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agency of good example in living the Christian life. We have to fight and slay the deadly evils of divorce and unbelief which encompass Catholics on every side and save our children from contamination and the dangers of perdition.

Danger.

Writing in the "Catholic Fortnightly Review," a contributor has these timely words about the danger for Catholics of locating in a wholly Protestant community.

To those accustomed to living within hearing of church bells, perhaps of many of them, he writes, "it seems impossible that there are, here, in these United States, towns - even good-sized little cities - where there is neither priest, church nor school. This is a fact nevertheless. Sometimes there is not even one resident family worthy of the name Catholic.

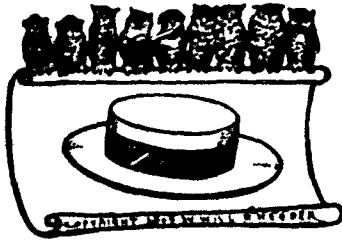
"Naturally, such circumstances are the effects of a cause, and the cause is generally the prominence, socially or financially, of several anti-Catholics who, either in themselves or their forebears, had founded the town, and made it a principle to look askance at any Catholic who ventured to locate among them. Should one have proved so foolishly hardy he was generally ostracized in such a manner that he soon moved away.

"Good Catholics keep away from such places, but it sometimes happens that they invest, and locate their families before making a thorough investigation of these matters. Lukewarm or bad Catholics do not care about these matters at all or else very little. They consequently settle there, and by their very manner of living convince the enemies of the Church that there can be nothing good in it. It is a noted fact that in a Protestant community a Catholic is never judged as an ordinary man, but always as a Catholic.

This is from the Western Watchman: "The 'Independent' says that it is greatly to the credit of the Catholic Church that Swinburne, after his conversion to Catholicism, did not write any more of the impure verse which had brought him fame. That is not all. Because he would not recall from publication his present productions he was denied the sacraments after his conversion, and for that reason he could not receive the last sacraments at his death, and not being able to obtain Catholic burial, he wanted no religious ceremony at his funeral. The Church makes no compromise with lust.

The 'Catholic Standard and Times' says very truly:

The women who frequent 'culture' clubs do not believe that they ought to be burdened with the care of babies - at least the vast majority are of that way of thinking. Only three out of 885 violated the understanding last year, it happens from returns gathered in Chicago and Omaha. On the other hand, working women, who mostly compose the Hull House Club, are governed by a more natural sentiment. They seem to believe that to be mothers of happy children is a blessed condition. Out of a membership of four hundred, fifty of them added to the infant population of Chicago last year. Any kind of culture but baby culture for the 'upper ten' in Chicago as in New York. Their noble selves is their first thought.



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