FATHER BALTA PROVES HIMSELF A FORCIBLE SPEAKER

Delivers Fine Baccalaureate Sermon before Graduating Class of the High School Here.

TAKES FOR HIS SUBJECT—"RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION"; ST. MARY MAGDALENA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH CROWDED TO HEAR ADDRESS.

Taking as his subject "Religion and Religious Education," the Rev. Father J. W. Balta, J. U. D., delivered a forcible and eloquent baccalaureate sermon, Sunday evening, June 11, in St. Mary Magdalena's R. C. church, before the members of the graduating class of the Honesdale High school. A large congregation were assembled to hear the discourse, which was of an intensely practical character, and was based on the first verse of the 126th Psalm, viz: "Unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it." Father Balta spoke in part as follows:

"My Dear Young Friends: I am well aware that you expect some advice to be strewn on the footpath of your future life. But you have repaired here this evening because you all believe in a Supreme Being, and know that you will not dare entrust yourselves to the billows of misfortune before coming to an altar of God to ask him especially to give you that enlightenment that in future your life may correspond to the preparation which you have made under able instructors."

Dr. Balta announced that he would take for his subject "Religion and Religious Education." "By religion," he said, "I understand that bond that unites man to his Creator, and that homage and respect that is due to a Supreme Being. It assures us of a supreme, inflexible law before which every human will must bend. It assures us of duties which we assume. It assures us of a future sphere of life, with rewards and penalties.

"Religion is to society what cement is to a building. It makes it cohere. Rob a man of his religious convictions, rob a man of his moral principles, and you have quenched his soul.

"Society is composed of various individual members with different relations to each other. What do we as members of society expect of our rulers and magistrates? And what do our rulers and magistrates expect of us? We expect that they shall hand out justice with an even hand, and be loyal to our constitution. They expect that we shall be conscientious in the payment of imposts and taxes. They demand that we shall be faithful in our oaths and promises, faithful in all our contracts and obligations, and that we shall be good to one another.

"The final destiny of Education is that we should give to God what belongs to God, and to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.

"Where shall we find these motives and incentives strong enough to enforce these duties?

"There are passions to be overcome. The motives must be universal. The motives must be eternal, because they must be valid every time. Where apart from Religion shall we find a motive that shall rule aright?

"Would any one of you vote for a Presidential candidate of avowed atheism? Assuredly not. A man who would disown a Supreme Being would be tossed to and fro by public opinion.

"The old proverb that the man shall not seek the office, but the office shall seek the man may be elevating but is fit nowadays to be put in a national museum of antiquities. The most successful office-holder is the most successful office-seeker.

"Is it true that as education and training of the mind advances crime recedes? No. As education advances so also moral depravity increases. Take to your hands any of the large newspapers published in the large or small cities, and you will find every page covered with startling descriptions of well-laid plans for burglary, murders, and especially of a number of so-called acts of lustful refinement. These deeds were committed by men of exceptionally good education and refinement.

"There we have a proof that our education must perhaps be a failure. Is it not true that there are men of the greatest intelligence who have become the greatest thieves? They care no longer for social morality. Their knowledge of intrigue and law is so strong that they say 'I will fix myself in the state, and do my heart's desire.' Men great in knowledge and exceptional mental ability, that should become examples retrograde and give a proof that a mental training is a failure.

"If all these motives are insufficient, then where shall we find that motive, that power that shall make men do right?

"One little word. It has been abused by the man behind his desk in the college room. That word, Religion, is the only power that can curb passions, that can keep society right, that can make men obey the state. Because God made me a member of society, I know I must obey it, because God wants it.

"Convince me that God is a provident God, who looks into my heart; convince me that this God is the avenger of right and wrong; yes, then, you have placed a power in my mind before which I will cringe and obey, and to which I will say 'I must obey.'

"Politeness without religion is cold and barren and soon degenerates into mannerisms.

"Let us not forget that Religion must grasp the whole man, not only a part.

"Religion is a mighty power, a mighty factor. This belief is more enduring than love of country, more active than self-interest. This idea is the safest guarantee that a Legislature will find a law-abiding people and the people a law-abiding Legislature.

"This Religion is the curb of human passions. Religion is the consolation of affections, a protector for the poor. 'O, this religion is in reality that majestic golden chariot upon which the universe hangs suspended from the throne of Jupiter.'

"What do we mean by education? By education I mean that training of man as a whole, that intellectual training of all his faculties necessary to become a good, honest member of society.

"A man in every day life may develop a certain special quality in one thing. In the moral order of things such a division of labor is a monstrous idea. You would not have me believe that one should be honest and another virtuous. The modern idea of education pays attention to only one quality of human nature, the mind.

"Is education an end or is it only a means? Education can not make a man happy, honest, just. It is only a means to work out that happiness.

"How is it to-day that our education has not been felicitous in producing those law-abiding citizens which we expected from our system? We are training the mind and forgetting the moral and religious side. Knowledge is a power. The possession of knowledge is not a guarantee against the misuse of that power. The more we know the more depraved we become.

"Man must believe in a God. Man must know about him. This sentiment must have grown in a man from the days of his youth, for if assumed later it will always be an extraneous growth.

"How is it that we have this trial of Capitol and Labor? How is it that our statesmen are everything but honest men? Do we not know how to read, write, but we forget the heart.

"If that heart is forgotten in the days of your school development no force will be able to control it in after years. Let us thank God that our training has been partly a religious and moral one.

"These moral qualities are not in your text-books. They are in the bosom of God. And if your education is really what it should be then we have not labored in vain. Take along on your life-path these things: I believe in a God. I know that God rules me. That God I will serve because I am his creature, and I must serve him. If you have that principle and it grows out of you in your daily life it will bring sunshine to your feet wherever you go. "Unless the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it."

CROWN CUT GLASS COMPANY COMMENCES WORK AT HANCOCK.

Hancock's new industry, the Crown Cut Glass Company, commenced cutting glass in their new factory on West Main street, last Monday morning. Sixteen frames have been set up on the second floor, and the motive power is furnished by a five-horse electric motor. On the first floor are located the dipping room, store room, show room and office.

The five Honesdale members of the new company are Messrs. W. J. Okowitz, manager; William D. Bonear, Thomas A. Walsh, Peter E. Deidner and R. E. Fasshauer, with one exception, all practical glass cutters. More frames and men will be employed as the business increases.

In future, as in the past, none but first quality cut glass will be put on the market. The new concern will do a retail as well as wholesale business, and pitchers may be purchased at the office for $4.25. Vases, tumblers, cream sets, in fact every kind of cut glass manufactured, will be offered for sale at like reasonable prices.

The first piece on which work was commenced Monday was a vase 14 inches in height and 5 inches in diameter at top and bottom, of beautiful design. On Thursday next it is planned to place the vase on exhibition, after which it will be sold to the highest bidder as a souvenir of the first work turned out by the Crown Cut Glass company of Hancock.—Hancock Herald.

"Youth fades; love drops; the leaves of friendship fall;
A mother's secret hope outlives them all."

"Womanliness means only motherhood, all life begins and ends there."—Browning.

"Is not a young mother one of the sweetest sights life shows us?"—Thackeray.

"For the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."—W. Wallace.

"God could not be everywhere, therefore He made mothers."—Lew Wallace.

WAYNE CO. ADAPTED TO APPLES

Native Fruit Compares Favorably with Oregon's Product

"PROPER CARE FOR TREES CHIEF REQUISITE FOR SUCCESS," SAYS SURFACE.

Wayne county is fast moving toward the front of the procession in the production of apples. The fruit is of unusual flavor and is classed with the celebrated Oregon apples. To say that is true is making an important statement, which, nevertheless is a fact.

It has been demonstrated in every county of Pennsylvania more especially in the northeastern section, that there is not an acre in this territory but what can be adapted to the successful and profitable growing of fruits, especially apples.

On different occasions Delaware & Hudson representatives have stated to the secretary of the Greater Honesdale Board of Trade that Wayne is considered the best county in this section of the state for the raising of apples, and they also said that it rested with the Board of Trade to encourage the farmers; and that it should use its influence in presenting to the farmers the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities that now lie within their reach. By setting out orchards the farmer would not only have a gold mine, but would have "acres of diamonds," or fruit equivalent to that. The Delaware and Hudson company has issued a small phamlet upon apple raising, which can be secured free of charge by addressing George Bates, district freight and passenger agent, Scranton, Pa.

Regarding the possibilities in Pennsylvania, from a commercial standpoint, State Zoologist H. A. Surface said to a friend recently:

"For the profitable apple growing in Pennsylvania, one point is the selection of site or location, another is the selection of proper varieties, and eight points are in the proper care of the trees, to make up the ten essential points for success.

"In the care of the trees we must consider planting, pruning, spraying, fertilizing, cultivating, thinning, picking and packing. Pests can be and must be absolutely controlled. The fruits must be not only first-class, but fancy and must be gathered and packed in not only an honest, but in a very attractive and business like manner.

"Pest control is the most important of all these features, but for complete success each is essential, and it must be thoroughly modern and correct. Knowledge is power only when practically applied. Let our beginning as well as our advanced fruit growers keep their eyes on the 1,200 model orchards established by the division of zoology of the department of agriculture in this state, and see what they can learn that will benefit them.

"The dormant spraying for scale insects has just been completed, and the spring spraying for the codling moth and the curcilo, canker worm and the plant diseases is now being arranged."

$40,000,000 IN DEATH CLAIMS IN PENNSYLVANIA IN ONE YEAR.

Death claims amounting to millions of dollars were paid by the insurance companies and associations in Northeastern Pennsylvania, in the year 1910, according to a tabulation in the Insurance Press, the official bulletin for the companies. The claims paid in the state of Pennsylvania amounted to more than $40,000,000 and the total paid out by the companies and associations in the United States and Canada was approximately $563,440,000, of which $381,440,000 was in death claims and the balance, $182,000,000 in dividends surrender values and annuities.

Total claims paid in Wilkes-Barre was $630,000; in Stroudsburg, $135,750; in Carbondale, $121,750; in Towanda, $109,500; in Honesdale, $74,500; in Wast Pittston, $73,350; in Dunmore, $66,500; in Nanticoke, $48,250; in Hawley, $37,250.

THE COUNTY

SOUTH CANAAN.

[Special to The Citizen.]

SOUTH CANAAN, Pa., June 20.—A large crowd attended the Children's Day service Sunday evening at the M. P. church. On account of the storm many remained in the church until nearly 12 o'clock.

Earl Cross, Crosses, Pike county, called at the M. P. parsonage last week.

A large number attended the Ladies' Aid at Mrs. Albert Jenkins on Wednesday.

The ice cream social held at the home of Mrs. George Fielding for the benefit of the M. P. Sunday school, was well attended.

Children's Day service in the Union church, Varden, last Sunday evening.

Next Saturday evening, June 24, at the M. P. church, the county superintendent of Lackawanna county will address the members of the W. C. T. U. and others. The public is invited. The ladies of this vicinity are especially invited to become a member of this great organization.

The third quarterly conference of the M. P. church will be held on Thursday evening, June 22, at 8 o'clock. Every official of the church and members of the quarterly conference are requested to be present. On Sunday morning, s[illegible]ramental service.

PAUPACK.

[Special to The Citizen.]

PAUPACK, Pa., June 20.— The "Nite Kap" social held at the Paupack M. E. church Wednesday evening was quite a success. Proceeds about $25.

Miss Minnie Croft is employed by B. F. Killam.

Mrs. S. C. Steele and son, Samuel, are visiting Mrs. Steel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Killam.

There wil lbe a dance held at Conrad Gumble's Saturdey night for the benefit of the Paupack ball team.

Miss Esther Singer started for Scranton Wednesday where she will spend a short time.

Miss Frances Killam left this place last Friday for an extended trip, but returned Thursday.

Miss Ida Fowler spent Thursday night with Emmeline Singer.

Mrs. Atkinson is boarding with Chas. Williams.

Miss Julia Smith returned to Brooklyn Monday after a short visit with friends at this place.

CENTERVILLE.

[Special to The Citizen.]

CENTERVILLE, Pa., June 20.—Elizabeth Garrity is visiting friends in Scranton.

Mrs. Robert Marshall and daughter, Margaret, are visiting friends in Scranton and Gouldsboro.

Nettie Kimble spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kimble.

Susie Marshall spent Monday at Hamlin, Pa.

Grover Simons and Allen Pellett were pleasant callers at Centerville on Sunday, June 11.

Abe Surplus passed through Arlington on Monday.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Bridget Ryan is again sick. Her daughter Alice of New York is caring fer her.

Andrew McLuskey was a business caller in Centerville on Thursday.

POOR MEN BEST PAY.

Rockefeller's Physician Says They Pay Better Than the Rich.

"The poor are the best paying patients a doctor has. They pay you not only in the coin of the realm, without questioning your bill, but they pay you too in God's gratitude," said Dr. Hamilton Biggar, John D. Rockefeller's physician, in his address of welcome to the Ohio branch of the National Medical Association at St. John's church one day last week.

"The rich man often scans the doctor's bill closely in search of possible overcharges, but the poor man rarely protests," he said. "The worthy poor man pays to the best of his ability and gives the doctor his heartfelt thanks.

"Many rich patients toss their money at you and forget the debt with the mere payment of cash. But there is something more than mere money payment, there's a payment that comes from the heart."

From Blacksmith To President.

The new president of the Chicago stock exchange, James J. Townsend, said to be a millionaire, was a horseshoer 27 years old when he suddenly decided to become a broker. He made friends in the blacksmith-shop where he was employed, and had become known as a politician. As he tells the story:

There was one man who used to drive pretty fast horses and always came to the shop to see them shod. One day he was standing beside me, watching me pound the nails, and he said suddenly: "If I get you a place in a brokerage office, will you take it?" Although it was a good deal of a surprise, I agreed. The next day he came back and told me to take off my apron and get ready to become a financier. That man was John A. King, then president of the Fort Dearborn Bank.

Mr. Townsend is now the head of a Le Salle street brokerage firm which bears his name and has come into social position through his financial success in the last twenty years. What is the moral?—Springfield Republican.

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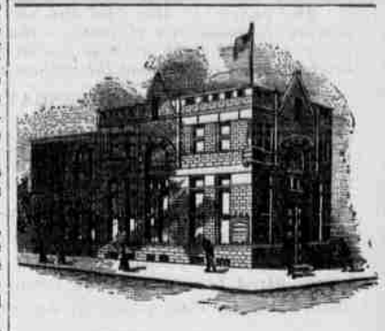

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