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"With prudent counsel from men of good judgment and of experience in business affairs, and with the approval of the Diocesan Board of Consultors, we have consulted The Catholic Courier & Journal as the official Catholic newspaper for the Diocese of Rochester. We ask God's blessing on the undertaking, that it may serve to bring to our people timely information on religious topics, instruction in the principles of the Catholic Faith, messages of an official nature from the authorities of the Diocese, and we would urge all to be numbered among its subscribers."

Monsignor JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D.D., Bishop of Rochester, March 15, 1930.

RELIGION NO HINDRANCE

Silas H. Strawn, President of the United States Chamber of Commerce, home from a recent trip to Europe, pays excellent tribute to Chancellor Bruening of Germany, with whom he visited for some time, discussing affairs of mutual interest to America and to Germany.

Mr. Strawn had heard of this phase of his character, and he expected to find a visionary dreamer, a man unsuited for the high and important office he holds.

"I went to see him with some misgivings. I had been told that he was very religious and I expected to find some one who was more ideal than practical. I was agreeably surprised to discover an active, vigorous man who speaks English very well.

"I was astonished when he showed me a clear understanding of our National Credit Corporation, of our Reconstruction Finance Corporation and of the Glass-Steagall bill. Indeed, I got the impression that he knew more about them than a great many of our own citizens do.

We are so practical and hard-boiled in America in matters of business that it is hard for some of our good people to understand that a man like Chancellor Bruening can be deeply religious and highly practical at the same time.

FIGHTING BURLESQUE SHOWS

The Forty-Second Street Property Owners' Association in New York City has been fighting indecent burlesque shows. Three theater managers, recently arrested, were discharged in court because the presiding magistrate, after reading stenographic copies of the dialogues in the shows, said he was unable to find anything so flagrantly indecent as to justify holding the men for trial.

The dismissal of the cases does not dampen the ardor of the property owners. They are going to protest against the relaxing of licenses to the burlesque theaters. The present licenses expire at the end of this month, and property owners are confident they can convince city officials that burlesque shows are a detriment not

only to the morals of the people, but to the valuation of property. New York City is cleaning up its news stands. There is a mighty lot of fifth in its burlesque shows, even though one of the city magistrates could find nothing "flagrantly indecent."

WORKING FOR THE NEGROES

The Superior General of the Josephite Fathers—devoted to missionary work among the Negroes of America—the Very Reverend Louis B. Pastorelli, S.S.J., has just made a report of the work of his society for the past year.

The Josephite Fathers have fifty-six churches with resident pastors, and twenty-five churches attended as out-missions. Their territory extends from Wilmington, Delaware, to Corpus Christi, Texas.

The last Federal census shows there are 125,000 Negroes attending Catholic churches for Negroes, out of total colored Catholic population of 220,000. The Josephite Fathers care for 63,631 of these.

St. Joseph's Industrial School is maintained by the Fathers at Clayton, Delaware, caring for ninety-seven boys. A Josephite Father is president of Xavier College at New Orleans, the only Catholic college for Negroes in the United States.

AL CAPONE'S SUPREMACY
A story that reads like the wildest fiction has just been made public by a U. S. Senate Committee—the story of the supremacy of Al Capone, and of the way in which the great American government finally sent this arch-gangster to prison.

The shadow of the sorrows of War reach a long way sometimes. After an absence of eleven years, during which time his mother never ceased to pray for his safe return, Tobias J. Burke, shell-shocked veteran, has been reunited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Burke of North Philadelphia.

The Lost Sheep

There were ninety and nine that safely lay In the shelter of the fold. But one was out on the hills away.

"Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; Are they not enough for Thee?" But the Shepherd made answer "One of Mine

Had wandered away from Me; And although the road be rough and long, I go to the desert to find my sheep."

"Lord, whence are those blood-drops all the way? That mark out the mountain's track?" "They were shed for one who had gone astray

And all through the mountains, thunder-riven, And up from the rocky steep, There rose a cry to the gate of Heaven.

"Rejoice! I have found my sheep!" And the angels echoed around the throne, "Rejoice, for the Lord bringeth back His own!"

—Selected.

CURRENT COMMENT

MARRIAGE AND CHURCHES

I was much interested in a news dispatch entitled "Churches Rap Marital Effect" which appeared in "The Times."

It would seem to a large majority of the intelligent, thinking, reading public that the Federated Council of Churches, in their condemnation of the long-time position which the Roman Catholic Church assumes toward the spiritual guidance of children born of mixed marriages, are losing sight of the really vital social stake—that of assuring the child some

All right-minded people, of every creed, in all civilized countries on this earth, should join in a concerted effort to foster to the uttermost limit of opportunity this trend toward spiritual self-consciousness in the hearts and minds of all children.

Should we not commend, rather than condemn, any effort leading toward this lofty and vital goal? Methinks this position admits of no reasonable contravention.

It would appear equally reasonable to recognize that in marriage contracted between Protestants and Catholics children born of such unions become objects of spiritual solicitude quite as much to the Catholic parent as to the Protestant parent.

If we are to protect society from the corroding influences of the anti-religious teachings, emanating and insidiously spreading from hotbeds of social chaos across the seas, we all must concern ourselves with this important phase of the education of our children, nor can we afford longer to ignore this very real menace.

I am not a member of the Roman Catholic Church, nor, I confess with some regret, of any other denomination. My religious dereliction results from the effect of dreary Sundays filled with long, back-aching, gloomy hours, sitting upon hard benches in dark, sun-shunning churches, listening to long-drawn-out, meaningless sermons, and longer and more fear-inspiring prayers, during my early childhood, inculcating in my sensitive mind the firm conviction that the devil lurked around the corner ready to swoop down at dead of night to gobble me up.

It is to bid for fair play and to make a plea for a unified effort for a widespread increase in the instruction of our children in the precepts of things religious that I am addressing this communication to the readers of your newspaper.

WM. GERRY MORGAN, Washington, D. C., April 4, 1932.

A CHANGE OF MIND

We have read a great deal of editorial comment with reference to depression, unemployment, and the present frenzy of apprehension lest worse things befall us. But here is a suggestion that may not go unchallenged.

It is true, of course, that a great many of us are annoyed when confronted with the results of past foolishness, and it is like insult added to injury to be reminded of what is obviously our fault.

We recall that it was only after he repented of his previous misdeeds, having spent his substance in riotous living, that the Prodigal Son found the way out of his "confusion and stoppage."

It is no man's business whether he has genius or not; work he must, whatever he is; but quietly and steadily. And the natural and unforced results of such work will always be the things that God meant him to do; and will be his best.—Ruskin.

Back Through the Years

A Glimpse at the Files of the Catholic Courier and Journal

Issue of Oct. 5, 1889

Description of plans announced of St. Joseph's new parochial school and hall on Franklin street in process of construction. W. Foster Kelley, architect; H. H. Edgerton, mason work; Kraft and Siebert, carpenter work.

About thirty young people of the Cathedral organized a dramatic society under the name of "Quid Nuncs" with the following officers: President, Charles F. Williams; Vice-President, Miss M. E. Oldfield; Secretary, Frank Nugent; Treasurer, A. E. K. Gaffney; Manager, George W. Hughes.

Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "Patience" given at Cathedral Hall under the direction of Professor Eugene Bonn. In the cast were William Fay, P. J. Dwyer, E. J. Sackett, F. M. Darcy, M. J. O'Brien, George Hughes, Miss Mary O'Loughlin, Corinne A. Cleary, Agnes Norman, A. Stone and Martha Cosgrove.

A Young Men's Association is being organized in SS. Peter and Paul's parish. A large number of applications received.

A total abstinence society organized at St. Patrick's Church, Dansville, with the following officers: President, Thomas E. Gallagher; Secretary, T. J. Daugherty; Treasurer, John Perry.

New bell at the Church of the Assumption, Brockport, blessed by Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid, D.D.

A retreat for the Rosary, Scapular and Altar societies held at St. Mary's Church.

October 12th, 1889

Work on the new St. Michael's Church is progressing favorably. When completed it will be one of the handsomest sacred edifices in the state. Its cost will be about \$125,000. The pastor, Rev. Fridolin Paschal has been unceasing in his work for the new church and when it is finished, the congregation will have reason to be proud of it.

Bishop McQuaid appointed Rev. John Staub, assistant to Father Oberholzer, pastor of Holy Redeemer Church.

Young men's hall at SS. Peter and Paul's Church formally opened. Rev. Fathers Sinclair and Ege have labored hard for the erection of the hall and the institution of the association. Officers of the new association: President Peter Vay, Vice-President Mr. Wehle, Recording Secretary Adam Smith, Financial Secretary Henry Brayer, and Moderator and Treasurer Rev. John Ege.

October 19th, 1889

New Holy Redeemer School and Convent plans announced. Structure to be three stories high covering a space of ground 50x100 feet.

October 26th, 1889

Election of board of managers for St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum resulted as follows: President Martin Leckinger, Vice-President Jacob Strupp, Treasurer Rev. Joseph Wirth, and Secretary Leo A. Schiltzer.

At a meeting of the Young Men's Catholic Association of the Cathedral, arrangements were made for the formation of two bowling clubs with 20 members each.

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By the Managing Editor

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