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Foolish Criticism

In last Sunday's New York "Sun", there appeared this communication over the signature of "An American Roman Catholic". Now that his Eminence Cardinal Vannutelli is in North America direct from his Holiness, America, a great many American Roman Catholic lay and clerical would like to have his answer to the following inquiry: Why is it that the most important and richest sees in the United States are given to past students of the American College in Rome? They now fill the sees of New York, Brooklyn, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, San Francisco, &c.

"Are our American seminaries and colleges deteriorating in virtue and learning, zeal and orthodoxy?" England, Hughes, P. R. Kenrick did not study in Rome, neither did our own pious and cultured Cardinal Gibbons, nor did the great Archbishop John L. Spalding, Ryan, there is in the United States such an organization with such an aim.

With increasing unbelief revealed Religion has come in this country a surprising increase in profanity. One might almost surmise that those who blaspheme were trying to ease their own conscience else why should they call upon the name of One in whom they profess not to believe?

Pittsburg has long been noted as a hotbed of profanity and Bishop Canavin has called upon the Holy Name societies of the Smoky City to lead a special crusade against the profanity.

Let Rochester members pray that their Pittsburg brothers may be successful!

A Deserved Rebuke.

Father O'Neill administers a deserved rebuke in the September number of the Immaculate Conception calendar to Ray Stanard Baker who in the American Magazine on Rochester Catholics perpetrated a similar assault to that made upon San Francisco Catholics by George Kibbe Turner in McClure's Magazine.

Mr. Baker has come into notoriety of late as a sensational writer of loosely-constructed tales of various types, generally virulent attacks upon public men based for the most part upon insufficient information which the writer took no pains to verify.

Mr. Baker evidently came here to act as the apologist for and who were defeated at the last municipal election in their effort to graft permanently upon the educational system of Rochester the Socialist branch of "Social Center" movement.

Holy Name To Front

The Catholic Journal has commended, more than once on the wonderful growth of the Holy Name Society and the great field it has opened up in the United States.

Hazy In Thought

It is regrettable that so many orators, writers and would be leaders of men are hazy in thought and speech betraying lack of thorough education, lack of concentrative power, lack of current thought, lack of mastery of detail and a general lack of the balance which formerly was considered absolutely essential.

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Regrettable

It would appear that Boston schools are afflicted by fads and faddists just as we are in Rochester. While the following extract from the Boston "Republic" was printed several weeks ago it is worth reprinting now:

The graduates of Boston's elementary schools numbered this year 6932; the girls, 3481, the boys 3471; so that the disparity in the sexes does not promise to be so great as that with which Boston has been heretofore credited. In the high schools, however, of the 1259 diplomas awarded, 806 went to the girls as against 453 to the boys.

Neither he nor any other boy or girl between that age and fourteen can go to work, nor are they eligible for the High School of Commerce, or other commercial or industrial school before the same age. Besides, we have not nearly enough of room for the present applicants for vocational training.

Of course, these children can get a smattering of the high schools' cultural course in the waiting years, but perhaps they have no taste for it. They idle their time away, or drop into the bad training school of the city streets, and when they are old enough to go to work, even if there were accommodation for all, it would not be easy to arouse the vocational initiative, nor to rid the children of the bad habits acquired.

The Retort Courteous

Recently, the Presbyterian "Christian Observer" remarked that "if a man is educated in mind but not in morals, he is a perpetual menace to society. True education trains moral nature as well as the mental powers. For this reason our Church has always insisted that Christian education is an important element in the making of men. The school or college that neglects the religious side of education makes a most disastrous mistake."

Whereupon the "Catholic Standard and Times" rejoined: "'Chambers' Domestic History of Scotland" (published by Presbyterians) states that when John Knox and his followers swept away the general system of education instituted by the Catholic Church in every parish, there was no general system set up in its place until seventy years after the destruction of the old one. How does that fact agree with the claim now put forward by the Presbyterian organ?"

When the post office was first opened at Kal Feng China, the clerks had a fight with some men who bought stamps and refused to go away until the stamps were licked and stuck on their envelopes for them. The foreign post offices in Palestine are usually convulsed by a spirit of keen competition if a parcel exceeding the regulation weight or size is taken to an office and refused the traveler in the majority of cases has only to threaten to take it to a rival office, and it is straightway received without a murmur. So keen is the rivalry between some of these offices that residents in Palestine possess a free post within certain districts. Between Jafa and the surrounding colonies and also within Jerusalem the German and Austrian offices make no charge for the delivery of local letters.—Chicago News.

der and her sister secretary from the mother house at Namur, the centre of the Association of Perpetual Adoration and Work for Poor Churches. The Bishop attended the Eucharistic Congress at Montreal.

You cannot be posted on current Catholic events and activity unless you subscribe to and read a Catholic paper.

The Secretary of War has entered into a contract with Jerome Conner, a sculptor, for a granite monument to be erected over the grave of Brigadier General James Shields, in St. Mary's cemetery, at Carrollton, Mo. Congress appropriated the necessary money for the monument at the last session.

At present there are three dioceses in Canada and one in Newfoundland vacant, viz., Ottawa, Antigonish, N. S., Regina, N. W. T., and Bay St. George, West Newfoundland.

Among the persons who have just been given the rank of "Chevalier" in the Legion of Honour by the French Prime Minister, M. Briand, is the Abbe Fabier, parish priest at Mars la Tour. The Abbe Fabier has formed at Mars la Tour a museum of relics of the French soldiers who perished in August, 1870.

Governor James N. Gillett, of California, has appointed Rev. Joseph P. McQuade, of the Sacred Heart church, San Francisco, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Preston Industrial school.

Ellen stopped scrubbing the veranda steps long enough to cast an admiring eye on her employer's garden. "Sure they are fine posies ye have, doctor," she said. "I've a neat little house I bought with the money I'd put by, and so elegant a garden it had last year, too, but now there's neither stink nor stink in it."

"What was it hens or dogs?" asked the doctor, sympathetically mentioning his own aversion.

"Sure, me neighbor—had luck to her—had a ditch dug in her land, and the water ran down into me garden and washed all me needs away."

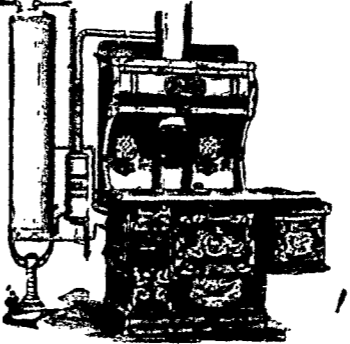
"Couldn't stand satire. A burglar while attempting to rob a blessed bondholder of Maryville by mistake got into the humble residence of an editor next door. After unsuccessfully fumbling about for suitable assets for some time he was disgusted to observe the tenant of the house sitting up to bed and laughing at him.

"Not the cash ones?" "Exactly," said the burglar, taking out his wallet. "Here's six months' subscription to call this thing square if there's one thing on earth I can't stand, it's satire."—London T.H. B.A.

Free Postage. When the post office was first opened at Kal Feng China, the clerks had a fight with some men who bought stamps and refused to go away until the stamps were licked and stuck on their envelopes for them. The foreign post offices in Palestine are usually convulsed by a spirit of keen competition if a parcel exceeding the regulation weight or size is taken to an office and refused the traveler in the majority of cases has only to threaten to take it to a rival office, and it is straightway received without a murmur.

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