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Good Advice.

While it would mean the millennium still every Catholic Editor could wish that the following series of "advice" from the pen of Rev. J. T. Roche might be followed all over the country:

Our Catholic societies are sometimes at a loss to discover new fields for their activity.

We have, for instance, two million society members in the Catholic Federation movement.

If these two million members would come out openly and make it known, first that they were going to advertise their own business in Catholic papers and, secondly, that they would patronize those business men who advertised in such papers;

the dawn of the new era for Catholic periodicals would have already opened. It is only a practical newspaper man who can understand and appreciate the importance of such a suggestion.

There is nothing like concrete examples. In short, when one is met who is discontented with his lot, who is envious of his neighbor, who would like to see his enemy humbled, the apostle of Socialism chimes right in with his nodd and assures the listener that Socialism means all that he wants done.

In support of this assertion let us quote from Ernest Poole's article on "Harnessing Socialism" which appeared in the September issue of the American Magazine.

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"Fust," said one old fellow, "don't want every blamed thing put under the government, but I do like the idea of Uncle Sam being the big dog again in Wall Street."

"Second, I don't believe in this here class struggle if you mean only them union strikes. But if you mean the democracy agin the men who are stealing its independence, then I'm with you hard."

"You took him on that basis?" I asked. He nodded. "Isn't that stretching, Marx a bit?"

"Let him stretch," said the socialist, stoutly. "Stretching means growth, doesn't it? On the road I'm always picking up rattling good points from new kinds of recruits."

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to convince business men that they will find it to their interest to purchase space in Catholic papers.

I believe, too that we can all help much more effectively than we do at present. We can ask business men plainly and bluntly why they do not advertise in Catholic papers.

We can take occasion to tell those who do advertise that we have seen their advertisements in such and such a periodical.

In a recent issue of his paper Rev. Dill Mackey told his readers that Catholics will not patronize that fellow Catholic. I believe that such people have no one but themselves to blame.

All things else being equal, people would rather patronize a co-religionist than a stranger and an outsider. It is merely a matter of going after business in a business-like way.

Reasonable compensation is to be paid to the present owners—a matter to which the Protestants of the own papers in a position of financial independence. The growth and prosperity of our periodical press is intimately bound up with the growth and prosperity of the Church itself. Our papers are doing a good work—they should succeed—they will succeed, if our people as a whole can be aroused to the importance of their value as advertising medium.

Misleading.

Not once, but many times the Catholic Journal has endeavored to enlighten its readers and the public generally, as to the pernicious effects of Socialism which have upon the community at large if it ever became the vogue.

Although some of those who are following the false gods of Socialism know what they are about, and what the new "ism" really signifies, there many who do not. Again those who are leaders in the new economic nostrum do not appear to be entirely frank in their presentation of its doctrines.

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Hoaxed.

Rev. Dill Mackey, the name is curiously suggestive, is editor of "the Watchman", an Australian Orange organ. He must also be an unsophisticated sort of person.

Possibly he is not as learned as he would let on to his less learned followers. Certainly he has permitted himself to be hoaxed financially and completely.

In a recent issue of his paper Rev. Dill Mackey told his readers that "Hilare Maraud-Safran, one of the most gifted of France's polemical writers, has written an article in the 'Revue des Deux Mondes' advocating the resumption of the purchase of every inch of the city of Rome, with a view to complete destruction and with the destruction of Papacy. Reasonable compensation is to be paid to the present owners—a matter to which the Protestants of the world would gladly subscribe.

Even the name of the city would vanish, and the Roman Catholic Church would then become a homeless creed cut away from the root."

So delighted was Rev. Dill Mackey with this suggestion that he wrote as follows in his paper: "That given publicity—the Protestants of the British Empire, Europe, America, Scandinavia and the Continent of Europe would come forward with a sum sufficient to carry out Maraud-Safran's scheme, and that within less than a half decade, is obvious from the fact admitted by the rabid little Romanist rag, the 'Era,' published from Oscott College that in the last nine months four French papers and two Swiss ones have alone collected \$40,000. We are also informed that '37,500 francs were collected during the last two months in the Canton of Bale by the local Protestant organ and forwarded to the 'Eclair' to add to its fund." For the destruction of Rome, French papers (we are assured) have thrown themselves into "the cause" and are "meeting with good success."

Rev. Dill Mackey did not enjoy his idea very long. "The Bulletin" a non-sectarian publication of Australia went after him this wise:

The bland suggestion that the capital city of a great European Power be "obliterated" by total strangers on a point of religious prejudice may pass muster. The insectarian paper's schemes are mostly along grandiose lines of that sort.

As a fact, there is no such person as "Maraud-Safran!" "Safran" signifies "yellow" in French. "Maraud" means "pup." A Gaul afflicted with a name like Mr. Yellow Pup would destroy himself.

The paper has had its leg dragged badly by someone, and the solemn reference to Mr. Yellow Pup is a hilarious item.

Following up the trail, the New Zealand "Tablet" added these bits of comfort:

A correspondent of the "Catholic Press" who "knows every yard of the Duches country" declares in its issue of August 6 that "(1) there is no paper named 'L'Eclair' published in or near Dijon; (2) that Dijon would not support an anti-Catholic publication for a moment." He also adds that Oscott "has been closed as a college for many years." The name of the editor of "L'Eclair" is, by the way, another gem of nomenclature. He is called M. Henri Singemoine—which, being interpreted, meaneth (in English) Mr. Henry Monkey-Monk!

The "Catholic Standard and Times" adds this comment: "Those pestiferous, irreverent wags are everywhere alike. They love to tickle a dull field till it laughs a harvest of yellow guineas with stories of yellow pups."

The Catholic Journal would suggest that Safran-Maraud, M. Henri Singemoine and Rev. Dill Mackey would be fitting and timely additions to the staff of one of America's "yellow journals."

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An Outrage.

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However no matter what the motive was the action of the politicians was a deliberate insult to the Catholic priests of Rochester because it is the duty of every Catholic priest to be in his confessional Saturday evening hearing confessions.

Needless to say no Catholic priest went out last Saturday night to see Judge Taft however much they may respect Judge Taft as a citizen and a man. Let us hope no such move will be made again.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday November 8—Gospel, St. Matt. xvi, 15-21. Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday 9—St. Theodore Tyro, martyr. Tuesday 10—St. Andrew Avellino, confessor. Wednesday 11—St. Martin of Tours, bishop and confessor. Thursday 12—St. Martin, pope and martyr. Friday 13—St. Diego, confessor. Saturday 14—St. Stanislaus Kostka, confessor.

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