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### Care Should Be Taken

We should not obstruct real progress in education, in municipal government, in State government. But we should not be listed as unprogressive, as reactionary, as old-foggy if we do not accept as gospel truth every "new suggestion that every self-advertised and self-labeled apostle" brings forth for our inspection.

It may be that we would have better senators if they were elected directly by the people instead of chosen by the Legislature as at present. But it cannot be claimed with good grace or with any great degree of accuracy that United States senators from the Western States, where the "direct method" of nomination and election prevails or have been so far any great improvement upon those elected by the old method.

It may be that municipal government would be purified and regenerated by substitution of the Commission plan of the government for that which we now enjoy. But would it not be well to find out first what is to be understood by "commission plan"? There seems to be several brands of this plan upon the market. Also would it not be well to investigate as to how much of the Commission plan we offer for their scholastic training in Rochester have at present in our primary schools and later city government. As we understand it now, the Common Council is nothing more or less than a legislative body while executive and administrative authority is vested in the Mayor and Board of Estimate. Under some of the brands of "Commission plan" we have looked over, it is proposed to center all governmental authority, legislative, executive and administrative, in a "City Council" of five men. Would that be a better plan than our present one?

To be sure, Catholics as such, have no concern with government except it interferes with our religious freedom. But as citizens and taxpayers we are concerned and want to see the very best and most economical form of government in vogue. To this end, it behooves us to investigate for ourselves and not to accept the say-so of every Tom, Dick and Harry who rushes into print or struts upon the platform stage.

### Value Is Proved

Our valued contemporary, the Boston "Pilot" is not far out of the way when it writes:—  
"The fierce persecution waged against the religious orders in Europe calls attention to their wonderful history and life work. The magnificent results of their labors in the different fields of charity, education, the missions and in providing for the common life of the people a moral uplift, a certain hope and a satisfying patience has aroused an inhuman jealousy in the hearts of unchristian zealots whose wicked lives gave the lie to the doctrines they preached. One of the most

certain proofs of the supernatural value of the religious orders lies in the very intensity of the onslaught made on them. If their motive power were merely human, or actuated by influences of evil, they would not only be outraged, but would be welcomed in the camps of their enemies as allies and friends.

### Without Manners

Governor General Grey, of Canada, is coming in for criticism because of a recent public meeting in Toronto, he said:—  
"I am not convinced that your schools are turning out boys fit when they become men to be reapers of a splendid destiny. Your children in some parts of Ontario are without manners." Earl Grey laid the blame upon parents and teachers.

Governor Grey's words might well be applied to conditions in universities, there would be no doubt that it might be said of the organization. The London "Catholic Record" says "The Holy Name Society can be praised rather than censured for pointing out a disgraceful condition. We agree to this but feel that the schools in Ontario are no more entitled to all the blame any more than they are in the United States. Parents themselves are to blame as school teachers cannot be expected to do what parents fail to do. When parents do not wish their children to say "sir" when addressing or replying to an older person because it savors of subservience, how can the school teacher be expected to instill "manners" or politeness in their pupils? A correspondent for an esteemed contemporary hits the nail on the head in this statement:—  
Time spent in acquiring manners, is, according to some, time taken from learning how to acquire money. These two things, an independent atmosphere in which independences had run to seed and the development of the material side of things to the exclusion of the gentler virtues, are responsible for that of which the Governor-General of Canada complains. The fault is not with those who draw up the program of their scholastic training in our primary schools and later tolerate the results, as evidenced in the rowdiness which often shows itself even in the highest seats of learning in the land. Undoubtedly Earl Grey was right when he said that in some parts of Ontario children are without manners. And might he not have extended his statement? Might it not be said that in many parts of the continent the children are without manners? Yet the children are not to blame. The blame lies for the most part with those in whose hands education lies, whether it be that of the school or of the home.

### Not Permitted

Catholic young women of Rochester will be interested in the following article from the New Orleans "Morning Star":—  
"Numerous communications and telephone messages having been received at this office as to whether Catholic women could become members of the Young Women's Christian Association, now establishing headquarters in New Orleans, the "Morning Star" referred the matter to His Grace the Most Rev. Archbishop, as the highest source of authority in the archdiocese, and the one qualified to speak decisively and finally on all such questions.  
The Archbishop authorized the "Morning Star" to publish the following as his answer:—  
"No! Most decidedly no! Under no circumstances can a Catholic woman become a member of the Young Women's Christian Association, any more than a Catholic man can be a member of the Young Men's Christian Association. This is my answer and it is decisive and final."

This authoritative reply from the Most Reverend Archbishop is published not only for the benefit of those who have made the inquiry as to membership but for those also who, misled by the appeal of "unsectarianism," may thoughtlessly join the association.

### Lesson To Be Heeded

Rev. Father McKenna, O. P., makes these splendid predictions in the "Holy Name Journal":—  
"If all laymen in the country who are not members of the Holy Name Society as well as many priests in whose parishes the society has not been established could be aroused to realize the power of the Holy Name Society would be well organized in every parish and public chapel and in Catholic colleges and among the students of our State well be applied to conditions in universities, there would be no doubt that it might be said of the organization.

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Now, it is reported that social centers are to be maintained without expense to the taxpayer. That is the way they should be. Just the same it would be well to scrutinize closely the items of expenditure by the Board of Education during 1911.

What a great State this is, to be sure. We are building a \$101,000,000 canal and constructing a \$50,000,000 system of good roads. Besides we have acquired and paid for about \$100,000,000 in real property in State parks and Forest Preserve!

Mayor Fuhrmann, of Buffalo, has made a good appointment in naming Wm. A. King, of the Catholic Union and Times, as a member of the Board of school examiners in that city.

Not a bad shot, this from the "Catholic Advance"—  
A correspondent referring to our article on the Kansas City orbler who writes "lay sermons" for the "Journal" asked us what is meant by "lay sermons?" Well lay sermons are things that are hatched by roosters. They are laid by those who haven't any business to lay.

Are you making an act of self-denial in honor of the Lenten season?

Good Catholic reading is a valuable adjunct for the Lenten season. If you are not a subscriber already to a Catholic paper now is a good time to begin.

If you hear or read a lie or slander about our Holy Church it is your duty to nail it on the spot.

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Fancy Pollock Steak, per lb	12c	Smelts, per lb	15c
Black Back Flounders, per lb	10c	Extra large Smelts, per lb	25c
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