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## Word of Warning

Our contemporary, the Catholic School Journal, does a distinct service in calling the attention of those who are engaged in preparing catalogues or lists of the Catholic work or works of Catholic authers which may be forced upon the shelves of local libraries that not all writings by so-called Catholic authors are good for indiscriminate reading and distribution. The Journal goes on to say:—

At the present moment I have on my desk a list complied by a prominent Catholic fraternal order, the selection being made from volumes to be found in a local public library. All the authors tabulated were Catholics of some sort or another, but not all of them were 'Catholic authors.' The distinction is a vital one. For instance, here is one entry: "Pope Alexander—Complete Works." Now, I don't think any Catholic teacher could conscientiously recommend to the average pupil the complete works of Alexander Pope—the gifted little wit who so often dipped his pen in vinegar and too frequently, alas! dipped it in filth.

A guiding principle in regard to the whole matter ought to be that just because a writer happened to be a Catholic we have no warrant for indiscriminately recommending all he wrote. Not all Catholics have been fervent Catholics nor instructed Catholics. Not a few of the Catholics who have written books might truly say with Hamlet: "I am myself indifferent honest: but yet I could accuse me of such things that it were better my mother had not borne me."

These remarks must not be construed as a reflection on the devoted men and women who are so zealously compling library lists. I merely wish to show our Catholic teachers that they must not follow such lists with blind confidence.

It might also be well to warn those who select books for Catholic sodality and fraternity libraries to exercise great care and not permit some bookseller to unload left over current fiction. "We would not have Catholic sodality libraries merely a collection of purely religious works but no volume of current fiction should be listed until it has been read over by a competent critic to see that it is moral in tone, written grammatically, is not a compendium of latest slang and contains no covert attack upon our Faith.

## More Truth Than Poetry

Remember that the following is not from biased Catholic authority but is the deliberately expressed judgment:—

A Protestant Bishop writing of Mexico says: "Of all the American mining and smelting companies delving after gold and silver in Mexico, not one, so far as I am able to learn, has placed here an institution of any kind for the intellectual, moral, social or spiritual betterment of the people. The Spaniards did better than that."

It may be that much of the recent trouble is because of financial investment, rather than from any idea to improve the moral or material welfare of the Mexicans.

## Why Suppressed.

Commenting upon the failure of the daily papers to give publicity to that portion of former President Roosevelt's Reno speech in which he criticized the constitution of the Y. M. C. A., the "Catholic Bulletin" of St. Paul says that the matter was suppressed because, no doubt its publication "would injure the Y. M. C. A., which they never lose an opportunity to boost, whose praises they never cease to chant, whose claims upon the public, irrespective of class or creed, they never fail to urge. We understand that the Associated Press wires carried Roosevelt's speech at Reno. It was sent over the country, but why was it not used? The daily papers made a selection and his criticism of the Y. M. C. A. was thrown aside. Few of them had the courage to print it. We can draw our own conclusions.

"The incident has served a good purpose. The truth is out, and if Catholics and other members of non-Evangelical churches come to the financial aid of the Y. M. C. A., or its sister organization the Y. W. C. A., they do so with a full knowledge of the manner in which they are discriminated against by these associations Catholics especially should give these Protestant organizations a wide berth and thus show that they are not to be caught by the untruthful assertions made about their undenominational character Their so-called humanitarianism is not even thinly veiled sectarianism.

## An Atheist's Tribute

The Catholic Journal has frequently expressed the humble opinion that Pope Pius X would be hailed as one of the greatest occupants of the Chair of Peter. In the following extract from the news columns, it will be noted that a noted French freethinker expresses a similar opinion in very positive terms:—

In these days of war between the Bishops of France and the heads of the atheistical schools, it is interesting to hear M. Jules Payot, rector of the Academy of Aix-en-Provence and author of a scholastic manual prohibited by ecclesiastical authority, giving his opinion on the pontificate of Pius X. Writing in the "Volume" a publication edited by himself, the freethinker sharply reproves a certain class of critics for hositle remarks on the tenth Pius. "He is perhaps the greatest Pope which the Church has had for a long period," writes this man. "He is a Catholic before all things else, and it is that which foils you. Pius X. has restored the faith in its purity and strength. Each of his decisions provokes renewed astonishment.

What does it matter! It is necessary to choose; to be a Catholic or to be nothing. Pius X. is is right.

St. Alkamund's Church, Shrewsbury, England began its 100th year on March 19th.

Dr. Ignatz Zalson, a learned Austrian Jew of Austrin said in a recent lecture that from 1800 to 1900 not less than 204,000 Jews had relinquished Judaism for Christianity.

Archbishop Bourne, of England recently confirmed Mrs. Mary Cannon, a convert, at the venerable age of 92.

Be careful not to let your children read bad books. To be on the safe side, subscribe for a Catholic paper and a Catholic magazine.

Do not put off your Easter duty too long!

No one ever knows what far-reaching effect a kind word may have upon the future of the one addressed. Or upon the one who speaks it, for that matter.

The man in moderate circumstances who does not carry insurance for the benefit of his loved ones is neither a good citizen nor a good business man.

One of the important educational gatherings of the year is what the annual conventions of the Catholic Educational association have come to be. That of 1911 will be held in Chicago from June 26th to the 29th., in St Paul University building, where the Vincentian Fathers have have placed their splendid group of buildings at the disposal of the delegates.

While the moving picture shows in Rochester appear to be well-regulated, thanks to the vigilance of Censor Dennis McCarthy, it would appear that such is not the case in other places. There is no class of theatrical performances that should be more rigidly inspected as they have come to be the "poor man's theater" and too little attention is paid to them by the authorities.

It does look as if President Taft had secured a real "live wire" for his cabinet in the person of Walter L. Fisher, recently appointed Secretary of the Interior in succession to Richard L. Ballinger.

If you have not made your Easter duty, it is well to recall that time to perform that duty which is enjoined by the Church is fast drawing to a close.

### Lost Meanings.

"Those who care for the beginnings of things may be glad that the quill pen survives to remind us that the original pen was plucked from a bird," observes a writer. "Germans and Frenchmen are in no danger of forgetting that, thanks to their respective words 'feder' and 'plume,' but the English 'pen' suggests a feather only when one chooses to think about it and recall the Latin 'penna.' Almost all our writing materials are no longer what etymologically they profess to be. Paper is no longer made of papyrus; a pencil is not a little tail 'penicillus,' like a camel's hair brush; the 'lead' of a lead pencil is not lead, and the 'india rubber' with which we erase its marks does not and never did come from India. Even of parchment there is probably not a fragment in the country, except, perhaps, in a museum and coming from Pergamum, in Asia."—Chicago News.

### Life in the Icy Arctic.

In the morning I was generally the one to waken first and would either start the alcohol lamp myself or call Astrup for that purpose. Our morning meal consisted of a lump of pemmican, six biscuits, two ounces of butter and two cups of tea each. As soon as this was finished everything was repacked on the sledge. I then read the odometer, aneroid and thermometer and, taking the guidon, which had waved and fluttered over the kitchen throughout our hours of rest, from its place, stepped forward and the next march was commenced. After from four to six hours of marching we would halt for half an hour to eat our simple lunch of pemmican and give the dogs a rest and then after four to six hours of traveling halt again and repeat the already described route.—Robert E. Peary, "The Great White Journey."

### Get Rid of the Scum.

She was a city bride who had never before taken a hand in housekeeping and knew but little about things in the kitchen. A few mornings ago she got after the milkman.

"What's the matter with your milk?" she said, with great vehemence.

"I don't know," he replied. "What do you find wrong with it?"

"Well," she said, "every morning it is covered with a nasty yellow scum."

"And what do you do with the scum?"

"Why, I skim it off, of course, and throw it in the garbage can."—Farmers' Guide.

### The One Place.

"That Mrs. Gossip seems to be at home wherever she may be."

"Well, I saw her in a place yesterday where she seemed decidedly restless and uneasy."

"You don't say? Where was that?"

"At home."—Catholic Standard and Times.

### Awkwardly Expressed.

Gushing Lady—I hear you've been away for your health, professor. Musical Lion—Yes. I've been at Marienbad taking the baths. Gushing Lady—Really! That must have been a change for you!—London Opinion.


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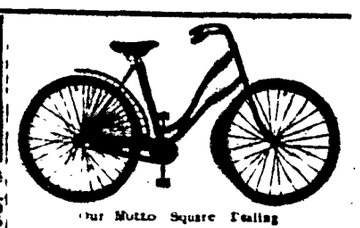
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