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## Election

On the face of the returns, Herbert Hoover will be President of the United States for four years from March 4, 1929.

Governor Alfred E. Smith made a hard fight against great odds and received a flattering popular vote—but he failed to carry the States that carry the necessary 266 electoral votes.

When the full returns are in and we can analyze the figures we may have something to say as to their significance.

## Scars Remain

Let us hope and pray that we shall not have another campaign such as we have just passed through.

Up to a year ago one would not have thought it inconceivable that such scurrility, such filth, such obscenity, such narrow bigotry, such intolerance existed in this America, supposedly the home of religious liberty, free speech and equality of opportunity.

The campaign of 1928 forces inescapably the conclusion that this terrible condition has existed under the surface and would have continued indefinitely had not the Houston convention nominated for the presidency a Roman Catholic, born and bred in the city of New York, of humble parentage and of foreign ancestry.

Notwithstanding that the Kansas City nominee was born on the farm, the fact of his having been able to attend college and that his great grandfather was of Mayflower stock was heralded in his favor while the flood gates of calumny, snobbery, intolerance and bigotry was unloosed on the Catholic nominee. His dress, his accent, his grammar were criticized and misrepresented. His personal habits were lied about. If anything against his official integrity could have been uncovered after a fine comb searching it would have been spread over the first pages of every newspaper in the land. His wife and family were not spared. Violating every rule of civility and sportsmanship, his wife's manners, figure, speech, ancestry were lied about—by women, true, but with the full knowledge and assent of the political candidate and leaders of the opposition. The candidate saw it that leaders in this unfair propaganda were accorded seats of honor at demonstrations where he appeared.

Then came the religious bigotry barrage. Not only was Governor Smith assailed as a Catholic but the Catholic Church itself was assailed on every hand by political leaders, political persons, the Ku Klux Klan, the Anti-Saloon League and kindred organizations. The Church's position on many matters was grossly misrepresented. The Church's position on many matters was grossly misrepresented. The Church's position on many matters was grossly misrepresented.

This could have been stopped instantly one bugle blast from the diocese and his national chairman, Theodore Roosevelt could have done it, Woodrow Wilson did it. But Herbert Hoover's repudiation was couched in such mild terms that it did not drive from him a single Klan vote, a single Anti-Saloon League vote, a single vote of the Methodists who obeyed Mabel Walker Willebrandt's whip. He was the passive recipient of all this support, if he did not openly solicit their aid and assistance.

The campaign is over and the standers are crying aloud for peace and return to the former normalcy and passivity.

That is impossible. The walls may be withdrawn but the marks remain. It will be many a day ere the memories of 1928 can be erased.

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## Bishop Hickey

The esteem in which Bishop Hickey is held by those outside his own faith is evidenced by the following editorial from the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle":

When leaders of religious thought maintain their high place before the public over a stretch of years, they come to be regarded as a permanent part of community life. Their relation to the public is such an important thing that it inspires the feeling that it should continue indefinitely. R. Rev. Thomas F. Hickey, who is resigning as bishop of the Rochester Catholic diocese after twenty years of service, illustrates this type of religious leadership. For the many in this diocese who have grown up under his spiritual guidance, his retirement means an abrupt severing of deeply rooted ties.

Bishop Hickey ascended to the episcopacy as the successor of the late Bishop McQuaid and had the difficult task of tempering the sense of loss which the Catholic people of this section felt in the death of that mighty esteemed churchman. Since Jan. 1, 1909, Bishop Hickey

## Queer But True

Many non-Americans do not understand that a President is not elected by popular vote but by a majority of states.

It would not be a practical political triumph, however much it might mean in sentiment and moral victory, if a candidate for president were to run a million or more votes ahead of his opponent in the nationwide poll if his managers were not able to so bunch their hits, as to garner in for him the 266 out of the 531 possible electoral votes needed to elect.

But that is the Constitutional provision and it was inserted so that populous sections of the country could not impose their will upon the less populous sections. Or to state it somewhat differently: the less populous sections will have the veto power so long as the Constitutional provision stands.

The Constitution builders provided a system of checks and balances that has stood the test of a century and a quarter's strain.

## "Calvert Associates"

It is to be hoped this splendid body of laymen, non-sectarian and non-partisan, headed by a virile convert to the Church, will not relax in its determination to run down all bigotry and intolerance to its source and to expose the secret moral assassins who have been underhandedly laboring to nullify the Constitutional guarantees of religious liberty and free speech.

Such an organization, such a crusade will accomplish two results, both much to be desired in this day and age.

It will familiarize the entire public with what the Catholic religion really means and what the Church really stands for.

It will send the bigots and character assassins scurrying to the hidden lairs. The bigot is an arrant coward when confronted by a real antagonist of his own weight and stature. He has directed the steadily increasing activities of the Rochester diocese, and has won people of all religious faiths into his circle of friends. He has served with notable distinction in an office that demands executive talents as well as high spiritual attainments.

Bishop Hickey's retirement will bring genuine regret to this entire section and the general hope that will rest from his arduous duties will restore him to physical health. His appointment to the honorary See of Viminacium by Pope Pius will be generally regarded as a deserved tribute to a record of faithful service.

## Cause—Effect

Commenting upon the tolerance displayed by the Catholics of the United States during a period of intolerance, the "Union and Times" says:

"We, as Catholics know, that the Church has no political designs upon the United States. The Holy Father has no intention of interfering in American affairs. The first protest at such interference would come from whom? The non-Catholic? No! The Catholic man or woman. And with this knowledge the Catholic man or woman has shown an admirable patience after listening to the harangues, the mud-slinging in the present campaign will have its effect upon American life. It will tend to weaken the common bond among American citizens. It will engender suspicions that never before existed. It will foment a discord that will not easily be forgotten. This government was founded upon the principles of liberty, equality and justice. What else have we? Can we afford to lose of erase these civic blessings? Must we stand by while intolerance preaches from the house-tops? Yes! That is necessary. The clouds will eventually part and somehow, sometime the American people outside the Church will be brought to their senses. Good will come from evil and the Church will profit from the abuse needlessly heaped upon her."

Let us see: Did not President Coolidge say something last week about feeling the country will be in safe hands when he retires on March 4, 1929?

## How About It?

Perhaps, Senator Arthur Capper, who is said to control the press of Kansas can offer a plausible explanation of conditions revealed in the following despatch:—

Topeka, Oct. 13.—Charges that Catholic students in state educational institutions of Kansas who support the Democratic candidate for president find their college careers menaced by the religious intolerance of professors, are made in a statement issued here recently by John W. Wells, chairman of the Kansas Democratic Central Committee. Wells demands that Governor Ben S. Paulen, Republican, and the State Board of Regents "call off their Catholic baiters" at the Kansas State Agriculture College.

"Perhaps it was all right," the statement continues, "for Governor Paulen to call the State University at Lawrence and demand to know why a debate on Al Smith had been permitted and why the anti-Smith team lost" the debate.

Discrimination charged. "That was his business, and it was the business of a state teachers' college head to force a young lady to give up her place as the head of an Al Smith college club. When Catholic students, who may or may not be friendly to Governor Smith, find their college careers menaced by hatred and intolerance of college professors, it seems to me to be time for common decency to be mixed with politics."

"For before Professor H. L. Ibsen (of the animal husbandry department of the Republican State Central Committee to say 'over his signature that I haven't much use for Irish Democrats' we had definite instances of 'Catholic baiting' out there."

## Ad Multos Annos

Golden Jubilees are no rarity; but they are by no means common. But the golden jubilee of a religious such as Sister M. Boniface of the Order of St. Joseph, is a real event.

Fifty years spent in the service of God! Fifty years of work with the young educating them not only in brain work and work of the hand but educating their souls. Thousands of graduates of Nazareth Academy recall with pleasure their association with Sister Boniface and will wish her many happy returns of the day.

## Catholic Forbearance In Campaign

Near the close of the recent campaign Ellery Sedgwick, editor of The Atlantic Monthly, took occasion to compliment the Catholic priesthood on its forbearance and good citizenship in not replying in kind to the un-Christian and, in many instances positively indecent and vile, attacks made upon the Catholic faith and its adherents.

"I doubt indeed," Mr. Sedgwick said, "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." The fact that this tribute was well deserved takes nothing from the generosity of the distinguished Protestant litterateur in according it.

A similar tribute, we think, was rendered by the Catholic editors, earned by the Catholic Press. Only two editorial expressions of Catholic publications during the campaign provoked criticism. The criticism of one of these was based upon a statement which, isolated from the rest of the text, gave an entirely false impression of the character of the editorial from which it was taken. The other editorial against which criticism was directed appeared in a magazine and was a sort of mystical rhapsody which any fair-minded person would have considered as having no relation to political realities.

Now all through the campaign the bigots and villifiers were busy searching the Catholic Press for some expression that they could represent to the electorate as a sample of Catholic intolerance. The only reward of their search was the two negligible expressions to which we have made reference. A poor haul for three months spreading of the nets of religious hate!

Considering the provocation given, and the many opportunities afforded for withering retorts in kind, the we think, was indeed remarkable. The record is a tribute to their good sense and their Christian charity, and also was quite an admirable lesson in good manners from which we hope the ignorant and bad-mannered bigots throughout the country will derive some profit, if there is in them any capacity for "rising on stepping stones of their dead selves" to a higher level of intelligence and decency.

Let us not forget our duty toward the Poor Souls during this month of November 1928.

Senator Moses comes from Vermont and it is a matter of record how much the Catholic Church is loved in the Green Mountain State. Let us be thankful the campaign is over.

Well, Al Smith has reason to be proud of his friends, as they have of him.

Mr. Raskob does well to turn over to Harvard University, that future generations may see and ponder the odiferous examples of anti-Catholic bigotry 1928 has brought into the open.

## Weekly Calendar Of Feast Days

Sunday, November 11.—St. Martin of Tours; when a mere boy became a Christian catechumen against the wishes of his parents. He was noted for his great charity to the poor. In 372 he became Bishop of Tours. His flock, though Christian in name, was still pagan in heart. Unarmed and attended only by his monks, St. Martin destroyed the heathen temples and groves and completed by his preaching and miracles the conversion of "call off their Catholic baiters" at the people. His last eleven years were spent in humble toil to atone for his faults, while God made manifest by miracles the purity of his soul.

Monday, November 12.—St. Martin, Pope, occupied the Roman See from 649 to 655. Because of his opposition to the Monothelite heresy he incurred the enmity of the Byzantine court and was seized and taken on board a ship bound for Constantinople. After three months at sea he reached the island of Naxos where he was held in confinement for a year. He finally reached the Imperial Court and was then banished to the Tauric Chersonese where he lingered for four months in sickness and starvation and then died.

Tuesday, November 13.—St. Stanislas Kostka, was of a noble Polish family who went to Vienna to study at the Jesuit College there. Cured of an illness by Our Lady herself, he was bidden by her to enter the Society of Jesus. To avoid his father's opposition he was obliged to leave Vienna and was admitted to the novitiate at Rome. He lived there only ten months and died as he had prayed to die on the feast of the Assumption, 1568 at the age of seventeen.

Wednesday, November 15.—St. Didacus, was born in Spain in the middle of the fifteenth century. Entered the Order of St. Francis he remained a lay-brother all of his life, perfect in his observance of the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. When he was sent by his superiors to the Canary Islands he hoped to win the crown of martyrdom but such was not God's will and after making many conversions by his holy example he returned to Spain. There after a long and painful illness he finished his days embracing the cross.

Thursday, November 15.—St. Gertrude, Abbess, was born in the year 1263 of a noble Saxon family and at the age of five was placed in the Benedictine Abbey of Rodeisdorf for education. Her life was crowded with wonders. She has, in obedience, recorded some of her visions, in which she traces in words of indescribable beauty the intimate converse of her soul with Jesus and Mary. She ruled her abbey with perfect wisdom and love for forty years.

Friday, November 16.—St. Edmund of Canterbury, left his home at Abington when twelve years old to study at Oxford. There he protected himself against many grievous temptations by a vow of chastity and by ceasing himself to Mary for life. In 1234 he was raised to the See of Canterbury where he fearlessly defended the rights of the Church against the avarice and greed of Henry III. Unable to force that monarch to relinquish the livings which he kept vacant for the benefit of the royal treasury, Edmund retired into exile rather than connive at this wrong. He died shortly thereafter and was canonized in 1246 within four years of his death.

Saturday, November 17.—St. Gregory Thaumaturgus, was born in Pontus of heathen parents. He studied philosophy under the great Origen who led him to the true Faith. Later he was made Bishop of Neo-Caesarea. St. John the Evangelist appeared to him in a vision and gave him a creed which contained in all its fullness the doctrine of the Trinity. St. Gregory died in the year 270.

## Archbishop Cieplak Becomes Convert

Warsaw, Oct. 23.—A statue will be erected at Vilna in memory of the deceased Archbishop Cieplak, first Metropolitan of Vilna, who died while on a visit to Polish communities in the United States. The statue will be of bronze and will represent the beloved archbishop in the act of addressing his people. Below the figure will appear the words, "Deus et Patria." It is planned to unveil the monument on New Year's Day.

Archbishop Cieplak's body is buried in the cathedral at Vilna. William Randolph Hearst's nationwide hookup of papers, the Scripps-Howard nationwide hookup of papers and Mr. Frank E. Gannett's tri-state hookup of papers were all opposed to Governor Smith.

The Klan Press Inc., should pay a handsome dividend for 1928. Rochester Diocese has had but two Bishops but what a wonderful record they made.

Patrick F. Scanlon, of the Brooklyn "Tablet" has a fine collection of the handwork of the bigots.

It is not an elevating spectacle to see the Secretary of State, who has just negotiated a World Peace Treaty, and the recently chosen Judge of the World Court, descending from their high place to make partisan stump speeches!

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Archbishop Hanna Greeted on Return To San Francisco

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—When Archbishop Edward J. Hanna of San Francisco, returned Wednesday from the International Eucharistic Congress at Sydney, he received one of the most impressive welcomes ever accorded by this city.

The municipal fire boat Dennis Sullivan, commanded by fire chief Thomas R. Murphy, escorted the Archbishop's liner up the bay and threw streams of water high into the air as a greeting to the distinguished Churchman.

Declaring the people of this world would do well to study the problems of the Pacific if they would have peace among all nations, His Grace said: "Here we have the problems of population, race, religion and other topics that are attracting the attention of the world. In the interest of peace among nations, the people of the world would do well to study the problems of the vast western ocean."

Of the Eucharistic Congress the Archbishop spoke with high praise. In all save point of numbers, he declared, it equaled that of Chicago. "It was the most awe-inspiring and best organized assemblage of the kind I have ever witnessed," he said.

A notable gathering of clergies and laymen were at the pier to welcome the Archbishop and his party which included the Rev. Richard Simpson of Oakland, the Rev. Edward Maher, of Oakland, the Rev. William Sullivan of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Rev. Thomas Millett, the Archbishop's secretary and His Grace's sister, Mrs. William Bassett and her daughter, Miss Harriett Bassett, both of Rochester, N. Y.

Business will now go forward. Let us hope prosperity will continue without interruption for the next four years.

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