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Bishop Resigns

It is with profound regret, not only by the loyal Catholics of his own flock but by hosts of non-Catholics that the resignation of our Rt. Rev. Bishop as the Ordinary of the Diocese of Rochester is recorded.

Announcement of his elevation to the Archbishopric tempers the note of sadness as it assures us of his activity in the cause of Religion when his shattered health is restored.

The second Bishop of Rochester lays down his episcopal crozier with a remarkable record of accomplishment in the face of ill-health which supplemented and carried on the constructive programme inaugurated by his predecessor, the great first Bishop of Rochester, the late Rt. Rev. Bernard J. McQuaid.

The Catholic Journal wishes for Archbishop Hickey renewed health and vigor and that his services to Holy Mother Church will be available for many years.

All Saints—All Souls

November is the month set aside for special devotion in remembrance and assistance of the Souls in Purgatory.

Ushered in by the solemn feast of All Saints in honor of those who have passed through the purifying fires and attained to eternity in Heaven and followed by All Souls Day in which the Church implores mercy for the suffering souls the remainder of the month is given over to intercession for the Poor Souls.

We should take our part in these special devotions to honor our own departed loved ones. If we have none to need our special care then pray earnestly for aid to all the Poor Souls. They need your help and in return they will help you in your hour of need.

Election—Vote!

One of the most exciting presidential campaigns in recent history is drawing to a close.

Issues are now joined. The people's minds are made up.

Nothing remains but to cast and count the ballots.

It is the duty of every citizen to express his choice between the candidates presented for their suffrage.

If he fails to vote he is stopped from criticism if results do not please him.

Laying aside all bias and prejudice, vote for the candidate who you think is best fitted for chief executive of the United States.

Where the Others?

The Omaha "True Voice" raises a pertinent inquiry in the following editorial:

"The opening of the schools in September always brings a statement that about one-half the Catholic children in the United States are in our parochial schools. This is clearly an exaggeration. Catholic census figures show that there are at least 28,000,000 Catholics in the United States. Of these 8,000,000 are children of the school age. Less than 3,000,000 children are in our Catholic schools. Where are the others, and what is being done for them in the way of religious instruction?"

"This is a serious question. Two-thirds of the Catholic children of the country are in danger of losing their faith through lack of religious instruction. We can take care of those in our schools easily enough. But that does not fulfill our duty. The others must be taken care of. Religious instruction must be provided for them. We greatly fear that there is sad neglect in this regard throughout the country. We shall suffer for it in the years to come."

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Too Bad, She's Peeved

Our esteemed contemporary, the "Union and Times" analyzes the case of Mrs. Mabel Willebrandt so well that we reproduce it as follows: Mrs. Willebrandt is very much put out because the public believes that she was injecting religion into politics when she urged all Methodist ministers to instruct their congregations how to vote. The peevish lady is, by the way, an official in the department of justice.

Let us look into this matter for a moment. Colonel William J. Donovan of this city is also an official in the department of justice. Colonel Donovan happens to be a Catholic. Supposing for a moment that this department official came into New York state and urged an assembly of two thousand Catholic priests to vote for Smith and told them to go home and get their people to vote for Smith and swing the State of New York into the Democratic column. What then? Would not Mrs. Willebrandt welcome it with glad hands and ask for a holiday in the department of justice? Would not the Baptists jump into their baptismal tanks and paddle around in holy horror at Catholic intrusion in politics?

Would not the Presbyterians call on John Calvin to save them from a fatal day and the Methodists invoke the intercession of the ancient beer-drinker—John Wesley? Would not all the one hundred per cent. Americans stand upon their hind legs and jabber about the instructions from the Pope of Rome?

Yet, when the blessed Mrs. Willebrandt, who has never been repudiated by her party, issued the call to Methodism to put Mr. Hoover in the White House, the sectarian bodies acted surprised that the lady dare be questioned. In this case the shoe happened to fit the right sectarian foot. But if it were a Catholic making the same plea to Catholic priests—holy horrors. Which leads us to believe that Mrs. Willebrandt was appraised before hand that she was not making an egregious blunder. We will wait and see what her reward will be in the event of her party's victory. Such a bold, politically meritorious act ought to earn her the position of assistant to the attorney general himself. Either that or political oblivion for Mrs. Willebrandt.

No Scandal

Amid all the roar and rant of bigots, fanatics and character assassins, the Catholic Church in America has pursued the even tenor of her way. She has not entered the political arena. Her pulpits have not been degraded into political hustings and her priests have preached Christ and Him crucified and not one of them has slandered his non-Catholic neighbor.

Under the peculiar circumstances of this campaign it was doubly hard to keep still. But we had able defenders, John W. Davis, Nicholas Murray Butler, Rev. Murray Bartlett, United States Senator Carter Glass, Governor Ritchie and scores of others have spoken out boldly in denunciation of the bigots' propaganda.

Methodist Bishop Cannon of the South, one of the ring leaders of the bigots, has been severely rebuked by Senator Carter Glass for misrepresentation.

"Who made Prohibition an issue?" he said. "I wrote the plank in the Democratic platform and Bishop Cannon approved it before it was adopted. He says Al Smith repudiated the platform. I say he didn't do anything of the kind. He said he would endorse it to the letter."

"I was using my humble endeavors in the interest of Prohibition," he said, "when Dr. Cannon was the paid agent for the Anti-Saloon League."

"I was for the extermination of the liquor traffic when Bishop Cannon was known from one end of this Commonwealth to the other as 'One Quart Cannon.'"

This name was given to Bishop Cannon, the Virginia Senator, declared when the former went to Washington while a bill was pending before Congress to make it a crime to ship whiskey from a wet to a dry State, and insisted that Virginians be allowed to receive one quart of liquor a month.

Senator Glass said he had never tasted liquor and had always voted in the interest of Prohibition. He asserted it was "nothing short of insanity" for a Bishop of his church to say that he had "betrayed Prohibition."

The opponents of Governor Smith are seeking refuge in religious hate, the Senator asserted. "There is no danger from the Roman Pope," he said, "but let me warn you people against a Virginia Pope and the trinity of Methodist Popes seeking to turn the Methodist Episcopal Church, South into a Methodist Republican Church, South."

In a sense Arizona is as powerful as New York State, despite the difference in population and resources. It counts one State in voting on Amendments to the United States Constitution. New York registers one—that's all.

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Sees A Light

One of the surprising and gratifying incidents of the campaign of 1928 is the tribute paid to the Catholic clergy and laity by Ellery Sedgwick, editor of the "Atlantic Monthly". Mr. Sedgwick was criticized last year for an apparent bias in his publication against the Catholic Church. If he were prejudiced he has seen a new light as is evident from the following letter to the New York "Sun":

To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: As an editor who during the Smith-Marshall debate chanced to be where religious controversy was hottest, and who before and since that historic episode has had abundant opportunity to observe relations in this country between church and state, may I be allowed to bear public and admiring testimony to the dignity, the forbearance, and the good citizenship of the Roman Catholic clergy in America? I doubt indeed whether our history affords an instance of a large and cohesive body of men who, under the bitterest provocation, have better kept their self-control and self-respect.

What they have felt under a campaign of undeserved aspersion could perhaps not be expressed in words. But in all the welter of open slander and covert sneers I have not noted a single un-Christian retort, a single unworthy reply made by a priest of the Church of Rome.

Let us be just. This church, quite alien to most of us, has taught us a lesson in manners and in morals. It is a commonplace of such reasonable conversation as is still conducted during this campaign that had the Catholic clergy thrown their arms into the merry fray after the pattern of their Methodist brethren the Republic would have rocked on its foundations. What would good Americans say if some Democratic Catholic churches to organize as league political groups and struck a blow for the cause which they believe to be the cause of temperance? Possibly that "Joan of Arc" would have been burned at the stake, and not ill-deservedly.

But it is not the mischievous fanaticism of Mrs. Willebrandt to which I would refer (though to many citizens Mr. Hoover's willingness to profit by her activities inures his otherwise unexceptionable stand), but rather to the vulgar and ignorant abuse given the central church of Christendom by the unthinking of all classes. These are matters brought home to my personal knowledge. My mail reeks with imbecilities about "Rum and Romanism." It is stated that the Jesuits have bought in secret the magazine which I edit, and I am offered the choice of pleading guilty either to knavery or utter folly. The fine appeal made by Franklin Roosevelt to the sense of public decency is not misplaced.

The ventilation of this fostering sore is for the best. To the American preached by Ireland and Gibbons is now added the Americanism practiced by Smith. The Catholic Church in America is in the civic sense an American church. Untrammeled in this country a lost cause. To the limbo where it belongs Protestant bigotry must follow. The conduct of the church, high above reproach in this bad crisis, will not be forgotten.

A True Anti

Probably, the Morgantown, North Carolina, "News Herald" accurately labels the mental condition of the average bigot in the following little incident:

Polly Malindy Denton is one of Burke County's most unique characters. Everybody knows her and everybody makes allowances for "Polly." She can take a lot of teasing, but begins to get mad if pressed. While she was in town the other day somebody asked her if she were for Al Smith for President. "No," snapped Polly. "Why are you not for him, Polly?" insisted her questioner. "Because he's a Catholic," was the reply. "What is a Catholic, Polly?" she was asked. "I don't know; I'm just agin' whatever it is," was her truthful answer.

Babe Ruth is as effective, almost, as a stump speaker, as he is a ball player.

It is a queer mental twist that enables one to justify bigotry by berating the one assailed because he represents false accusations.

Senator Curtis' "Too d—d dumb to understand" may now take its place alongside that other classic: Dr. Burchard's "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion."

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Come what may Governor Smith has proved himself a typical American man.

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Damnable.

While much of the slander campaign against Governor Alfred E. Smith in the South is so absurd and potentially false to those who know him well nevertheless there are men and women by the scores who are galvanized by such stuff as appeared in a recent bulletin sent out by the Baptist organizations in peacetime reading as follows:

The first bulletin is a report of an address delivered in a Nashville Baptist church by a Rev. John H. Moore, in which the minister is said to have cited seven reasons why votes should not be cast for Gov. Smith, one of these being "because he is a Roman Catholic." It says in part:

"An audience of 2,500 or more, rivalling the size of the audience which heard Senator Joseph Robinson in the Ryman Auditorium recently, crammed its way into the Edgefield Baptist Church in Nashville Sunday night and heard the Rev. John H. Moore, pastor, discuss 'Seven Reasons Why One Should Not Vote for Al Smith.'"

"Dr. Moore used no 'whispers' in his address. Every time an opportunity was presented to denounce the New York Governor he did it; and the audience shouted and applauded its approval."

"Mr. Moore's seven reasons, in brief, are as follows:
'1. Because Smith is a personal, political and official wet.

"2. Because he is NOT a Democrat.

"3. Because he abandoned the Housing platform.

"4. Because his oath to enforce the Prohibition Law is absolutely worthless—as shown by his record in New York.

"5. Because he is a Roman Catholic.

"6. Because the citizens of the South are just throwing off the yoke of political slavery.

"7. Because the voter is given an opportunity in the present race to vote for Herbert Hoover."

"The minister, above a whisper, denounced Al Smith as a regular consumer of cocktails and a constant drinker of illegal liquor. He is a regular violator of the Eighteenth Amendment, unless he makes his own home brew in the Executive Mansion," he asserted. A storm of cheers greeted this analysis."

In another bulletin is a list of asserted appointments of twenty Catholics made by Gov. Smith to judicial benches in New York, which it says was published in the "August number of the monthly Bulletin of the Sons and Daughters of Washington," at Albany, N. Y., and of which one Jay W. Forrest, who "has long been thoroughly informed touching such matters," is said to be the head.

Several of these men, especially in the case of Supreme Court Justices are listed in "Who's Who in Amer-

ica" and "Who's Who in New York" as having been elected and not appointed.

In commenting upon this list the Press Bulletin says:

"A large per cent. of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States are now well advanced in years, several of them are over seventy, and of them are over seventy. One is approaching ninety. The President elected next year will probably appoint a number of men to that great tribunal. Similar conditions obtain on the bench of the Circuit Court of Appeals and the district courts of the United States. The whole personnel of the Federal judiciary is appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

In another bulletin, commenting upon a recent article in the Christian Science Monitor of Boston concerning attempts of politicians to capture the Negro vote, the Tennessee Headquarters says:

"In this connection it is recalled in Nashville that the Catholic Church recently established a Negro cathedral here and is attempting to gain members among the Negro race. One can scarcely imagine a Southern A. M. E. or Baptist Negro recalling the benefits the Republican Party bestowed on his race in the South, suddenly conceiving that Al Smith, the Democratic nominee, is a better defender for his people than Herbert Hoover, the Republican nominee."

Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, November 4.—St. Charles Borromeo. In 1560 Charles Borromeo, then twenty-two years old, was created a Cardinal and assisted his uncle Plus IV to administer the affairs of the Holy See. He was largely responsible for the success of the council's decrees. As Archbishop of Milan he remained in the city throughout the great plague, in constant attendance on the sick and dying.

Monday, November 5.—St. Bertille, abbot, in her early youth learned to despise the world and wished to give it up. She entered the convent of Jouarre where she became noted for her extreme humility and was chosen prioress. About the year 646 she was appointed first abbess of the abbey of forty-six years with vigor and discretion, which she governed for forty-six years with vigor and discretion. She died in 692.

Tuesday, November 6.—St. Leonard, one of the officials of the Court of Clovis, was so moved by the example of St. Remigius that he relinquished the world in order to lead a more perfect life. He became the apostle of such of the Franks as were still

ed to court because of his reputation as a pagan and later withdrew into solitude in order to avoid being summoned for sanctuary. He undertook the work of comforting prisoners, making them understand that the captivity of sin is more terrible than mere bodily restraint. He died about 550.

Wednesday, November 7.—St. Willibrord was born in Northumberland, A. D. 657 and when twenty years old went to Ireland to study under St. Egbert. Twelve years later, after going to Rome and receiving the blessing of the Pope he reached Utrecht and began to preach the gospel to the pagan tribes. At the request of Pepin Heristal he went again to Rome and was consecrated Archbishop of Utrecht. He labored as a bishop for fifty years converting thousands, building many churches and having the gift of miracles.

Thursday, November 8.—The Feast of the Holy Relics. Protestantism regards the veneration which the Church pays to the relics of the saints as a sin and contends that this pious practice is a remnant of paganism. The Council of Trent, on the contrary, has decided that the bodies of the martyrs and other Saints who were living members of Jesus Christ and temples of the Holy Ghost are to be honored by the faithful.

Friday, November 9.—St. Theodore Tyro, martyr, in his youth was enrolled in the imperial army. He refused to obey an order of the Emperor that all Christians should offer sacrifice. When his commander tried to win him with gentleness and allowed him to remain at liberty he set fire to the great Temple of Isis and made no secret of his act. After cruel torture he was condemned to be burned to death. As the flames rose a Christian saw the soul of the martyr rise like a flash of light to heaven.

Saturday, November 10.—St. Andrew Avellino, at the age of thirty-six entered the Thatine Order. For fifty years he was afflicted with a most painful rupture but would never use a carriage. On the last day of his life he arose to say Mass but was stricken at the altar. While he was convulsed in agony—the fiendish visible form advanced to seize his soul. Then as his brethren prayed and wept, the voice of Mary was heard, bidding the Saint's guardian angel send the tempter back to Hell. A calm and holy smile settled on the features of the dying Saint and he breathed forth his soul to God. He died November 19, 1608.

The year 1928 has demonstrated anew the prime importance of accurate knowledge of Catholic truth, Catholic history and Catholic achievement. In no better way can this be acquired than by reading a Catholic paper. The Catholic Journal is the only Catholic paper published in the Diocese of Rochester. Do you not think it worthy of your patronage?