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SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1900

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES FEDERATE

From our exchanges we learn that the plan of establishing federations of Catholic societies in large American cities is now meeting with much encouragement. In Cincinnati the movement has been carried out and an organization called the Federation of Catholic Societies of Cincinnati and Hamilton county has been established. The organization has issued the following circular:

You are no doubt aware that a number of prominent Catholic societies of Cincinnati have succeeded in establishing in Hamilton county a Federation of Catholic societies, whose object is:

1. To establish a bond of close friendship among the Catholic societies of Cincinnati and vicinity.
2. To work for the general welfare of Catholic interests apart from the special object of each organization, leaving each society with its own government and officers, but establishing a central Board for the purpose of better carrying out the principles of Fraternity and Fellowship advocated by all.
3. To vindicate the rights of Catholics as citizens.
4. To support the Catholic press and disseminate Catholic literature.
5. To defend Catholic principles and protest against all measures antagonizing them.

That a federation of this kind is a necessity is apparent to all. Our rights as Catholics are oftentimes assailed. Even at present a bill is pending in our legislature, which, if it passes, will oblige our thousands of Catholics in this city to assist in providing free school books indiscriminately for the pupils of our public schools. Of what avail is it for one or two of our societies to protest against such a measure? Should, however, all the Catholic societies of the city, with a membership of 25,000 to 30,000 offer a protest in the matter, it might discourage many of those officials who are ever on the alert to trample on the rights of Catholic citizens. And again, would it not be timely for the Catholics of America to protest against the bill recently passed in congress in which our Catholic Indian schools are refused governmental aid? Many similar cases might be enumerated where it would be well for Catholics to raise their voices in unison in condemnation or approbation as the case might be.

To join the federation it will be necessary for your society to elect or appoint two delegates, one to serve for one year, and one for two years. Provide these with a certificate signed by the president and secretary of your society and instruct them to be present at the next meeting. Every Catholic male society and mixed societies are to be represented by male members only. The meeting will be held quarterly and meeting places will be assigned from time to time. Every society will have equal voting power. The expenses of the federation will be very little, and these must be borne pro rata by the organizations affiliated with the same.

Notes of Interest.

Edinburg, Ind., owns its own electric and water plants. Incandescent lights are 15 cents a month; water \$1 per year; phones 50 cents a month. But it does not pay the public to own anything!

While the loss by fires in Malden, Mass., during the past ten years, have been only \$2,000, the amount paid for insurance has been over \$12,000. Chairman Winslow, of the Board of Aldermen is moving for the city to insure its own people, and thus save them this drain.

Detroit paid \$100 a year for street lights and the owners swore there was nothing in it at that. The city put its own plant in and it cost \$64.19 last year, \$51.85 the second year and \$46.46 last year. It would never have decreased under private ownership, and the lights have been better.

Mayor Harrison, in a message read to the Chicago common council last

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week, declared himself in favor of "a requirement that before any ordinance granting any extension of franchise shall become operative, it shall first be submitted at the next general election to a general vote of the people and shall receive popular endorsement."

A despatch from Corunna, Spain, says: "While a priest was administering the last sacrament to a dying man, in the presence of his relatives, near here the floor of the room collapsed and the dying man and four other persons were killed and four-teen were injured."

The National Lacrosse Club has signed a contract for the equipment of its new grounds at Maisonneuve. The club house and stands will cost \$17,500. The grounds and equipment completed will reach a sum of \$85,000. It is expected that the work will be finished in time to hold a grand inauguration on St. Jean Baptiste Day.

From Dublin comes the news that the editor of the "United Irishman," to-day visited the editor of the Irish "Figaro," and soundly horsewhipped him for an insulting reference in his paper to Miss Maud Gonne, the "Irish Jennie d'Arc." The assailant was fined £1 in police court and went to jail for a month rather than give bond not to repeat the assault.

Rome, April 9.—The Pope granted audience to eighty-seven seamen and five officers of the United States auxiliary cruiser Dixie, last week, who came to Rome to visit the basilicas and so gain the jubilee indulgence. One of the officers read a short address to the Pope, and His Holiness replied briefly, praising the American fleet and sending his blessing to the country.

According to an exchange His Holiness refuses to accept the yearly stipend which the Italian Government is ready to pay him. Ever since the conquest of Rome by the Italian troops of the king an annual income of \$750,000 is laid aside by the Government which has been refused. Thus, for twenty-eight years this sum has been accumulating, and to-day over \$20,000,000, without the accruing interest, may be drawn by the head of the Catholic Church.

A British army chaplain, the Rev. E. J. Hardy, has published a book on "Mr. Thomas Atkins." In it the origin of the sobriquet is given: Thomas Atkins was the name of a sentry who, when the Europeans in Lucknow were flying from the Residency, from the mutineers, refused to leave his post, and so perished. After that it became the fashion to speak of a conspicuously heroic soldier in the ranks with the sobriquet "a regular Tommy Atkins."—St. Louis Review.

The "Standard and Times" says: A press despatch from Dubuque, Iowa, date of April 11, says: Michael J. Hennessy to-day filed a petition to have the will of his brother, Archbishop Hennessy, declared null and void. He claims that the will was not the last; that there were two new wills, one disposing of church property and the other of private property, which bear date of January 18, 1900, while the original bears the date of January 17. The new wills have the same witnesses as the first, and have many erasures and interlines.

There is a strong movement of indignant protest among Ohio Catholics and a portion of the Jews and Protestants, too, says the St. Louis "Review," against a bill recently passed by the State Senate providing that all institutions devoted to the care of orphans be under the direct supervision of the State Board of Charities, whose members shall at any time be at liberty to enter and inspect such institutions, making changes and removing children from one asylum to another at their own discretion. The iniquitous measure is known as the Marchant Bill.

The news comes from Paris, France, that Abbe Blanchet, vicar of the Church of Saint Denis, was asked a few days ago by an unknown man to come to his house, where a child was dying.

The priest went to the house and climbed to the fourth story. There he was surrounded by three men, who insulted and attacked him.

The abbe resisted, and being strong, gave his adversaries more than they wanted, the priest calling for help all the time. People ran to his aid and the men escaped in the confusion.

As a result of interest taken in the local milk supply by the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society, a milk commission has been established of which the members are Dr. D. McDachran, chief inspector for the Dominion; Dr. R. F. Rutan, professor of chemistry, McGill, and chemist to the Provincial Board of Health, and Dr. Wyatt Johnston, assistant professor of hygiene, McGill, and bacteriologist to the Provincial Board of Health.

The object of the commission will be to furnish reliable information with regard to milk supplies to members of the society, and to investigate and make known measures for the improvement of milk sold to the public. It will keep a register of such milk dealers, including dairymen, as shall agree to conform with the standard regulations adopted by the society, who shall furnish to the commission satisfactory proof that they are conforming to these rules.

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Again, any one who has had the training of children has experienced the mortifying fact that even the best trained children sometimes woefully lapse from their knowledge of good manners and courtesy when away from home among other children. Some mothers will not tolerate any correction of their children's manners by the teacher, taking it as a direct insult to their home training, when it is but the result of childish heedlessness or self will.

No greater injury can be done a teacher than to condemn her at home in presence of her pupils. There are many—they usually allude to a teacher as a school-marm—who persist in believing and encouraging that a school-teacher is never to be regarded with other than suspicion.—"Home Journal and News."

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