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A PLEA FOR UNITY

Of Catholic Societies.

At the recent National Convention of the A.O.H., held in Boston, the following important letter was read from His Lordship Bishop McFaul, of Trenton.

Bishop McFaul, as our readers will remember, was the prime mover in uniting the two branches of the order two years ago.

"My interest in the organization and the pleasant recollections of the national convention held in this city prompt me to write and assure you that I have the same love for the cause and the same earnest desire to see you increase in numbers and prosperity.

"After the noble sentiments in favor of unity expressed by the delegates to the last convention, it is quite unnecessary to emphasize the great importance of united effort for strength and progress. I shall, therefore, direct your attention to another question which I believe should be taken up and prosecuted with energy.

"The population of New Jersey is over 1,500,000, and the Catholic population is rapidly approaching 500,000, or about one-third of the population of the state. Now we should have a proportionate representation of public institutions. This, however, we have never had, and although we are better off here as regards freedom of worship in public institutions than in some states, we are nevertheless far from possessing that full exercise of our religion which we should enjoy.

"It seems to me then that all societies composed of Catholics should endeavor to touch at certain points, that, while retaining their identity and pursuing their own aims independently of other organizations, there should be a bond of union enabling them, in given circumstances, to exert a united influence.

"Let me not be misunderstood; I have not the remotest idea of advocating a Catholic, a German or an Irish party in America, but I believe that when there is question of our rights, as Christians and as Catholics, we should be in a position to maintain and protect them in an intelligent, forcible and legitimate manner.

"If we were so organized, can it be supposed for a moment that the present administration would have passed over in silence the outrages against religion perpetrated in the Philippines, or that those blinded by religious prejudices would have been selected to investigate and report upon affairs intimately connected with the welfare of the Catholic religion in those countries which have lately come under the flag of the United States.

taught them, through the priests and religion of the Catholic church, the tenets of Christianity and the arts of civilization.

"Finally, let me add that we are entitled to a greater number of chaplains in the army and navy. Catholics have poured out their blood like water on land and sea under the flag of their country, and the least they can ask is that when the warrior's soul is about to meet the warrior's God, they should receive the consolations of that religion which has planted patriotic aspirations in their hearts.

"Let the A.O.H. take a determined step in this matter, let them take part in forming a general organization of all societies composed of Catholics, irrespective of nationality, in such manner that in our state legislatures and in the national Congress the voice of Catholics may be heard with effect when there is question of our religious rights under the constitution, or the redress of grievances."

FOR TEACHER AND PUPIL.

A correspondent of the New York "Freeman's Journal" thus spiritedly refers to the public schools in the District of Columbia. He says: In response to numerous requests, the examination papers of the 1,188 pupils of the first year high schools are given herewith. The questions are of such simplicity that a thorough understanding of the disgraceful showing made cannot be comprehended except in the cold light of the facts.

ARITHMETIC. — "Take the questions in any order, work neatly, and do as many problems as the time will allow."

Question 1. Find the total cost of the following: 8 3/4 pounds of butter at 28 cents a pound, 9 pounds 9 ounces of ham at 16 cents a pound, 8 pounds 10 ounces of cheese at 24 cents a pound.

Question 2. A man sold 3/4 of his farm for \$3,900, what was 1/4 of the farm worth at the same rate?

Question 3. A builder bought 6,500 brick at \$7.50 per thousand, 12,200 feet of lumber at \$16.50 per thousand feet, and 975 pounds of nails at \$3.80 per hundred pounds. What was the amount of his entire bill?

Question 4. What will it cost to carpet a room 5 1/2 feet long and 31 feet 6 inches wide with Brussels carpet 3/4 of a yard wide, at \$1.24 per square yard, making no allowance for matching?

Question 5. How many tiles 16 inches square will be required to cover a court 53 feet 4 inches long and 48 feet wide.

Question 6. A coal dealer bought 840 long tons of coal at \$6.72 per long ton of 2,240 pounds, and sold it by the short ton at \$8 per short ton of 2,000 pounds. How much money did he gain?

Question 7. A man bought a house for \$2,500 and sold it for \$1,375. What per cent. of the cost did he lose?

Question 8. What is the interest on \$320 at 6 per cent. per annum from January 2, 1899, to November 20, 1899?

Question 9. The assessed value of property in a certain city is 3-5 of the market value. If the amount of taxes collected in one year on a basis of 2 1/2 cents on the \$1 of the assessed value was \$1,325,040, what was the market value of the property?

Question 10. A merchant sold goods for \$240, thereby losing 20 per cent. of the cost, for what amount should he have sold them to gain 15 per cent?

Question 11. Divide 1,143.5125 by 28 3/4, multiply the quotient by 63.08 and to the product add 13-25 of 114.31. The time allowed for work on this paper was 2 hours and 30 minutes, at the pupil's own desk in school under the most favorable circumstances. Only 1 per cent. of the 1,188 pupils answered these simple problems correctly. The class made an average of only 58.82 per cent. All these children had completed a term of eight years in the graded schools, or what was considered equivalent thereto in secular schools. The miserable showing commented upon is the result.

The paper set for the history examination was as follows:

UNITED STATES HISTORY. — "Read this before beginning work."

"Take plenty of time; write legibly; be careful about spelling, punctuation and grammatical expression. Do not try to answer all the questions, but write a connected story in each case."

Question 1. Name the four nations that had most to do with the discoveries and early settlements of this country, and state what part of the country each of these nations explored and settled.

Question 2. Give a brief account of the Puritans, or of the Pilgrims, stating why so called, the country from which they came, their reasons for emigrating, where they settled, and some of their characteristics, habits and customs.

Question 3. State some of the important causes which lead to each of the following named wars, and the nations and people involved in each: The French and Indian War; the Revolution; the War of 1812; and the Rebellion or Civil War.

Question 4. Select one of the following inventions and write a connected story about it: 1. The cotton gin. 2. The steamboat. 3. The telegraph. 4. The telephone. 5. The electric light.

tion, the art of playing together and the need of sacrificing his athletic reputation in a critical emergency, for the common good, particularly where there exists the disposition rather to lose a game than win it unfairly.

To quote from the quiet phraseology of the official report:

"Here again the questions were not only well within the instruction received, but no definite amount of work was required. All that was specified was that the pupil should possess, in the language of the report of the school trustees, 'a clear, connected, sequential view of the whole subject'—a subject which they had been studying for five years. The markings were based simply upon the excellence of the work each pupil did. The average number of words written was fewer than 500, counting duplicates.

"No pupil made 100 per cent. in history and of the 1,188 pupils but 3.6 per cent. made 90 or over, and but 19 per cent. made 70 or over. The average per cent. attained by the 1,188 pupils in history was 53.10, as against 58.82 in arithmetic."

"These are the pupils and this is the amount of knowledge which nine years' training in the public schools of the national capital gives. The average child educated at the public school cannot transact the ordinary business of life correctly. One of them cannot go to a store and buy a bill of goods. These children ranged from 14 to 18 years of age. The showing made is ridiculous.

The correspondent concludes as follows:—It is a very safe assertion that if these questions were propounded to the middle grades of the Catholic parochial schools that failure would be the exception.

It would seem that any Catholic parent who patronizes the public schools conducted under such methods is guilty of a wrong toward their offspring. Miseducation and bad education joined must be offset by the good teachings and bright example of the Catholic schools. They are the hope of this nation.

CHARACTER DEVELOPED BY ATHLETICS.

(By Rev. M. P. Dowling, S.J., in Donahoe's for May.)

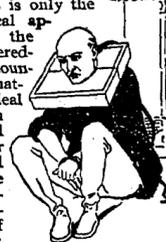
Every one will admit that athletics are sometimes cultivated to excess, that they sometimes interfere with serious study; and that the safe return of the college athletes from the field of prowess is often hailed with a devout "Te Deum" as if one more danger were passed and their friends were free to breathe once more. But we must remember, too, that the best athletes are often the best students; backward young men can be barred out by proper authority and the time lost affects comparatively few, while the healthy college spirit engendered, the enthusiasm for excellence aroused more than counterbalance these disadvantages. Recreation need not consist in lounging about doorways, moping through corridors, creeping along from place to place; something virile ought to be aimed at, the development of a manly spirit. Where is this to be acquired—in the classroom? It is a mistake to suppose that men learn only from those appointed to teach them; there is a great deal of useful education to be had from mixing with college companions, and character is developed on the gridiron and in the diamond, on the campus and athletic field as well as in the precincts of the classroom. The educational results of athletics are numerous enough to be overwhelming. The self-denial required in training promotes discipline; the struggle for supremacy prepares one to take the hard knocks the world will subsequently give; the moderation and submission required in accepting adverse decisions teaches self-control in trying circumstances and under strong provocation; the tense engagement of mind and muscle leaves little place for lewd conversation, drinking habits and the malignant influence of troublesome coteries. These advantages flow especially from games played in combination, where there is question of courage as well as skill, where the player being of less importance each one learns the necessity of organization.

When a Chinaman becomes a criminal, the law punishes his parents and even the grandparents. This is only the extreme logical application of the doctrine of heredity. In this country, we leave national law to deal with its own offenses, and many a mother is punished through the physical weakness and peevish temper of puny offspring.

Women mainly err through ignorance. They enter the marriage state already disordered by irregularity of the periods. The delicate and sensitive organs, peculiarly feminine, are in no condition for the shock which is consequent on the great change. Drains that are offensive and debilitating are set up, inflammation and ulceration with female trouble are added in time, and when motherhood comes the strength of body is inadequate, and the condition of mind unfit for the responsibility. The natural result is a child that is unhealthy and unhappy.

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Dreaded Meal Time.

THE STORY OF A DYSPEPTIC WHO HAS FOUND A CURE.

There is an Intimate Connection Between Good Health, Happiness and Good Digestion—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Bring About These Conditions.

From the "Tribune," Deseronto.

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AN INCIDENT OF THE WAR.

A correspondent tells this pretty little story of the humanity of the hard-fighting Boers:

"In my rounds I came across an Australian whose leg had been broken by an explosive bullet. He related an incident which shows how some Boers are humane, and even chivalrous. He was lying between the rocks unable to move, when a young well-dressed Boer came up, and, addressing him in faultless English, said: 'Are you much hurt, old man?'"

"The Australian trembled and blanched, for he expected treachery, and prepared to receive a pistol shot. 'Oh, don't be afraid of me; I won't hurt you; you are hurt enough already. Shall I get you a drink of water?' 'If you please.' No sooner was it said than done. 'Now, I have two peaches in my pocket—will you have those?' 'Thank you very much,' and a further benison was bestowed. 'You will be very faint with the sun pouring down on you,' and the young Boer sat on the rock for an hour and a half so that the shadow of his body might fall on his wounded foe. Meanwhile the two discussed politics, the Boer declaring that in the long run the English would overwhelm the Boers, but that the price they would pay for victory would be appalling."

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