of Rochester. Mr. Donovan's other survivors are his wife, Elizabeth O'Callaghan Donovan, three daughters, Miss Mary, Miss Lillian and Miss Dorothy Donovan and one brother, Alfred D. D. Donovan, of Mount Morris.

A man of sterling character, industrious ways and engaging personality, he won friends easily and held them through life. In his home he was the affectionate husband and loving father, and to his neighbors a kind and sympathetic friend. His life was an exemplification of a sterling man and he enters eternal repose with the esteem of every one who knew him.

New Year's resolutions made to be broken were just as well not made.

Colonel Lindbergh should be known as the "Aviation Ambassador".

A good New Year's remembrance: Year's subscription to the Catholic Journal.

Is the Board of Supervisors to give place to a county manager form of government?

New Year's Day may not mean much to some old-time Rochester politicians.

President Coolidge need not worry about keeping peace with the politicians who control votes.

Cut Expenses.

How the old time professional practical politicians would chortle in glee could they come back and read of the expensive primary elections conducted in Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and other states under the new-fangled laws to compel honest primaries and elections. Under the old time caucus and convention plan, an expenditure of $100,000 to select a United States senator would have been considerd scandalous. In the states we have cited under honest election laws anywhere from $250,000 to $1,000,000 and were admitted as expended in United States senatorial campaigns, and no apologies offered. Right here in Monroe County the two dominant political parties admitted expenditures of nearly $200,000 in a city and county election.

And now the reformers themselves are urging that expenditures of at least ten cents per voter be legalized by candidates! Just read this editorial on this subject from the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle":

All the uproar over the attempt to seat Vare and Smith in the Senate may yet serve a useful purpose if from it some workable plan emerges to curb the expenditure of fabulous sums in the elections of the future. Regardless of the wisdom of the Senate in arbitrarily excluding the two men from its membership, the facts show an unhealthy condition which, with characteristic carelessness the American voter ignores until it is brought sharply home.

Some new legal limit on the amount that a candidate may spend is the obvious need, but what form shall that limit take and how shall it be determined? Former Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, who is a resolute champion of clean elections and, as a Pennsylvanian, is in an especially advantageous location to give advice, believes in the plan of limiting expenditures on the basis of so much per voter, the number of voters to be fixed by the record of the candidate's party at the last general election in the district. A limit tof 10 cents for each vote was set as just last year by a special committee of seventy-six which was appointed in Pennsylvania to study the problems raised by election frauds. A basis of 10 cents per vote would have limited the expenditure in the Senatorial primary campaign in which Vare figured to $110,000. The same general principle of limitation could be applied to a general election, Mr. Pinchot thinks.

"The amount of the limit is very important," Mr. Pinchot writes, "If the number of cents per voter is made too large, the purchase of elections will not be prevented. If it is made too small, an independent candidate could seldom or never win against an organized machine. Since it costs five cents to send one letter to one voter, the limit of 10 cents would not appear to be unreasonably high."

Any candidate who exceeded the limit would lose the election, regardless of the result of the vote. The plan also provides that each candidate must appoint an agent through whom all campaign expenses would be paid, with penalties provided if money was spent through any other medium. The present Federal law, while meant to limit expenditures, fails of its purpose, Mr. Pinchot points out, because it sets no limit to the amount that may be spent for printing, postage and other items of campaign cost.

Here is a proposal that stands up well under careful study and that plainly has been wrote from the trials through which Pennsylvania has just passed. The expenditure of money under our election system is not wrong in itself, within limits. It is an important and desirable factor in the dissemination of the knowledge which the voter needs to make an intelligent choice. The function of the law is to make sure that candidate has some other qualification than the means and the willingness to spend.

Exposed.

One of the blatant advocates of the Klan and, of course noisy opponents, of the Catholic Church in and out of the United States Senate is Thomas J. Heflin, one of the Senators from Alabama, the successor to the dignified and courteous Oscar Underwood. Heflin attacks the Catholic Church in season and out of season, also the Knights of Columbus and has tried to convey the impression that he was doing all this from a sense of duty and national pride, at his own expense and as a matter of civic and national duty.

The alleged expose by William Randolph Hearst of disbursement of vast sums of money in the United States by President Calles in propaganda designed to swing American public sentiment in his favor, has done one great service. It has torn the mask off Heflin. In a frantic denial of having received any Mexican bribe money, Heflin told the special Senate Committee that he received from $100 to $250 a speech for his assaults on the Catholic Church from Protestant Churches, Lodges of Junior Order of American Mechanics, Ku Klux Klans and other organizations of bigots.

In other words, Heflin is a bigot because he is paid for it at so much per word or column!

Search the record of the professional bigot and, as a rule self is the impelling reason.

Books.

He who wrote the following editorial was a true lover of books:—

If in last-minute doubt as to what to give him or her, give a book.

Milton says that "a good book is the precious life-blood of a master-spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life."

The privilege of reading a good book is the opportunity to commune with a great soul.

If we would improve ourselves by spending time with our betters, they stand ranged upon the library shelves, waiting to talk to us.

How eagerly we would welcome the opportunity to meet President Coolidge!

If we met him, he would do no more than speak of the weather, some current event, or exchange passing remarks about some mutual friend.

Yet all the great American statesmen and Presidents who preceded Coolidge are ready to impart to you not mere passing pleasantries, but their deepest and innermost thoughts on national life and human affairs.

You can turn to the state papers, letters and autobiographies of Franklin, Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

How it would thrill most of us actually to know Einstein or Masefield or Dr. Henry van Dyke or Kipling or Kathleen Norris or Jim Tully!

Anyone who reads can hear the best they have to give, and learn what they have learned about character and conduct and life.

Some of us regret never having gone to college.

The truth is that most of the professors who say anything worth while in college have already written it in books. They toil through their lectures attempting to interest the student sufficiently to read those same books.

The Scotch writer, Thomas Carlyle, expressed a great truth seventy-five years ago when he said, "The true university of these days is a collection of books."

To read more books is a good resolution for New Year's.

Sanding Streets.

It is refreshing to learn that in one respect, at least, Rochester is ahead of even European cities and that is in protecting motorists and pedestrians on icy streets. This is told in the following editorial found in a recent issue of a secular daily:

Motorists will be glad to hear that Commissioner Baker is planning to sprinkle sand generously in the city streets this winter when icy pavements make wheeled traffic hazardous If the last week is a fair sample of the kind of weather Boreas is to inflict on Rochester this winter, the commissioner may well lay his order now for a heavy consignment of sand There was a time when the principal problem of the automobile was to make it start and keep on going, now the main thing is to make it stop and stay stopped Sanding the roads is in line with that problem It is also an illustration of the tendency of the modern city to do a little more than it is legally required to do in the interest of public safety So far as we know, the city administration is under no obligation to make the streets safe for motorists in icy weather; its function is simply to keep the streets open and passable Spreading sand is a gratuitous service that shows no other profit than such as may be established by the good will of motorists.

In connection with the recent spell of icy weather, it is interesting to read that Paris and London have just had a similar experience and were rather bewildered by it. Ice-coated streets, such as we expect in this climate every winter, are so rare in those cities that they constitute a sort of national crisis. News dispatches say that transportation systems were paralyzed, few residents dared to venture out and those who did were scarcely able to navigate. The only persons who seemed undisturbed by the bad walking were the American tourists, who probably were made a little homesick but otherwise took the situation for granted. Railroads, taxicabs and pedestrians were literally down and out. The European cold snap, almost unprecedented at this season, has extended even into Austria, bearing a promise of a frosty Christmas that seems to that region a complete violation of Nature's program.

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, January 1.—The Circumcision of Our Lord, or New Year's Day. The law of circumcision continued in force until the death of Christ and our Savior was circumcised that He might redeem those who were under the law.

Monday, January 2.—St. Fulgentius, Bishop, after holding office as the procurator of the Province of Catharge, was inspired by St. Austin's treatise on the Psalms to enter religion. He was elected Bishop in 508. His books and letters, some of which are still extant, confounded the Pelagian and Arian heresiarchs. For his opposition to heresy he was cruelly scourged by the Numidians Finally he retired to an island monastery where he died in the year 533.

Tuesday, January 3.—St. Genevieve, was born at Nanterre near Paris. When seven years of age she made a vow of perpetual chastity. During the siege of Paris by Childeric, King of the Franks, Genevieve with a few followers went out and procured corn for the starving citizens Childeric, although a pagan, respected her and at her request spared the lives of many prisoners. She has becoome the patron of Paris.

Wednesday, January 4 - St. Titus, Bishop, was a convert from paganism and a disciple of St. Paul. He was patient and painstaking. St. Paul "gave thanks to God, Who had put such carefulness for them in the heart of Titus."

Thursday, January 5 —St Simeon Stylites, when a mere child began his monastic life He tortured his body and ate but once in seven days and, when God led him to a solitary life, kept fasts for forty days Thirty-seven years he spent on the top of pillars, exposed to the heat and cold, day and night adoring the majesty of God.

Friday, January 6. The Epiphany of Our Lord. The word Epiphany means "Manifestation" and it has passed into general acceptance throughout the universal Church from the fact that Jesus Christ manifested to the eyes of men His divine mission on this day first of all, when a miraculous star revealed His birth to the kings of the East, who in spite of the difficulties and dangers of a long and tedious journey through deserts and mountains almost impassable, hastened at once to Bethlehem to adore His and to offer Him mystical presents, as to the King of kings, to the God of heaven and earth, and to a Man withal feeble and mortal. The second manifestation was when, going out from the waters of the Jordan after having received Baptism from the hands of St. John the Holy Ghost descended on Him in the visible form of a dove and a voice from heaven was heard saying, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased." The third manifestation was that of His divine power, when at the marriage-feast of Cana He changed the water into wine, at the sight where of His disciples believed in Him.

Saturday, January 7.—St. Lucian, Martyr, was born at Samosata in Syria. Having lost his parents in his youth, he distributed all his worldy goods, of which he inherited an ibundant share, to the poor, and withdrew to Edessa, to live near a holy man named Marcarius, who imbued his mind with a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, and led him to the practice of the Christian virtues. Lucian revised the books of the Old and New Testaments, thus preparing the way for St. Jerome's later work, the Latin translation known as "The Vulgate." Having been denounced as a Christian he was tortured for twelve whole days. He finished his glorious career in prison.

ELIZABETH MADLER.

Funeral services for Elizabeth Madler ,who died Thursday morning took place Monday, December 26th at 8 o'clock at No. 52 Cumberland street, and at 8:30 o'clock at Sacred Heart Church. Solemn mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. G. Stuart Hogan, assisted by Rev. George V. Burns as deacon and Rev. Wolfred Ruth as subdeacon.

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DEATHS OF THE WEEK

Funeral services were held from the respective churches on dates given. All burials made in Holy Sepulchre cemetery unless otherwise mentioned. May their souls rest in peace.

Allen—Amelia Florence Allen, aged 59 years, died December 25 at the family home, No. 229 Latta road. Funeral from Holy Cross Church, December 28th.

Bauer—Mrs. Mary Bauer, widow of the late Samuel Bauer, died December 27, at her home, No. 589 Hayward avenue. Funeral from St. Joseph's Church, December 31st.

Bartholomay — Theresa Mueller Bartholomay, wife of Frank Bartholomay, died at her home, No. 708 Joseph avenue, December 25th, aged 74 years. Funeral from St. Michael's Church, December 28th.

Brady—Dr. James P. Brady died December 27th, at his home, No. 594 Magee avenue. Funeral from the Sacred Heart Church, December 29.

Curry—Sarah Curry died at St. Mary's Hospital, December 25. Funeral from Lady Chapel, December 27th.

Duffy—Maude E. Flinchbaugh Duffy, beloved wife of John J. Duffy died December 24th, at the French Broad Hospital, Asheville, N. C. Funeral from St. Augustine's Church, December 29th.

Foley—John F. Foley, of No. 9 Austin street, died suddenly at the General Hospital, December 23. Funeral from Holy Apostles Church, December 27th.

Heinkel—Clara Rose Heinkel, daughter of George and Sophie Heinkel died December 26th, at the family residence, No. 38 Mapledale street, aged 9 years and 6 months. Funeral from St. Ambrose's Church, December 29th.

Jubenville—Mrs. Mary Jubenville died December 24th at her home, on Lyaan street, Brockport. Funeral from the Church of the Nativity, Brockport, December 28th. Burial in Mt. Olivet cemetery, Brockport, N. Y.

Licata—Mary Licata died December 24th, aged 26 years. Funeral from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, December 28th.

Miller—Barbara Rebholz Miller wife of George C. Miller, died December 26th, at the family home, No. 24 Lux street, aged 68 years Funeral from St. Andrews' Church December 29th.

O'Connor—Daniel O'Connor died at the residence, No. 25 Nottingham road, December 26th, aged 71 years Funeral from St. John the Evangelist Church, December 29th.

Riley—Bernard B. Riley died in this city, December 23. Funeral from B. O'Reilly's Sons, 163 State street and at 9 o'clock from Lady Chapel December 27th. Interment in G. A. R. plot in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Snyder—Jacob F. Snyder, aged 67 years, died at his home at Livonia, December 26th. Funeral from St Joseph's Church, December 28th Burial in St. Michael's cemetery.

Strassner—Urban Louis Strassner aged 24 years, died at 101 Hawley street, December 24th. Funeral from the Immaculate Conception Church December 27th.

Toughey—Miss Catherine Toughey died December 27th at her home No. 215 Hebard street. Funeral from St. Francis Xavier Church, December 30th.

Weiss—Mrs. Teresa Adele Weiss, aged 59 years, died at the family home, No. 125 Holworthy street, December 24th. Funeral from Holy Family Church.

Shellman—Bridget, wife of Anthony Shellman, died at her home in West Bloomfield, December 27, aged 68 years. Funeral from St Joseph's Church, West Bloomfield December 31st. Interment at Lima, N. Y.

Wheelwright — Charles Edward Wheelwright, aged 70 years, died December 28, at his home, No. 18 Brighton street. Funeral from the Blessed Sacrament Church, December 31st.

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