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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pawning of my ting, pectoral cross and soutane, in order to support a Catholic newspaper."-Pope Pius X.

With prodent counsel from men of good judgment and of experience in business affairs, and with the approval of the Diddenan Board of Consultors, we have constituted The Catholic Courier & Journal as the official Catholic newspaper for the Diocese of Rochester, Wo ask God's bleining on the undertaking, that it may werve to bring to our people timely information on Religious topics, Instruction in the doctrines of the Catholic Faith, mean ges of an official nature from the au--thorities-off-the-Diocese, and we would urre all to be numbered among its subsoribers."

MOST REV. JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D.D. -Hinop of Rochester-March 157 1929.

"THE LITTLE FLOWER"

The announcement of the Novena to be heid at the Carmelite Chapel in honor of Little Saint Teresa reminds us of the widespread devotion manifested towards the "Little Flower".

During her earthly life, apparently so powerless in her humble cell, she has, since her heavenly life-began, fulfilled her prophecy that all the world would love her. Each month there are reported spiritual and temporal favors, remarkable cures attributed to her intercession and attested to by physicians.

What is the secret of her power? Perhaps the same secret that is buried in the heart of each of us, the desire of loving and being loved. Holiness deepened her heart, giving it a capacity for love which we hardly realize, enabling her to love all. Love gives itself, and we need not wonder that she hastens to everyone who seeks her aid. Ought not this stupendous love of a creature's heart make us understand better the love of the Heart of God?

In this year of anxiety and suffering annot we ay with an unbounded confidence of being heard? We take for granted the "Little Flower" will not disdain us, and yet are we not dearer still to the One Who made us, Whose eyes are always upon us and Whose heart is ever open to receive us? If we still fear, let us ask her to lead us to the throne of grace. We have in our midst Carmelites following the same Rule, wearing the same Habit and living the same life as "Little Teresa". His Excellency the Bishop of Rochester invited them here that Rochester might have a powerhouse of prayer tooffer up constant supplication for the needs of our priests and people. He gave their chapel a statue of the "Little Saint" trusting that when she looked down from heaven, she might see herself amongst her sisters in Rochester and know that we, too. count upon her powerful mediation. Private novenas are offered at the convent for any who ask the nuns to pray for them, and the novena leaflet is sent to those who write for it.

these are needed. The policeman who used to know every boy on his beat by his first name is so busy chasing criminals to-day that he has no time for the boys who are not being chased.___ Too many clergymen are talking politics in pulpits or on the Radio instead of giving time and thought to the boys around him, the Warden says in effect. And all the while the roster of young criminals-sixteen to twenty years of age-is growing larger. "This place looks more like a kindergarten than a prison," an old-timer said to Warden Lawes in Sing Sing. The old-timer was disgusted, having so many kids around

him. The problem is an appalling one. It calls for serious thought, for serious work. Clubs like the Aljo Club in Rochester, where hundreds of boys have good comradeship and good influences; Boy Scouts, with troops being fostered now by many churches; gymnasiums, basketball and baseball teams under church banners; welfare institutions like the Columbus Civic Center, where love of country, which includes respect for law, and love of God are fostered; and above all the great spiritual strength of the home and of the church, keeping the hearts and souls of boys warm with love and respect for the Commandments of God, and keen with desire for love and service of God-these things all help keep boys from the hosters of Sing Sing and kindred places. Clean athletics, clean sports, good companions, watchful -parents and friends, and the guiding hand of religion-all these are needed to safeguard the lives of boys of to-day. Dentists tell us a clean tooth never decays." And it is so with a clean soul, which is the soul of every boy before he meets with the contamination of the world.

There were few things that could keep the late Monsignor Hughes from a .Fourth .Degree, Knights of Columbus -meeting-during his many years as Falther ful Friar of the local Assembly. His presence, his advice and counsel, his enthusiasm and his encouragements, all lent themselves immeasurably to the progress of this patriotic branch of the Knights which he loved. The Assembly's memorial services in his memory on Thursday of last week were fitting and deserved by one who had served so well.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

The month of May is dedicated by Holy Mother Church to Mary, Mother of God. May devotions will be held in all churches in the Diocese, and indeed throughout the world. May devotions will be held in many homes, with prayers, simply sweet, to the Blessed Virgin, and recitation of the Rosary. The purity of Mary, the sweetness and love of Mary, the sublime sacrifices of Mary, the unfailing love of Mary for her divine Son-all of these things will be recalled to our minds as we recite that beautiful prayer: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." And many of will say:

"Swoot Lady of the Eucharist!

Judge Not

Judge not: the workings of his brain And his heart thou canst not see: What looks to thy dim eyes a stain, In God's pure light may only be A sear, brought from some well won field Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.

The look, the air, that frets thy sight, May be a token that below The soul has closed in deadly fight With some infernal, flery for Whose glance would scorch thy smiling

And cast thee shuddering on thy face!

The fall thou darest to despise May be the angel's slackened hand Has suffered it, that he may rise

And take a firmer, surer stand: Or, trusting less to earthly things. May henceforth learn to use his wings.

And judge none lost; but wait and see With hopeful pit. not disdain, The depth of the abyss may be The measure and the height of pain And love and glory that may raise This soul to God in after days!

* --- Adelaide Anne Proctor

COLLEGE BOYS AND DIVORCE

Daily papers telleds, somewhat sorrowfully, some of them, that the depression is affecting divorces in America. In 1929 a divorce was granted every two minutes in America, or a total of 201,468. There was a drop of ten thousand from this total in 1980. About sighteen per cent. of all marriages in this country, or more than one in every six, end in divorces, according to carefully prepared statistics just published by the Columbia University Press. These divorces yearly affect more than 500,000 men, women and children, and the United States has the unhappy distinction of having the highest divorce-rate-in-the world-In-the-last sixty -years divorces in America-increased about two thousand.per cent., while the population increased only three hundred per cent., and marriages four hundred per cent.

- The sad part of all this is that our young people are divorce-minded before they are married. The student body of one of the larger American colleges recently answered a questionnaire on marriage. Eighty-nine per cent. of the students approved divorce; sixty-five per cent. said we should have more uniform divorce laws. Perhaps some of these young men were giving vent to their ideas of levity in answering the questions asked. But the fact remains that a very large percentage of our American people, male and female, look loosely upon the sacredness of the marriage contract, to say nothing about the marriage volvs.

The divorce situation, if it continues to increase-and a return to religion is the only thing that will stop it—is bound to affoct the stability and the safety of American national-lifer The-doctrine-ofpersonal freedom is a bad doctrine to teach our youth. It leads quickly to loose morals, and to the disruption of marriage. Yet it is being taught in many of the most

CURRENT COMMENT

THE FIVE MILLION

Today at least five million of our men, Catholic men, men who should be in service for Catholic Action by their fine example of Catholic manhood and Catholic activity, are outside the organized lay apostolate. They belong to no organized Catholic lay movement. They are single strands in the unbound cable of great possibilities. What a power and influence and force they would be in organization for the preservation of Christian ideals, Christian laws, and Christian institutions. What a lasting influence they could render by the example of their Catholic solidarity unifed in the lay apostolate of fine, active Catholic manhood.

What source of inspiration, strength and joy they would be to their pastors, if, standing solidly and courageously behind them in the great work of Catholic Action, of prayer, sacrifice, and service, they, too, came under the banner of Holy Mother Church for Catholic Action to live, to work, and to serve under her guidance.

Our experience has taught us to know and appreciate deeply the value and need of organized, continuous Catholic lay activity. It has taught us to know the great fields of almost virgin soil where Catholic seeds sown by Catholic Action would bring forth abundant harvest. It has taught us to see at first hand what wonderful work the workers for Catholic Action, the organized lay apostolate, can accomplish.

Experience has taught us to cherish the power and influence of a carefully guided lay apostolate. We must have the sowers of seed. We must have the workers. We must have the five million unorganized Catholic laymen united in the frateinity of Catholic Knighthood.-Galesburg Council Bulletin.

MAGAZINE NONSENSE

For some time past, there seems to be a frenzied desire on the part of sensational magazines to exploit articles about the church; to show what the editors would like to call extreme and progressive thought. While all of this is, in a way, complimentary to the importance of the Church since she seems to be ever in the mind's eye of such people, yet ordinary decency would compel most of the writers from making their untrue statements.

To cite specific instances would be but to advertise the periodicals that are engaging in this low type of salesmanship and to give unwarranted emphasis to their pack hack writers.

It is the easiest thing in the world to say smart things, to tear down. No particular brilliancy is needed for such operations. Great minds refrain from them.

The dignity and splendid devotion of Catholics to their religion should guarantee them decent treatment from men who are in the editorial chairs of American magazines. We would ask the seekers for advertising what really is gained by their woe-hegone efforts. It may be taken as a positive fact that no Catholic man or woman is going to write the drivel which appears as coming from them. - The Catholic Light (Scranton).

Back Through the Years

A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal

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The Holy Family church at Auburn held a fair at Shimer's Opera. An exciting contest for a set of brevaries was won by Father Ruby, closely followed by Fathers Clune and Dougherty.

Pupils of the Italian mission were given a Christmas tree and entertainment in Cathedral Hall. Between thirty and forty children from four to fourteen years of age were made happy by presents of rubbers, stockings and various articles of clothing, candies and nuts. Credit for the entertainment was due to the efforts of the Misses Gaffney, Miss Hanna and other ladies, "Among the ladies who founded the mission and have been untiring in their efforts for its success are the Misses Gaffney, Miss Hanna, Mrs. Lee and Mrs. C. E. Cunningham. Last, but by no means least is the spiritual director, Rev. Dr. E. J. Hanna. He has the spiritual care of all the Italians in the Flower City, and labors earnestly and devotedly for the good of their souls, and their elevation, spiritually, morally and physically."

January 11, 1890

A New Year's Festival under the auspices of the Catholic Young Men's Association of Pittsford was held,

A religious reception and profession took place at Nazareth Convent, Rt. Rev. Bishop-McQuaid performed the ceremony

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assisted by Very Rev. Msgr. De--Regge, Rev. Fathers-Kiernan, O'Hare, Oberholzer and Netzel.

Rev. John P. Hopkins of Waterloo was

appointed chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital,

The Livingston County Historical Society held its fourteenth meeting at Normal Hall, Geneseo. Joseph O'Connor of Rochester delivered the address.

January 19, 1890

The Parnell Social Club of Penn Yan elected the following officers: President, Harry C. Earles, Vice President, A.P. Geoghegan, Secretary, F. J. McAdams: Treasurer, P. J. Barry, and Trustees, J. H. Meehan, and Willfam S. Craugh.

At a meeting of the Young People's Society of St. Patrick's Church, Dansville, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. Day, Vice-President, John Perry; Secretary, Miss Lizzie Earls; Treasurer, Miss Barbara Daugherty. A fund was started for a library.

The, five Catholic largeometr who have been honored by the Holy Father will be formally presented with their Papal Crosses, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifico" at individual exercises have been announced. Organizations of which they are the leaders will take an important part in honoring them whom the Holy Father has so fittingly honored.

YOUNG CRIMINALS

"Ofttimes," writes Lewis E. Lawes, warden of Sing Sing Prison, "as I look over my long line of prisoners, which shows no diminution, I ask myself whether L'am running a juvenile home, a reformatory or whether Sing Sing is really a prison for adults."

Young criminals are the rising tide on the sea of life to day, the Warden tells us. Killers and gang leaders to day are youngsters, either still in their 'teens or just turned twenty. Reformatories are crowded to capacity. Juvenile homes demand additional appropriations, for con-struction work to house constantly increasing numbers. The calendars of childrens' courts are full."

This picture is not over-painted. It is the story of the average American city of medium or large population to day. There is only one answer to it, Warden Lawes says better supervision, not in a police way, but a companionable way, of our, hows, blow companionable way, of our, how and a supervision of the supervision of the supervision company company and supervisions to the supervision of the super

With thee we kneel in prayer Before the altar throne of Him Whom love has hidden there Thy sinks heart the chalice was When first was drawn that Blood

Which now in countless Masses flows, The world's redeeming flood."

No pen can picture the close union which existed between the heart of Jesus and the heart of Mary in Bethlehem's little cabin long, long ago. No other person in all, the world was so close to our Divine Redeemer, so dear to His heart, so precious in His eyes. In life He was her comrade and companion; in death he gave her, through the beloved St. John, to all humanity, to be our mystical mother, our friend, our comforter, as she had been His. Mary's love is a generous love. It is ours to share, if we but seek it aright. and through her love we may be privileged to seek and receive God's best blessings and graces.

It would be well for all of us, then, to pray devoutly to Mary all through the month of May, and indeed ever afterwards. Recitation of the Rosary every night in our homes, a sincere prayer to Mary every morning, and again in the evening, attendance at May devotions in our parish churches, and deep devotion to her Divine Son-these are things that will help bring us closer to Mary and closer to God. It is beautiful to feel and know that she is our spiritual Mother, that we are her spiritual children, and that we may say with the poet:

"O Mother, thou art mine to-day,

A soul where Christ reposed must be By more than double right; Most precious in thy sight. And thou canst hardly think of me From thy dear Son apart:

Then give me from myself and sin A refuge in thy heart."

Rochester Council, Knights of Columbus, is desirous of sharing with the Catholic people of Rochester the many worthwhile attractions that are being brought to Columbus Civic Center. Friends were invited to see Schwartz and Yarr, Notro Dame stars. Friends were asked to hear and see Gene Tunney. The knights are now asking fathers to bring their boys and girls to hear an important message, Friday night of this week to be given by Warden Brophy of Auburn. On the other occasions, fine examples of Catholic manhood were set before the knights and sons. Now shose who have failed in life will be inequently brought helder them in the lecture to be given by Warden Brophy. CARAGE WATER STATES

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noted colleges and universities in the land and with sad results.

Childless homes are breeding places for unhappiness and divorce. Only eight per cent of American married couples end in the divorce courts if there are children in the families, while seventy-one per cent. of the childless marriages end in divorces. Violation of the command of God, "Increase and multiply," is therefore visited with heavy retribution.

When 'we send our boys and girls to colleges or universities, we should first of all and most of all make sure that the Christian atmosphere of the institutions is a safe and sane one. Else we jeopardize not only their morals, but their Faith. The blame is ours, not theirs. No sane parent would shove the body of a child into a hot fire. Yet we do that very thing to their souls when we send them to godless and immoral schools.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

Who remembers when Carrie Nation of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, set out with her hatchet long years ago, chopped down saloon doors, wrecked bars, smashed bottles and called upon the Nation to join her in demolishing the liquor traffic? Kansas, still enjoying the drouth left to her by Carrie, is planning to buy the lady's old home and preserve it as a memorial for her sons and daughters. Some enthusiastic ladies, filled with dry enthusiasm and pink sodawater, are calling her the "Joan of Arc of Kansas." Wichita has a statue erected in her memory, and a few oldtime bartenders can almost feel the bumps she raised on their heads when you and I were young, Maggie. Carrie, as we remember her, had the front page for manya-day, though Oliver Curtis Perry, trainrobber, took it away from her for a time.

The sanity of America is safe. Con-gressmen recently voted down a proposition to reduce their salaries.

The Upper House of the Congregation of Canterbury of the Anglican Church recently adopted a resolution proposing "in-tercommunion between the Church of England and the 'old Catholic' churches of Europe." Father O'Hara of Notre Dame comments in his religious bulletin: "Only God can make a tree." No matter how many branches you tie together, you can-not breathe life into them. Christ said: "Unless the branch remain in the vine it cannot bear fruit."-The Record.

A GOOD EXAMPLE SPREADING

New York City set a good example to the Nation not long ago in the matter of getting rid of obscene and indecent magazines and books for sale on its newstands. A committee of prominent citizens of all faiths was organized, able counsel was employed, and active work was commenced without delay. Several newsdealers in the metropolis are now awaiting trial for violating a city ordinance prohibiting the sale of improper periodicals and books.

The city of Syracuse, N. Y., is taking up the same work with the same commendable vigor. This is work well worth while, and it is hoped that the good example set by New York City will continue to spread until the Nation has been covered by vigilant citizens and officials determined to put an end to the rapidly growing evil of selling salacious publications.

Magistrate Michael Ford of New York City, before whom the offending newsdealers were arraigned, said he was shocked by the nature of the material in the publications listed as immoral by the committee of citizens. Every city in America has to contend with these same publications, and it is important that vigorous action be take nagainst them before they become too deeply rooted in the mental affections of the fickle public that buys them.

RICH MEN ARE AFRAID

There are no rich in America today. They don't know where they stand. The highest type of riches as personified in this country today has practically vanished, and men are afraid to look at their ledgers to see if they are worth anything or not.

Now, that's the truth, and so I'm afraid, every man is afraid. I don't know, we don't know, whether values we have are going to be real next month or not.

The happy man and the happy woman are the ones who have no obligations to meet, because they can always conduct. their affairs to suit their income and conditions of life, however poor they may be,

The worries of the people who conduct great affairs are very, very great indeed. But with it all I have never lost the feeling that things will ultimately be all right.-Charles M. Schwab.

Hon. P. Andrew Sullivan, member of the Aspembly, died January 15, 1890, at his home, 138 Adams Street.

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Bishop McQuaid celebrated the fortysecond anniversary of his ordination to priesthood.

Dr. James McCort on behalf of Branch 139, C. M. B. A., presented Charles M. Bayer, a handsome gold-headed cane in. recognition of his efforts in establishing the branch.

January 25, 1890

A pamphlet entitled "A Refutation of Agnosticism and the Philosophy of the Unknowable" from the pen of Rev. S. Fitz-Simons, pastor of St. Rose's Church, Lima, was announced. The pamphlet was written as a sequel to a discussion waged on the other side of the Atlantic in the Nineteenth Century between Professor Huxley, champion of Agnosticism and Professor Wace, defender of Christianity.

* * * * * Sister Mary Dolores, who was Miss Anna Mallon before entering the religious life, died at the Convent of Mercy, South

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