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### Light Needed.

There is a complaint of death of Catholic writers and Catholic literature, so-called. While there is no doubt that many Catholics who write dispose of their product to non-Catholic publishing houses because of the greater pecuniary remuneration to be had, nevertheless there is a goodly lot of Catholic fiction and Catholic stories extant, as well as writing in more serious vein from the pen of Catholics.

The Catholic press is developing some of this. If the columns of the Catholic press each week were read carefully and important articles noted, much of historical value might be preserved to posterity in easily accessible form.

If the Catholic press were supported more liberally, then more writers would be secured for the purely Catholic periodicals.

William Statson Merrill has this to say in the July Catholic World:

"No writer will lose in the end by permitting the fact to be known that he is a Catholic. There is to-day in the world no organization or institution with the prestige of the Catholic Church. The man who is afraid to be known as a Catholic is courting the very odium that he dreads. If a man is ashamed of his religion he can scarcely expect non-Catholics to respect either it or him. The man who glories in being a Catholic will not only be respected for his loyalty, but he may be the means of inspiring respect where before there had been nothing but contempt bred of ignorance.

"Catholic literature needs to be boomed"—if the slang term may be pardoned; and the best way to boom it is to show the world what there is of it. Let every public library be searched for it and let lists be published of what is found, be it much or little. However little there is now more will be the result of publishing the fact. There is no nobler service that Catholic organizations all over the country can undertake than to make known the Catholic literature in the public libraries of their vicinity and to take steps to increase its extent and use among Catholics and non-Catholics in the community."

### Meaning.

The Catholic Journal has often contended that many non-Catholics criticize the Catholic church and individual Catholics because they are not well-informed. The Intermountain Catholic puts this so well that we reproduce it so that our readers may preserve it for reference.

"Non-Catholics, who do not understand the ceremony of the Mass, often wonder what there is in it to attract such close attention. To them preaching and hymn singing are accepted forms of public worship.

"It would therefore be well to tell our non-Catholic friends that all the ceremonies have a meaning and relate the Passion of Christ. When for instance, the

priest begins the function he kneels at the foot of the altar, and there he represents Christ in the bloody sweat in the garden of Gethsemane. Then he goes up the steps and kisses the altar, and we are reminded of the kiss with which Judas betrayed the Master. Then he goes to one side of the altar and then to the other and back to the center of it, and we recall how our Savior was led before Annas to Caiaphas and Pilate and Herod and back to Pilate and finally to the hill of Calvary.

"The priest washes his hands, and we think of Pilate doing the same and declaring that he is guiltless of this innocent blood. When the consecration takes place and the Host is raised above the priest's head to be seen by the congregation, we behold Jesus nailed to the cross and lifted up to die.

"And so the sacred drama goes on. He dies. He is buried. He rises again. He ascends into heaven, and the Holy Ghost comes down to bless the Church. Catholics who write and abide with it forever. With their blessing, given by the priest, the words are heard, "Go, for Mass is over," and the people, having taken part in offering the holy sacrifice, depart in peace, thanking God for the grace of His presence at such celestial mysteries.

"Is it any wonder that the mass is a magnet and that Catholics do not need preaching or music or reading to increase its charm?"

### Rights.

Frequently, the radicals among the trades unionists put forth the charge that the Church is opposed to the rights of Labor.

Almost frequently, aggrieved capitalists put forth the claim, that the Church is encouraging revolt of employees against employers.

Neither of these contentions is correct. The Church aims to do even justice and she warns her children to do even justice as far as in them lies. This means that the radicals in both cases are in the wrong and that mutual concessions are needed, doubtless.

Read what Bishop Spalding says: "Property rights, are sacred, but not absolute—they do not imply that a man may do what he likes with his possessions. He may not do what he likes with himself, but only what is becoming and worthy. A decent physical existence for those who labor for employers should be considered a first charge in the business; and for employers should be considered make it possible that they found a family under conditions compatible with right human life, and favorable, therefore, to mental, moral and religious improvement. The wages do not constitute the sole relationship between master and workman, for in all human association rights and duties are involved of which money can never be the equivalent."

The paragrapher of the Catholic Sun must have been snubbed lately else why did he pen this fling? "Whoever does a favor for a man finds it remembered long. Whoever does a favor for a woman finds it forgotten within a month."

Congratulations to Edward L. Hearn who has done so much to bring the Knights of Columbus to its present high position in the fraternal world and to his successor as supreme knight, James A. Flaherty.

Socialism will not make progress among thinking people. To the tune of the Social Democratic Herald that "the time has come for American Socialists to use bullets instead of Bal-lots."

Pity the poor telephone operator these days. Do not blame her if she answers your abrupt call in kind, try a change of tone on your own side.

### SUCCESS AND FAILURE.

It is not a Question of Good or Bad Luck.

-If you will be nothing, just wait to be somebody.  
-Poverty is the want of much, riches the want of everything.  
-Idleness travels very leisurely, and poverty soon overtakes her.  
-More men fall through ignorance of their strength than through knowledge of their weakness.  
-You may succeed when others do not believe in you, but never when you do not believe in yourself.  
-Man is not merely the architect of his own fortune, but he must also lay the bricks himself.  
-He alone is happy who has learned to extract happiness, not from ideal conditions but from the actual ones about him.  
-Man was made for growth. Perpetual expansion is his normal condition. To have an ambition to grow larger and broader every day, to push the horizon of ignorance a little further away, to become a little richer in knowledge, a little wiser and more of a man, that is an ambition worth while.

### Louisiana Turns from Cotton to Cane

"In some parts of my State," remarked Col. J. B. Aubrey, a wealthy cotton grower of Avoyelles parish, Louisiana, "there is a strong movement among the planters to make a change of crops. Heretofore in my locality the principal product has been cotton, but henceforth it will be sugar cane. Year after year the farmers have seen much of their cotton destroyed by that villainous pest, the boll weevil, and they can not afford to have such heavy losses continue. It will be inconvenient and expensive to make the change but in the end it will pay. Eventually we will also put up local refineries, but for the present all the cane will have to be shipped to outside mills. The prospects now are that the coming season will mark the biggest production of sugar in the history of Louisiana."

### He Liked Chicken, But—

It was in a crowded subway train the other afternoon that a man filled the cars and as a small ideal wave of femininity swept along one was struck as Solomon never was if her costume was striking, however her headgear was appalling with its burden of plumes and ribbon. A meek mouse-like man read a paper beside her and as she turned her head from side to side her long plumes tickled his ear and brushed his mouth. He smothered it as long as he could, but when a sudden toss of her head drew an exasperating feathery fringe sharply across his lips he folded up his paper in disgust.

"Madam," he said wrothfully, "I like chicken, but not the feathers!"—New York Press.

### How to Listen to Music.

A young man who persisted in whispering loudly to the woman who accompanied him to a symphony concert, telling her what the music meant, what sort of passage was coming next, caused serious annoyance to more than one of his immediate neighbors. Presently he closed his eyes and said to his companion: "Did you ever try listening to music with your eyes shut? You've no idea how lovely it sounds."

A man in front turned about and said gravely:

"Young man did you ever try listening to music with your mouth shut? It would sound better to you and others."—New York Press.

### Cursory

"Eddie," said the teacher, "can you give a definition of cursory?" The word is generally used in connection with public speaking. For example, we often read that somebody "made a few cursory remarks." Please write a sentence containing the word cursory."

After a brief struggle Eddie evolved this: "Yesterday my pa helped my ma to hang pictures, and when the ladder fell after pa had climbed to the top of it he bumped his head against the corner of the dining room table and then made a few cursory remarks."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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### Irish

An Irish vicar, having advertised for an organist, received the following reply: "Dear Sir—I noticed you have a vacancy for an organist and music teacher, either lady or gentleman. Having been both for several years, I beg to offer you my services."—Home Chat.

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