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"I would make any sacrifice, even to the pausing of my ring, pectoral cross and sash, in order to support a Catholic newspaper."—Pope Pius X.

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 constituted The Catholic Courier & Journal as the official Catholic newspaper for the Diocese of Rochester.

MOST REV. JOHN FRANCIS O'HARA, D.D. Bishop of Rochester. March 15, 1922.

THE LITTLE FLOWER

The announcement of the Novena to be held 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 begun, fulfilled her prophecy that all the world would love her.

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.

In this year of anxiety and suffering cannot we pray 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?

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 to offer up constant supplication for the needs of our priests and people.

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.

The five Catholic laywomen who have been honored by the Holy Father will be formally presented with their Papal Crosses, "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" at individual exercises have been announced.

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 I 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.

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, "betwixt supervision, not in a police way, but a companionship way, of our boys, and those who understand boys to them."

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.

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.

There were few things that could keep the late Monsignor Hughes from a Fourth Degree, Knights of Columbus meeting during his many years as Faithful Friar of the local Assembly. His presence, his advice and counsel, his enthusiasm and his encouragement, all lent themselves immeasurably to the progress of this patriotic branch of the Knights which he loved.

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.

With thee we kneel in prayer Before the altar throne of Him Whom love has hidden there Thy stainless heart the chalice was When first was drawn that blood Which now in countless Masses flows. The world's redeeming flood.

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.

"O Mother, thou art Impe to-day, A soul whose Christ foposed 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, Notre 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.

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 scar, brought from some well-worn steel. Where thou wouldst only faint and yield.

COLLEGE BOYS AND DIVORCE

Daily papers tell us, 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 1930.

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.

The divorce situation, if it continues to increase—and a return to religion is the only thing that will stop it—is bound to affect the stability and the safety of American national life.

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.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

Who remembers when Carrie Nation of Medicine Lodge, Kansas, set out with her hatchet long years ago, smashed down saloon doors, wrecked bars, chopped bottles and called upon the Nation to join her in demolishing the liquor traffic?

The sanity of America is safe. Congressmen 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 "intercommunion between the Church of England and the old Catholic churches of Europe."

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 newsstands.

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.

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.

Back Through the Years

A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal

January 4, 1890

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.

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 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 William S. Craigh.

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.

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

Bishop McQuaid celebrated the forty-second 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 Street.

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