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disintegratory, has disintegrated and that its hundreds of warring sects are each in turn split into factions.

On the other hand the Catholic Church stands like the rock of Gibraltar, just where it stood centuries ago.

Pius X will disappoint the hazy thinkers, the lazy intellects, the liberals but he will cement to the Church the consistent thinkers, the true believers, the followers of Christ and in the Catholic church will all those who are content to accept the Nazarene and follow in His footsteps without splitting hairs as to whether the moon is inhabited or not.

We are not content to let time test whether our view be correct or that of the Springfield "Republican."

Free Text Books.

One of the semi-socialistic demands for free text-books in the public schools.

The Woman's Education Union and other organizations of women are agitating in this direction.

Why should school books be free any more than clothing, medicines, shoes, groceries or horse-rent?

But he does not see why he should be called upon to pay taxes to help fill the coffers of the most selfish trust in America—the Book Trust—and also to pay for the books used by the children of his far more wealthy neighbor.

them. We venture the statement that one-third the taxes of Rochester are borne by the Catholics who pay for the support of their own schools in addition.

In view of the membership in the Board of Education of such a good Catholic as James P. B. Duffy, we cannot conceive that the school authorities would be unanimous in approval of such an unnecessary and unfair scheme.

Too Bad.

If it be true as Mr. Fuller says—and who will say otherwise—that the "Christmas tree for pet cats" was a fiction, created out of the brain of an over-enterprising yellow journalist who wanted to grab a few of the new St. Gaudens coins in return for a "scare-head story" in saffron-hued papers, then an abject apology is due Mr. Fuller for the aforesaid yellow journalist.

In a statement to the Rochester press, Mrs. Fuller says that the Christmas tree was given as a treat to an orphan girl, a relative of Mrs. Fuller's maid, who never had seen such a thing and that the presence of the pet cats was an incident, not a star feature of the entertainment.

"I could not be guilty of a Christmas tree for cats," says Mrs. Fuller "when so many poor children were in want". That is the true Christmas spirit and does Mrs. Fuller credit.

We trust that the "Catholic Union and Times" and other Catholic papers which have commented in sarcastic vein on the original version of the affair will do Mrs. Fuller the credit of publishing her explanation. The original version was a sad reflection upon Rochester womanhood in general.

Non-Catholic Honored.

Although not a Catholic, Hon. George Hall has done much for Catholics and Catholic charities.

A wealthy man, Mr. Hall was exceedingly generous to Catholic charities. To him in great part is due the City Hospital conducted in Ogdensburg by the Gray Nuns.

Who can it be that is possessed of so vindictive a nature that he would wreak St. Mary's Rectory in Canandaigua and perhaps sacrifice human life in the attempt?

Commissioner of Public Safety Owen is to be congratulated. First upon the selection of so fine a specimen of young manhood as Frank J. Hughes to be his secretary.

James R. Randall, author of "Maryland, My Maryland" to issue a volume of poems. It looks as if the financial sky were brightening,

News From Ireland

Adam Thompson, the Belfast postman who recently received the King's medal for thirty years' service, has also the distinction of being the first local official similarly decorated.

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M. J. Quinn, Adm., Dundalk, on the occasion of the death of his mother, which occurred at her residence, Beighmore, Cookstown, on Nov. 30th.

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