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I would make any sacrifice, even to the drawing of my ring, pectoral cross and epistole, 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 Censors, we have constituted 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 give our people timely information on religious topics, instruction in the doctrine 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, 1932.

Editorials

At the name of Jesus, let every knee bend in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.

St. Bernard said to Mary: "Thou shalt call me Jesus." Jesus means Saviour. This name means to lift earth to heaven. No name is so powerful.

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Diocesan Recordings

To the recipients of Papal and Diocesan honors announced last week we offer sincere congratulations.

Current Comment

While the great industrial centers of the nation are faced with the appalling task of caring for tens and hundreds of thousands of unemployed who do not know where their next meal is coming from...

The committee, of which Mr. Roy LeCraw is chairman, is endeavoring to take advantage of this situation with a "Back-to-Farm" Movement to relieve the situation in Atlanta which, like other large centers of population, has thousands of unemployed who must be supported by the community.

"Is this the best method?" the committee asks. "We business men know it is not. As for the unemployed themselves, over eight hundred who have appealed to the Chamber of Commerce and the Forward Georgia Committee to be sent to farms, have testified that they disliked the dull type of relief, that they were losing their self-respect and initiative and desired only a chance to work. Men inherently despise paternalism."

They wished to work, but there was no work. It appeared that there would be none for some time. But there are fifty thousand abandoned farms in Georgia. Many counties have two-thirds of their farms vacant. Their prosperity has declined as their population has decreased. They need and want these people.

The majority of Atlanta's unemployed came from farms and know how to farm—at least to make a living, if not to make money. So a movement was launched to place these people on abandoned farms, using to establish them in their new locations and to sustain them until they make a food crop the money previously used to give them food and provide them with shelter.

Of the first forty families thus placed, all of whom were drawing charity rations in Atlanta, all seven are now receiving or need such help.

A Bishop in one of the great industrial centers of the East, one of the most scholarly, able and practical members of the hierarchy, recently expressed himself as being convinced that the "back to the farm" movement is the best solution of the plight in which American industry finds itself.

The country people have flocked to the city in the days when they could find employment there, and now that there is no longer employment for them they still remain in the city. In the country they could at least feed themselves.

This, of course is not a complete solution. People with only enough to eat can hardly live as free men. "Not by bread alone doth man live." The other demands of his rational nature must be met. But people with enough to eat are infinitely freer than those who are hungry. It is a step in the right direction.

To the objection that there is already too much produced to feed the people of the nation and that the trouble lies in its distribution, it may be answered that this fact does not help a hungry man and his suffering family and children.

In no other country, except perhaps in England, has industry been so completely divorced from agriculture as in the United States. An industrial worker with a stake in the land has a reason for confidence impossible to the strictly factory worker.

Perhaps the depression will teach us how to coordinate industry and agriculture after the manner of the ancient Catholic Guilds.—The Bulletin (Augusta, Ga.).

Increasing suicide rate alarms Dr. Pollock, Director of Mental Hygiene Statistics of the State of New York. In the years from 1920 to 1931, he tells us, the suicide rate for one hundred cities of the United States has increased from a little over twelve per hundred thousand annually to more than twenty.

The suicide rate, in short, has almost doubled in a decade.

"How sad are the results of the depression," we may say. For we remember the numerous tales of self poisoning, shooting and other even less pleasant ways of making away with oneself which have been so prominent in the newspaper since the great crash of 1929.

But the conclusion, taking Dr. Pollock as an authority, is incorrect. The depression has nothing to do with the increased suicide rate. Suicides were growing in number just as fast in the boom years of 1926, 1927 and 1928.

What is the true reason for the disturbing increase of suicides? Many men will give many answers. The Catholic will have one which is fairly obvious to him. As religion declines self-slaughter necessarily increases. For despair of this world and disbelief in the existence of the next can have but one really logical ending, a self-sought oblivion.—Hartford Transcript.

The Catholic Light takes this opportunity to congratulate the Archdiocese of New Orleans upon the acquisition of Joseph J. Quinn, Managing Editor of the Southwest Courier, as Managing Editor of Catholic Action.

Mr. Quinn's ability in Catholic Journalism has been recognized throughout the United States and Canada. His new position will give him a double responsibility. He will still continue as Managing Editor of the Southwest Courier and at the same time he will become editor of Catholic Action.

This new diocesan weekly will start next week, December 17th. It is a beautiful Christmas present that Archbishop Shaw is making to his large Archdiocese. His selection of Joseph J. Quinn as the new editor guarantees a very high standard of journalism for this new harbinger of the Catholic papers of the United States.

We wish the Managing Editor of the Southwest Courier and the Editor of Catholic Action highest success in his new efforts.—The Catholic Light (Bornton).

Dramatic Moments in Catholic Life and History

"The Abbey of Citeaux Weathers the Storm"

By CLEVES J. ROEBER



The Abbot barred the Duke's way.

The Fortieth International and Fourteenth Biennial Convention of the Knights of St. John will be held in Syracuse in 1934 according to the latest issue of the "Knight of St. John." This coming convention will occur ten years after the successful one held in Rochester. Members of the Rochester Regiment are already looking forward to the Syracuse convention because of many pleasant gatherings between the knights.

When young ladies, especially at the age of eight years write to us we try to acknowledge the letters promptly. Here is a communication received from little Miss Isabel Kelly, 67 High Street, Geneva, mentioned in this column two weeks ago.

"The Editor, Catholic Courier and Journal: Thank you for your kind comment on my letter to the 'Ave Maria.'"

"I know that Virginia wrote to the 'Sun.' It's true if you see it in the Sun. So please tell me, is there a Santa Claus? And the editor answered: 'Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.'"

"So we are sure about Santa, aren't we?"

"I wish you a Merry Christmas." We thank you Isabel for your letter. We're sure that Santa Claus, despite the times, was on the job this year. At least all the youngsters at our house know he was.

Some where in somebody's home there is a sewing machine that would be very useful to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd. If you have such a sewing machine or know someone who has the Sisters will appreciate it very much if the machine is sent to Sisters of the Good Shepherd Convent, Winton Road North.

Through the efforts of the St. Mary's Junior Guild instruments have been provided for a boys' band at St. Mary's Boys' Orphan Asylum and the band is being organized. Members of the new band have been selected by Sister M. Marcellina, director of music at St. Mary's and the boys will be taught and directed under the supervision of John Lyons of the Eastman School of Music. This is but one of the many commendable activities being sponsored by the St. Mary's Junior League, of which Mrs. Leo Fraver is president, for the St. Mary's boys.

As a resolution for the New Year we suggest increased effort in interesting children in the diocesan newspaper. Our correspondence with little Miss Kelly indicates to us that children will become interested in their Catholic paper if it is called to their attention.

Life Insurance is love made tangible, the love of the father that comes back from the grave to stand guard against want and distress.—Guy McLaughlin in Catholic Forester.

All the pleasures of the world are as nothing compared to the sweetness and delights which God is wont to communicate to pure souls.

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Their hearts filled with sadness, laid a little in order to reduce have been so generous to this community, cannot be shown the consolation to which I and my family have always been accustomed."

"I mean," answered Stephen, "that it is contrary to the regulations we here at Citeaux are attempting to observe."

The Abbot then went on to ex-

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Conditions had become worse at Citeaux, especially after Stephen's enforcement of monastic discipline had brought him into conflict with the powerful Duke of Burgundy.

Eudes I The Duke had always been a liberal patron of the monastery. He had been touched by the holy lives of the monks, had encouraged the work and taken upon himself the obligation of defraying all the expenses connected with it.

One day, shortly after Stephen had assumed his post as Abbot, Eudes arrived at the monastery for a visit. He was graciously and heartily received by Stephen in the monastery reception hall. But when he and his party would have entered the cloister, the part of the monastery reserved for the monks, the Abbot stepped before him and barred his way.

"You cannot enter there, my lord," Stephen informed the noble. The Duke was amazed the privilege of entering the cloister was one that he had always enjoyed as the patron of Citeaux. He cared not that the privilege infringed upon the strict observance of the rules which governed the lives of the monks. Now he looked at the Abbot with some wonderment. Then he began to scowl.

"You mean," he said, "that I, who

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