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small portion of the vast territory of Christ's heritage, and who speaks to us as father and friend, the true Catholic heart listens to that voice with respect and submission. The Catholic priesthood stands for authority; and respect for authority is the surest guarantee of the permanency of our government. The Catholic priesthood teaches with St. Taul: Let every soul be subject to higher powers; for there is no power but from God and those that are ordained of God. Therefore he that resisteth the powers resisteth the

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I. accordance with these words of Re Paul, the Church, which is represented here to-day by this distinguished gathering, insists that all lawfully constituted and rightly executed authority must be obeyed. Render to Caesar the things that are caesar's and to God the things that are God's is the dominant sets.

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"IN THE YOUTH of to-day lie the hopes of the future. 'The boy is father to the man' we are told; which means that if we wish to snow what the men of the future are At the benquet that followed the consecration of Bishop Alerding in pt. Wayne, recently, Rev. Andrew Morrissey, president of Notre Dame University, responded to the toast, "Our Country." We take the following report of his speech from one of our American exchanges:—

which means that if we wish to know what the men of the future are to be we, have only to examine what the youths of to-day are. We all know what the men of the future ought to be—at least we know what men the world needs. They are men, nentally, morally and physically sound, men of intelligence, of polished manners, trained powers, men of deep-rooted moral principles.

"We have reached a stage in our country's growth when the most vital questions present themselves — questions that pertain to the maintenance of our past greatness and the preservation of our dignity as a great nation—and these questions will find proper solution only from those whose minds are trained to analyze and scrutinize the principles that underlie them, whose minds have been accustomed to serious thought and patient thought.

"The cultivation of the intellect to the neglect of the heart is one of the greatest dangers which society has to face in our day. Mental cultivation is unquestionably something of the highest power; to entrust it to one whose heart has not learned how to direct it is to place in his power

one of our American exchanges :—

'It is frequently said by speakers who are called upon for after-dinner remarks,' said Father Morrissey, "that the subject upon which they are asked to discourse is one about which they know nothing, or which suggests to them no new ideas. I can offer no such excuse this afternoon. I know my subject well enough to know that my great difficulty will be to decide—not what to say—but what should be left unsaid. 'Our Country' is a theme which embarrasses one by its richness, a theme for a volume rather than for a few desultory remarks. "There is a special appropriateness, it seems to me, in having, at a gathering of this kind, a toast on the subject assigned to me. Not beone whose heart has not learned how ness, it seems to me, in having, at a gathering of this kind, a toast on the subject assigned to me. Not because it is necessary for Catholics to take advantage of the opportunity afforded them by occasions such as the one that has brought us together to-day, of testifying their loyalty to the flag under which it is their privilege to live and which affords them the widest liberty in the exercise of their religion, but because the body of men that are gathered here to-day are the best exponents of those eternal principles upon which must rest any government that expects to be lasting and enduring. The cardinal principle of our faith is recognition of authority, and whether it is the voice of that grand old man who to-day sits in the chair of Peter in the Eternal City of Rome that speaks to us in no uncertain terms of the duties that our citizenship in God's Church imposes upon us, or the voice of him to whom is allotted the direct government of a small portion of the vast territory of Christ's heritage, and who speaks to us a father and friend, the true

one whose heart has not learned how to direct it is to place in his power the means of working incalculable mischief. To be learned is well, but to be a an fin the true sense of the term is a nobler object before God and man than the mere scholar.

"Some time ago at the National Convention of Teachers in Milwauvee one of the great noted Protestant divines said: T maintain that if the State has a right to provide self-education it has a right to provide all the elements of self-government. Children ought to get a practical training in Justice, mercy, truth, training in justice, mercy, truth, faith, hope, love and goodness. Remove from our educational system those fundamental truths and our training will cease to be scientific and will become empirical, and inand will recome empirical, and instead of having men strong and wolness pure we will have nothing but cultivated parrots. The privilege of American citizenship carries with it grave responsibilities. The little 'American's sum' imposes upon us olligations that are most sacred. Education passes have for its end the olligations that are most sacred. Education mass have for its end the building up of the highest type of citizenship, and no one will dare to deny that the distinces of our country are not to be placed in the haids of those who se moral character is not above rep. "Gach. The lessens of honesty, truth, justice, purity, love, cannot be abs. ent from the curriculum of any institution of learning that fully apprective molding and framing the minds and he was and upholders of the principles of the sand upholders of the principles of glorious republic, I love to look fo. ward to the great things that the ward to the great things that the Twentieth Century has in store for us; and I love to think that the best efforts of our educators will be put forth in developing the mind and character of those who will be the principal factors in the development of a higher and better civilization in the years that are to come.

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's' is the dominant note from which spring the Church's teachings regarding the powers that be. Her children are taught that authority must be respected, and her teachings on this point have always found a responsive echo in the hearts of the faithful They have always found a responsive echo in the hearts of the faithful They have always found a responsive echo in the hearts of the faithful They have always found a responsive echo in the hearts of the faithful They have always found a responsive echo in the hearts of the faithful They have always found the religion when the beathful the things that are dered to Caesar's. There is no secrecy about the religion which the Church to which we belong preach. She invites all to come and examine her tenets, and such examination will show all fair-minded and unprejudiced minds that the Catholic Church is what she has always claimed to be, the loyalest delender of the principles upon which rests the fabric of our glorious republic. EVERYTHING IN FURS.

CATHOLIC EDITORS ON VARIOUS THEMES,

CHURCH DEBTS. -The Catholic 'Columbian' on this subject, remarks :-

We Catholics pay too much interest on the debts of our church property. We have paid out in interest protably ten times the amount that all our ecclesiastical real estate is worth, and still there is hardly a church, or a school, or an asylum that has not a mertgage on it. At a meeting held at the Columbus Cathedral last Sunday, the rector, Father Meara announced that during the past twenty years nearly \$200,000 had been paid out by the discess in interest, a sum but little greater than the present diocessin debt.

One diocese and certainly any one parish will not be able to get regularly a much lower rate of interest than 5 per cent.; but if all our bishops would get together, and resolve to make a united effort to refund all our church debts, a rate of 33/5 ta 4 per cent. could certainly be obtained.

In this business, a committee of laymen could be advantageously employed in the interests of the whole Church.

Indeed, in the administration of

forever stamp the priesthood of the Catholic Church as the best molders of American citizenship. I speak of this particular phase of the subject, not because I happen to be connected with an educational institution whose success in the past has been acquired by its loyalty to Catholic principles, and whose future is secure as long as these principles endure, but because I am convinced that there is no way in which we Catholic priests can better serve our country's cause than by sowing in the hearts of the young men and young women entrusted to our care the seeds of true Christian virtue, to which all learning must be subservient While it is the aim of all Catholic schools to give to the youth of our country server faculty for ac-

FRANCE AND ENGLAND. - The

FRANCE AND ENGLAND. — The 'Irish American' in referring to the recent speech of General Mercier, to which so much sensational reference was made in Canada, says —

In the French Assembly, a few days ago, in the course of a debate on the vote of supply for military ourposes, M. Mercier inadvertently it fall a tow words intimating that he Government of the Republic hould be always in such a position.

threat against England; and the result was a small panic on the English exchanges, and the raising of the cry that Mercier was taking advantage of Irish discontent to nag England.

CATHOLIC SOCIABILITY. - On this topic the "Freeman," John v.B., says :-

this topic the "Freeman," of St. John (R. says:—

That there is great and immediate need of this increased sociability among Oatholics is universally acknowledged; and that the lack of it constitutes a serious drawback in many ways both to the promotion of spiritual interests and to the religious and temporal welfare of the faithful, is as freely conceded. It is passing strange, too, that with the object lesson of the value of the social element as a factor giving cohesion to religious organization among frotestants before them, Catholics should be so indifferent to the benefits accruing from it. Without it the process of disintegration among the sects would be vastly more rapid. The forces of decay which are at work at the roots of this system of religious negation would soon undermine the whole fabric of Protestantism, were it not for the cohesive power of church membership and the multitudinous influences of organized sociability. In act, this social feature of their religion creates interest in religious affiliation outside and beyond doctrinal, matters and spiritual concerns.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS. - The Sunday "Democrat" discusses this question in the following manner :-

while our Sunday schools are doing good work, it would not be difficult to make some of them better. There is much besides teaching to be done. The children are being trained in the knowledge of the God of love and mercy, of Him who when on earth was especially attracted by the innocence and simplicity of childhood; and yet this knowledge, being of an abstruse and abstract nature, is not naturally attractive to the untutored minds of children. Besides the explanations which are necessary to make it intelligible to the little ones, it should be the study of all connected with the school to hake it as cheerful and as attractive. as possible. Our Protestant friends are not insensible to the duty thus laid upon them; but if they are not required as teachers. friends are not insensible to the duty thus laid upon them; but if they are not required as teachers, they will at least contribute toward the purchase of Sunday school papers and library books. If we compare Catholic apathy to non-Catholic zeal in the is matter, we may well stand confounded. Catholic parents of the wealthier class think it a compliment to send their children to our Sunday schools, and pastors find Sunday schools, and pastors find the greatest difficulty in securing punctual attendance. Parents should take a deeper interest in the Sunday

SOCIETY FEDERATION. -Under the caption "The First Steps in Federation." the "Catholic Standard 'nd Times' says :--

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THE LIGHT TO CONVERTS .- The Southern "Messenger" in the following concise way points out instances how converts are given the

stances how converts are given the Faith. It says:—

Rev. James B. Donelan, formerly pastor of a chiurch in Washington, D.C., left in a diary or chronicle an account of a learned judge in Washington who became a convert to the Church through hearing sung the "Preface" at a High Mass in one of the city churches; a young lawyer of Ohio was converted by a discussion between an over-zealous Protestant and a Oatholic in a railway coach; a prominent gentleman in the city of Washington became so indignant and disgusted at the unnerited abuse heaped upon the Church of his Catholic wife by a Presbyterian ministrichat he seized his hat, left the church and some time afterward became a Catholic; a young gentleman in Baltimore, who was studying for the Protestant ministry, bought a Catholic book by mistake at a second-hand book store, and through its instrumentality became a devout Catholic; a priest, accompanied by a seminarian, on a mission journey in Indiana, sought lodging for the might at a house in which a lady lay on her death bed, praying God to calighten her as to the true religion in the midst of so many donflicting sects, and before morning she died in peace of soul a member of the one true Church; a priest now in the Indian Territory was converted in his boyhood by reading a screp from a Catholic periodical, picked up from some waste paper; a member of the one true Church; a priest now in the Indan Territory was converted to the Catholic Church by a discussion that he accidentally overheard between a Protestant zealot and a Catholic who could not well evade his questions. We could continue the list if we had time to rocall similar instances in our own experience or that had come to our knowledge. Faith. It says :-

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Congressman Fitzgerald, of Boston, will not be a member of the next Congress. He announced early in the Congress. He announced early in the year his determination not to seek re-election. The Catholic press is unanimous in regretting this decision on his part, as it rightly regarded him as one of the most useful and industrious members of the Lower House. The Boston "Republic" (Nov. 24th) assures us that his successor, Hon. Joseph A. Conry, may be relied upon to continue the good work upon Mr. Fitzgerald's lines. He too, is a Catholic of fine ability and excellent character. Boston has also returned Hon. Henry F. Naphen, a Catholic member, by a plurality twice as large as he received two years ago.

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Fitzgerald, such was the impression we had of him, would have been the man to form in Congress the nucleus of a Catholic group. It is discouraging that such men usually disappear from public life after a brief if useful career. It is mostly the prevailing corruption which drives them back into the safer channels of private life. We had an example of this in a smaller way in the case of the late John J. Ganahl,—'honest John'—who, after one the case of the late John J. Ganahl,—"honest John"—who, after one term in the St. Louis City Council, was so thoroughly disgusted and disheartened that he would not under any consideration accept a remomination to a body in which he had done gallant and invaluable service to the cause of justice and political party.

vice to the cause of justice and pon-tical party.

And yet, if our public life is to be raised to a higher level, good men will have to go into polities — and stay in!—Arthur Preus, in the Re-

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FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SO-CIETIES.

Fifty delegates representing foureen leading Catholic associations with a membership of fully 1,000,with a membership of fully 1,000,000, held a meeting at the Fifth Avenue Hottel, New York, last week, for
the purpose of considering the important project of a federation of
Catholic organizations in the Republic. The meeting was called to order
by Henry J. Fries, Supreme President, Knights of St. John, J. J.
Raurke of Philadelphia Rourke, of Philadelphia, acting secretary

secretary.

Among the societies represented at the meeting were the Knights of St. John, Knights of Columbus, Catholic Benevolent Legion, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Irish Catholic Penevolent Union, I cague of German Societies of Pennsylvania, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Catholic Catholic Alexander Figure 26, American Total Abstinence Union of America, Catholic Young Men's National Union, Catholic German State Union on New York and the General Benevolent Association.

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The meeting lasted for four hours. At its close it was announced that a committee of ten, with Thomas P. McKenna, of Long Branch, N.J., as chairman, had been appointed to draft plans of the proposed federation and report to a convention to be held in Cincinnati on May 7, 1901. A Committee on Organization with Congressman John J. Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, as chairman, was chosen.

The meeting; it was also announc-The meeting; it was also announced, had been called to discuss at length the project of federation already suggested at the convention of representatives of the societies in I biladelphia last September. The I biladelphia last September. The delegates at that time decided in favor of federation and adopted a resolution defining the object, as follows:

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"The cementing of the bonds of fraternal union among the Catholic laity and the Catholic societies of the United States, to foster the works of religion and piety, to improve by education and charity the condition of our social life and the dissemination of truth."

It was emphatically denied by one or the delegates that the federation was being formed for political purposes, or that the influence would be used to gain more civic power. It was admitted that this matter had come during the debate, but the delegates unanimously agreed to keep the organization out of politics.

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BRIDGET'S NIGHT REFUGE.