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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 Censors, we have constituted The Catholic Courier and 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 doctrines 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."

MOST REV. JOHN FRANCIS O'HERN, D.D.,
Bishop of Rochester,
March 15, 1929.

Editorials

THE PRISON
Last year 70,566 persons were sent to prison in the United States. This is an increase of seven and one-half per cent. over the previous year, and an increase of about twenty per cent. over the year 1929. We are, therefore, doing very well in the work of filling our jails, even though Will Rogers might say: "The fellows who go, ain't the ones who should."

There were 3,375 women sent to prison during the year, and 4,081 men. Male prisoners, the U. S. Census Bureau tells us, showed a continuous increase in the last three years, while female prisoners have decreased steadily. Of the total, 10,815 were sent to Federal prisons, and 60,351 to State penal institutions.

The pitiful part of these commitments, as Warden Laves of Sing Sing prison pointed out not long ago, is that the majority of them are mere boys, youths who have forgotten their religious training, if they ever had any, and who long ago lost their respect for law and for authority.

From the President down, many appeals have been made in America during the past years to stop the growing spirit of lawlessness, to put an end to the alarming increase in crime. These appeals have borne little fruit, for lawlessness is on the increase and crime is making new or enlarged prisons a necessity.

Lack of religion—for America is becoming more irreligious year by year—is without doubt the chief cause of this saturnalia of crime, this large army of prisoners, recruited anew every year. It is not an encouraging outlook. It is a condition that calls for united action on the part of all Americans who love their country and who desire to uphold the supremacy of her laws.

TWO SILVER
Twenty-five years ago, on June eighth, the Right Reverend Bernadine J. McQuaid, first Bishop of Rochester, officiated for the last time at an ordination service. There were three young seminarians in the class, the Reverend John Beyer, who closed his eyes some time ago in the long sweet sleep of death; the Reverend William Byrne, M.R., pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, New York, and former president of Aquinas Institute in Rochester; and the Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph S. Cameron, M.R., pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church in Rochester. Monsignor Cameron and Father Byrne are, therefore, the sole survivors of this class, the last priests to receive from the fatherly hands of the beloved Bishop McQuaid the crown of the priesthood.

Monsignor Cameron and Father Byrne observed in fitting manner on June eighth the silver jubilee of their ordination. Masses of thanksgiving were celebrated by each, and the prayers, good wishes and congratulations of parishioners and friends were there in abundance. Several hundred children in the parish of each pastor brought the virgin gold of praise and prayer to the jubilarians, making glad their hearts in a special manner, and adding the joyousness of youth to the gladness of the jubilees. A memorial Mass was celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop O'Hern in Holy Family Church in memory of Father Beyer.

Monsignor Cameron and Father Byrne have wrought much for God and much for humanity in the twenty-five years of their priesthood. The souls of priests and people have been linked to theirs by bonds of Christian comradeship. Their fidelity and zeal have won for them the commendation of three Bishops of Rochester. They have served with clean hearts at the altar of God, preached faithfully and well the word of God, and by prayer and sacrifice have sanctified with life, the love and service of God in the work of their parishioners. May the silver years of their happy life, gold for them, and may the ever-lasting light of God bear them upwards in the sunlit of a better service. The prayers of their people, given gladly to them now, will encompass them in the fruitful years that are before them, and their work will bring them, as in the past, ever and always into the arms of God.

COMMENCEMENT DAYS

Commencement days are at hand. Many thousands of boys and girls will be graduating soon from grade schools, trade schools, high schools, colleges and universities. The grade school graduates will go higher up, to high school graduates, and practically all of the college and university graduates will face the depressing task of trying to find jobs. In this they will need a great deal of help, and a great deal of moral encouragement, lest they become discouraged and drift into Communistic ranks recruited by the depression.

The materialistic coldness of the world, the "hard-boiled" merclessness of business, and the indifference of the average employer towards new-made graduates is a frightful shock to the high ideals and the exuberant ambitions of boys and girls, fresh from school, when they set out to find places in the industrial or business life of the Nation. Not that the average graduate isn't welcome, but because the average business man wants experienced help, men and women familiar with the work they are expected to do.

A small percentage of the college and university graduates will go into the professions, most of them already overcrowded, and the majority will take any job that comes to hand. We know college graduates with degrees who are driving ice wagons and trucks. These have pluck, spirit, determination, and ten years from now most of them will own the ice wagons and trucks. The depression will not be with us always, and there is a sure-enough future for the man who is willing to fight his way to the top, so long as he has health, youth and ambition to carry the ideals of his soul.

Many of the high school graduates will enter colleges or universities in the Fall. Great care should be taken that the right college and university are chosen. Athletics and disregard for morals run high in many of our secular institutions, with the covert sinner that breathes scorn for religion. These should be avoided, as one would avoid poison, by parents and students who have the right concept of life. For the age-old question comes back to all of us: "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

Current Comment

MEDICAL MISSIONARIES
The Catholic Mission Board has just shipped from New York to 35 mission stations—28 packing cases containing 8,000 pounds of medical supplies—a record consignment. The distribution of this shipment covers 11 countries.

The estimated value of the contents in this latest shipment of the board is given as \$30,000.

Since the beginning of the year the board has sent some 200 packing cases of supplies, containing about 20,000 pounds of material, to 80 missions. The value of the total amount of supplies sent out so far this year is estimated by the Rev. Edward F. Garasche, S.J., director of the board, at \$70,000.

The supplies are received through the generosity of American Catholics while dressings and bandages are made by the Medical Mission Circles of Catholic women and girls. The actual allocation and shipping are under the direction of six Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement at the board's headquarters in New York.

Father Garasche is undertaking a plan to promote the education of native young men and women as doctors and nurses for medical service in the missions of their respective countries. The Church World (Portland).

BREAKING DOWN PREJUDICE

Intolerance and bigotry do not die over night. As the pugilist is worn out by body blows until the killing punch is put over so here and there in the country light taps are handed to bigotry and we may hope that the time is drawing near when, in the forceful if not elegant words of Heywood Brown, someone "will hang a solid punch on the point of its jaw."

From Indiana, erstwhile stronghold of the Ku Klux Klan, comes news of one of the minor taps. The Kiwanis Club of Elwood has inaugurated the annual conferring of a "star of service" medal in recognition of outstanding welfare service.

The first award has been given to the Sisters of St. Joseph who conduct Mercy Hospital in that city. The vote was unanimous in their favor and the medal was bestowed by a Protestant clergyman. In the heyday of the Klansmen in the Hoosier State such a procedure would be as unusual as deep snow in the Sahara. And not many years separate us from that unhappy time.

The local paper in its account of the award spoke of the Sisters thus: "They are doing commendable work in the community which is deserving of great praise and the medal presentation conveys the sentiments of both Protestants and Catholics of Elwood and its vicinity." We would call it a day for this estimable journal if it would send a marked copy of that edition to the former Senator Heflin of Alabama.

Though the quotation tells us nothing new of the merits of our Sisterhoods we like to see it in the public prints. The more it is read and appreciated by outsiders the sooner we may celebrate the unwept passing of bigotry.—Catholic Universe-Bulletin.

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

"Everybody welcome, everything free," will always sound good to those for whom it was intended; the boys from America and their buddies who fought the good fight on land and sea during the World War. The only place they saw this welcome sign was over the Knights of Columbus bays, for the Knights never forgot that the American people gave them that forty-four millions of dollars to bring creature comforts to the boys in the trenches.

The Knights of Columbus did a splendid job in the manner in which they organized and carried out this relief work. They represented the Catholics and it can truly be said that their field secretaries were representative Catholics.

Recently the Order felt that it was time for it to be legally discharged from its war-time activities. The final decree and judgment of the Superior Court of Connecticut on the application of the Knights stated: "that said Knights of Columbus have fully accounted for all their acts and proceedings and for all cash, securities or other property received, to safeguard and promote the moral and spiritual welfare of the soldiers, sailors and marines who entered the service of our country during the World War and for all expenditures, disbursements and appropriations from the commencement of such operations in April, 1917, to July 1, 1921."

This solemn judgment of the Court can certainly be called an honorable discharge from an honorable duty, honorably done.

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Back Through the Years

A Glimpse Through the Files of The Catholic Courier and Journal

July 5, 1890

Closing exercises at Nazareth Hall were held at 441 Lake Avenue. Those who took part in the program were: E. Feeley, W. O'Loughlin, J. C. O'Brien, C. Donnelly, J. Duffy, V. O'Neill, P. Duffy, M. McEntire, J. Flannigan, B. Alvord, P. Coughlin, L. Fee, P. Joyce.

John P. Quinn of Macedon was ordained to the Holy Priesthood by Bishop McQuaid.

Rev. Alexander Kirsch, C.S.C., professor at Notre Dame University and his brother, Rev. Joseph Kirsch, visited Rochester and celebrated Mass in St. Mary's Church.

July 12, 1890

Very Rev. P. V. Kavanaugh, C.M., president of Niagara University was a guest of Rev. James O'Connor. Father Kavanaugh was on his way to Paris, to attend a convention of the Lazarists.

Rochester Council, C.B.L., planned its annual reunion at Long Point, Conesus Lake. On the committee were President, Miles T. O'Reilly, J. C. O'Rourke, Charles Lane, J. C. Connelly and J. J. Heveron.

July 19, 1890

Rev. James J. McCarthy died. Plans announced for new parochial school to be built for Our Lady of Victory Parish.

July 19, 1890

At a meeting of the Rochester Catholic Uniformed Union held July 11, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year and installed by Senior Commander Joseph Hessinger: President, J. J. Nunnold; Vice-President, Charles Seibert; Secretary, Henry F. Wegman; Treasurer, Leo Sander; Colonel, Henry N. Schrick.

At the last regular meeting of the Father Mathew Drill Corps the following officers were elected: President, A. Burns; Vice-President, Thomas Sullivan; Recording Secretary, Augustus Hughes; Financial Secretary, William Langham.

July 26, 1890

Announcement made that the new St. Michael's Church was nearing completion.

Rev. B. J. McQuaid celebrated the twenty-second anniversary of his consecration as Bishop of Rochester.

August 2, 1890

The campaign for funds for St. Mary's Hospital was brought to a successful close with subscriptions totalling \$17,289.80. Those in charge of the drive were: Chairman, W. C. Barry; Secretary, J. C. O'Brien, and Treasurer, Patrick Cox. When the committee held preliminary meetings, it was thought that \$10,000 would be a large sum to raise and the actual sum realized was beyond expectations.

Aug. 2, 1890

Rev. Thomas Graham, well known in Rochester was ordained at Erie, Pa., July 20 and celebrated his first solemn high Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Batavia, on July 26.

Wayside Wheat

A Judge on Long Island rules that "Heaven" is a public nuisance. A colored preacher, the proprietor of "Heaven," must pay a fine of \$500 or be incarcerated. It was brought out that the preacher, trying to compete with the Lord, made too much noise in the endeavor.

Eighty years ago the Know-Nothing, foster fathers of the Kluxers, had forty members in Congress and the entire government of the State of Massachusetts in their hat. Congress is safe now in the arms of the Anti-Slavery League, and David I. Walsh has adorned Massachusetts with Irish eloquence and American ideals.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., unexpected convert to forces hostile to Prohibition, has thrown a lot of troubled waters on his oil.

The two great political parties in America are worried lest they are going to have a third party, born in the depression.

Ireland is using electricity on her railroads and moral suasion on her English neighbor.

Life may be one grand sweet song, but the piano seems to be out of tune.

The reason America is so badly bent is that so many big men are trying to straighten her out.

Dramatic Moments in Catholic Life and History

"How the Archbishop of Cambrai Submitted to the Holy See"

By CLETUS J. KOUBEK



With his own lips he read the condemnation pronounced by Rome.

Francis De Saligne De La Mothe Fenelon was born in Perigord, France, Aug. 6, 1651. As his name gives ample evidence he was descended from one of the oldest and noblest families of the kingdom which, in days gone by, had fought and bled in the service of the king.

When the young Francis put in his appearance the ancestral fortunes were in eclipse and his greatest inheritance was mostly an honorable name. Such remarkable natural talent was displayed by the youth that distant relatives supplied the means by which his education could be carried on.

Of a very delicate bodily frame it was necessary to train him under a private tutor in the family chateau, but so thorough was the master and so painstaking and industrious the pupil that at the age of twelve he was conversant with the ancient Greek and Latin classics and had laid the firm foundations for a solid general education.

At this period he matriculated in the University of Cahors and within the space of two years had obtained degrees in science and philosophy. The young scholar joined to his prodigious thirst for learning a deep piety, and it became a tradition among all his teachers that his extraordinary scholastic triumphs never overturned the spirit of real humility which in after years was to be the chief characteristic of his notable greatness.

With a brilliant worldly career in prospect the boy Fenelon resolutely turned from this approach to success and chose to sacrifice himself in the service of Christ's poor. He entered the seminary to prepare for the priesthood.

After his ordination he joined the Society of Saint-Sulpice and spent his time mainly in preaching and

teaching catechism to little children. Not long prior to this event Monsignor Gondy, of the royal blood of St. Louis, Archbishop of Paris, had founded a house of "Nouvelles Catholiques" which had for its object the instruction of Protestant young women who were about to enter the Church or of recent converts who needed to be strengthened in their faith. This was a work that was admirably adapted to the winning disposition and deep zeal of Fenelon.

The worker would not be in the public eye, and perhaps because of this, the young ecclesiastic applied for the position of director. His success was instantaneous. As a director of souls he had no superior in all of France.

It so happened that at this very time Louis XIV revoked the Edict of Nantes, by which Henry of Navarre had granted the right of public worship to the Protestants. As a consequence measure the most distinguished preachers of France were sent into the districts where the Huguenots were most numerous to labor for their conversion.

This closed the hidden life of Fenelon. The metropolitan of Paris, well acquainted with the success that had attended upon his efforts with the non-Catholic population of the capital, sent the director of the "Nouvelles Catholiques" to join in this new missionary endeavor.

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The Catholic Paper

I AM the Catholic paper. I gather the news of the world and bring it to your library table; I speak to the home in the evening light of the vine-clad porch or the glow of the reading room. I tell of the altar boy and Pope, of curate and Bishop, of those whose fingers are fresh with holy oils and those whose years are golden with priestly administration.

My congregation is larger than any reached by voice from pulpit or limited by parish confines. To the young I bring inspiration for their coming years; to the old, comfort, solace and stimulation. I chronicle the news of the world's greatest institution and inspire further love for it in the breasts of my readers.

I bring back erring feet into the fold; I answer those whose hearts are yearning to grasp the truths of religion and enter the true portals. I narrate tales of hardship of nun and priest, relate stories of new temples to our God, and tell of sacrifices in far-off lands. With the world before me I gather the news of the Church and bring it to your study.

I live only a week but I speak to thousands of the things that have come to pass in an institution that has outlasted the frailties of the world. No greater mission has any Apostle, for my field grows larger every year, my history richer, my opportunities for good greater.

Receive me into your home and I repay a hundredfold for your willing sacrifice. I am the courier of the world's greatest mother—The Church—for I am the Catholic paper.

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