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A Miserable Travesty!
 It is proposed that the taxpayers of Missouri shall place upon themselves a perpetual three cent levy for the support of the State University of that State. Everybody knows that there is a considerable proportion of Catholics in the population of Missouri.
 Notwithstanding this, the "Church Progress" of St. Louis, informs us that there is not today, and records do not show any in the past, one Catholic on its board of trustees and only one Catholic among its instructors although there are about 800 Catholic students on its rolls.
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Same Here At There.
 One of the stock defenses of the bigots who deride Catholics and Catholic practices in other countries is "You know Catholics there are not like Catholics here. If they were, we would not complain, would not attempt to improve their condition. But, you see, they are little more than heathens and we are striving to improve their moral and hygienic conditions."
 By such insidious pleas as these, the bigots gloss over their offenses to their fair minded Protestant fellows and more's the pity, actually fool some well-meaning and sincere Catholics as well as afford an excuse for indifference on the part of lukewarm adherents of the Church.
 Catholics, worthy of the name, as well as Protestants should bear in mind that the Catholic religion and the Catholic Church are one and the same in darkest Africa and in the United States. Not infrequently, the Catholics of the Philippines, of Porto Rico, of Cuba, of Spain, of Australia, would put American Catholics to shame by the fervor of their devotion, the sincerity of their piety and the simplicity of their faith in Almighty God.
 An exchange quotes a gentleman who knows Portugal well as saying:
 "The religious orders of Portugal, who are, of course, of the Roman Catholic faith, have been much misunderstood. Their wealth, which is considerable, has always been expended to the best of their ability in relief of sickness, suffering and want. To say, as has been said, that the priest-ood of Portugal is flagrantly immoral is a libel on an upright and honorable class. The priests and nuns of Portugal are ministering angels and have given their lives to the relief of the poor and suffering."
 Yet the penny-liners of the foreign correspondents and the bigots of the foreign missions are reviling the Catholics of Portugal as ignorant, immoral and what not. Supposedly accurate and reliable newspapers print such rot and people at large seem to credit it. Even Catholics do not rise in protest. The latter, especially, should be ashamed of themselves. Instead of silence, they should be protesting with all their might against such vile travesty upon their co-religionists, thus teaching traducers of our Church and faith that when a Catholic in Portugal is insulted it is resented by the entire Catholic population of the United States.

Why not a league of Junior Holy Name Societies?
 We notice a few well known Catholic names in the list of those "mentioned" for places under the incoming State administration.
 Gradually, the truth about Ferrer is coming out and those who went along lengthily in his favor are perplexed to explain their indorsement of views which would not have been tolerated for a minute in over-liberal America. Ferrer received his just deserts only he should have received them sooner before he polluted the minds of many who may in the future suffer the same penalty as was inflicted on their teacher.
 Thomas E. Watson warns his fellow-Protestants that, while they are worrying over the capture of well-known Catholic countries, the Catholics are gradually, but surely, capturing North America. Too bad, is it not, Thomas dear? And what are you going to do about it?

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 "Current Literature" should be in better business than vilifying the Catholic Church. Until it learns better manners, Catholics should refrain from patronizing and honoring it. The way to teach such general lessons is to lessen the length of their pocket-books.
 That a statue is to be erected in the Hall of Fame to the pioneer Franciscan of California, Father Junipero Serra, is gratifying to those who have learned to admire this priestly hero.
 After all is said and done, the fact cannot be gainsaid that to the much maligned religious orders, do we owe nearly all the Art, Science and all that makes for education and true refinement. The despised friars preserved all these to the civilized world of to-day.
 Try your best to keep your temper. A quarrelsome, illbred chap is a hard person to get along with.
 Plans for a new hall and dormitory for lay students, to be erected at a cost of \$100,000, were ordered drawn at the annual meeting of the trustees of the Catholic University of America, last week. Appropriations to cover this expenditure were approved and the work will be taken up at once by the rector, Magr. Shahan.
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On Saturday, November 12th, in St. Mary's Catholic cemetery at Carrollton, Mo., was unveiled a bust of General James Shields, the noted Irish general of the Civil War. This is the first monument ever erected to an Irishman by the United States Government, though the monument to Barry, the "Father of the Navy" is under construction and is soon to be completed.



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