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No Free Books

At last it looks as if the honest criticism of business men, the denunciation of real Educators, the superiority in secular education of the Catholic schools had made an impression upon the politicians who have constituted themselves the tribunal to select public officials.

To nothing else can be attributed the failure of renominated Mrs. Montgomery, as school commissioner. That she desired re-nomination was evident from the bitter fight made by her supporters to secure endorsement by the Women's Union and also from the visit made by these same supporters to the republican leader of Rochester.

The Pope Reads.

What does the Pope read every day? Light is thrown on the question so far as newspapers and reviews are concerned, by the Rome correspondent of the Catholic Standard and Times: Needless to say Pius X. has but little time for newspaper reading—the care of five continents excludes indulgence of the kind. The "Osservatore Romano," the "Difesa" and two Catholic reviews are usually all taken in hand by the head of the Church. But the extent of the world's news is by no means confined to these. Every morning a young journalist makes clippings of all the papers of matter likely to interest the pope. These clippings are sent to Cardinal Merry del Val, who marks the most important and carries them bound together in a convenient form, to the Holy Father. In case any clipping requires special attention, the director of the "Osservatore Romano" is telephoned, and given orders to publish an official note on the point.

Of the foreign journals that reach the Vatican, the minorant of the Cardinal Secretary of State made clippings and translated them from the different tongues into Latin or Italian. It is interesting to note that these clippings are carefully preserved in the collection on hand going back from the present day to the first years of the reign of Pius IX.

A Lesson.

It has often been said that there are two sides to every story. It used to be the rule in newspaper offices not to print an important story until it had been investigated thoroughly and all phases verified. Pity it is that such is not the case nowadays.

The following story told by Father Dunne's Newsboy Journal is not new but it points one argument in more than one way. Edwin Booth, with several friends, had been invited to dine with an old gentleman in Baltimore, of distinguished kindness, urbanity and piety. The host, though disapproving of theater-going, had heard something of Mr. Booth's remarkable power that curiosity to see the man had in this instance overcome all scruples and prejudices. After all the entertainment was over, lamps lighted and the company reseated in the drawing room some one requested Booth as a special favor to read aloud the Lord's Prayer. Booth expressed his willingness to do this and all eyes were turned expectantly upon him.

He became deathly pale and his eyes turned upward were wet with tears and yet he had not spoken. The silence could be felt. It became absolutely painful, till at last the spell was broken as if by an electric shock, as his rich-toned voice from white lips sallied forth: "Our Father Who art in Heaven," with a pathos and solemnity that thrilled all hearers. He finished. The silence continued. Not a word was heard nor a muscle moved in his rapt audience, till from a remote corner of the room a subdued sob was heard, and the old gentleman, their host, stepped forward, with streaming eyes and tottering frame, and seized Booth by the hands. "Sir," he said in broken accents, "you have afforded me a pleasure for which my whole future life will feel grateful. I am an old man and every day from my boyhood until now I thought I had repeated the Lord's Prayer, but I have never heard it never!" "You are right," replied Booth, "to read that prayer as it should be read has caused me the severest study and labor for thirty years, and I am far from being satisfied with my rendering of that wonderful production."

Bigoted.

If there be any Catholic in Rochester who believes that Socialists love us or that Catholic institutions are venerated by them they need but read the following head lines in a recent issue of the New York Daily Call. The organ of the Eastern Socialists:

BISHOP McFAUL GETS RID OF MORE BILE

Trenton Talking Machine Makes Another Attack Upon Non-Catholic Institutions of Learning.

These headlines were put above Bishop McFaul's annual appeal for contributions to support the diocesan seminaries and in education of students for the priesthood.

Right Rev. Bishop J. F. Regis Canevin has issued a letter to pastors ordering the establishment within sixty days of branches of the Holy Name Society in every parish of the diocese. The Bishop urges this plan "as a means of protesting against the public sins of blasphemy, obscenity and profanity." Bishop Canevin said last week it would be part of the duties of each member of the Holy Name Society to see that his fellow member did not blaspheme.

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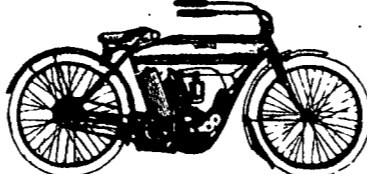
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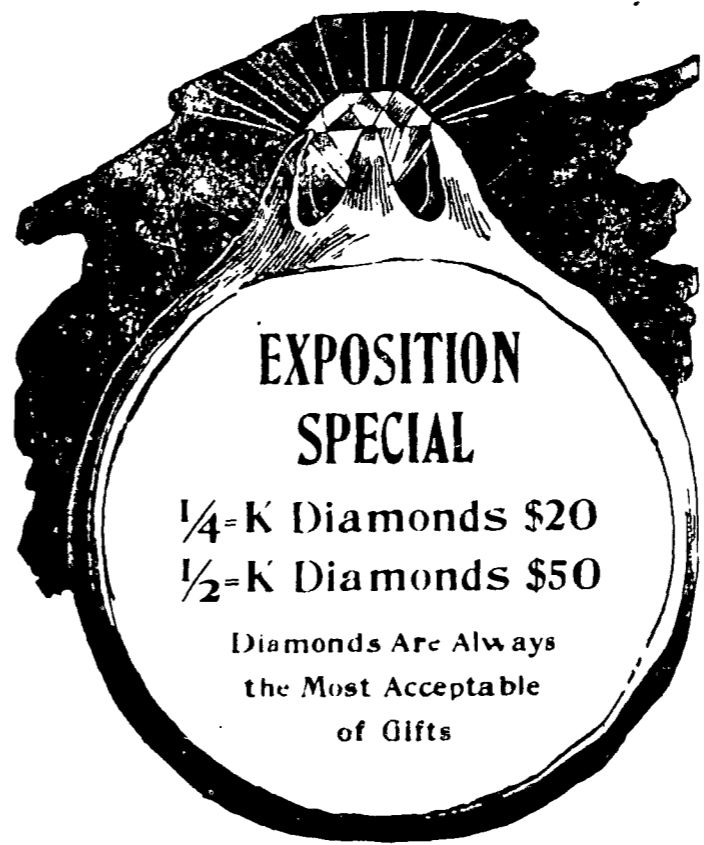
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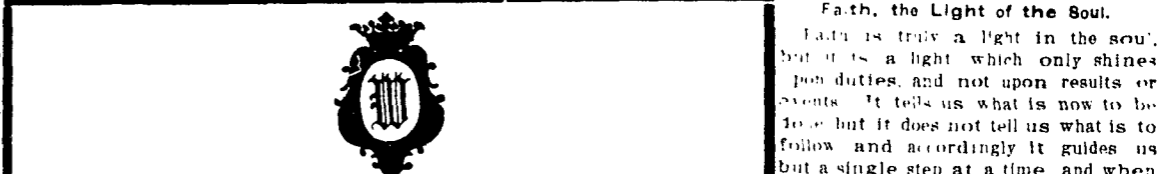
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