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Well To Be Careful

Frequently, the Catholic Journal has warned its readers to be careful of the books they place in their children's hands, even those purporting to be from the pens of Catholic authors.

Moreover, when purchasing latter-day editions of standard Catholic classics in fiction and essays, it is well to examine carefully to make sure that the compiler, publisher or editor has not tampered with the original text.

For these reasons, and still more obvious ones, it is a wise precaution not to permit our children to read a book we have not first read ourselves.

Word From Abroad.

Cardinal Gibbons' recent silver jubilee observance in Washington and the remarkable non-partisan tributes paid to his Eminence, seem to have given rise to the following from the Toronto Catholic Register and Extension:

"The political parties over the border are divided into Catholics and Republicans, according to the facetious speech of Champ Clark at Cardinal Gibbons' banquet.

In the Denver reunion of the C.M. B. A., Brother Thomas McDonald recalled that the wags used to say that the initials of the order stood for "Canada Must Be Annexed."

Eugene O'Keefe has contributed the money necessary to purchase a Presbyterian Church and remodel it into a Catholic church for the Poles of Toronto.

In the days to come, the historian will find much to whet his curiosity in the Congressional Record, likewise in the daily record of the secular press.

The man or woman who rents one sitting in a pew and then occupies two or three every Sunday, may be catalogued as "a Church dead beat."

Workmen, Read This!

Our Socialist friends and a few Catholics who are ignorant of the real situation, complain that the Catholic press has been unfair in its treatment of Editor Warren, of the "Appeal to Reason," who was recently convicted of misuse of the United States mails.

If that be so, why does the "Appeal to Reason" print such stuff as the following which appeared in a recent issue:

"Taft is a rascal who couldn't again be elected to any office in America, yet he is a kingmaker. He has appointed four supreme judges, including the presiding judges, which is more than any other president ever did.

Does not the above outbreak justify, nay compel, the exclusion of the "Appeal to Reason" from the home of every Catholic working man?

Times Change.

As an instance of how times and conditions change, it may be of interest to quote from figures given at the close of a mission in London's East End by the learned Father Bernard Vaughan.

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The West. "My wife has been having some trouble with her throat," confided a friend, "and I got pretty worried about it and sent for a doctor. He examined her and looked very grave and that scared me even worse. So I said, 'Tell me the worst at once, Doc,' and he whispered, 'She will recover her voice.' And my wife overheard the question and the answer and now Doc and I are both in bed."

A Tragedy. "How did you like my new tragedy?" "Tragedy? I thought it was comedy."

Paradoxical. "All this time the cashier was burning the candle at both ends." "And keeping it dark. Well, I do change."

Will Canada ratify President Taft's reciprocity pact?

It would be the irony of fate, were our sister country to turn her back upon the policy our President took the chance of wrecking his administration and of imperiling his political future to put through.

Standard Oil is to dissolve itself. But when the dissolution is completed, it is a dollar to be applied that the United States Government has not priced the control away from the men who were on top six months ago.

Over in St. Catharines, Ont., the Orangemen had a great twelfth of July celebration. That is where all the tribe around here went, then. We heard of no such outburst here.

So Billy Sunday pulled out \$11,000 for a week's evangelistic revival in Pittsburgh. Of course, Billy at once turned it all over to the board of Foreign Missions? Not he. Billy is frugal and thrifty and he did not leave the baseball diamond for the pulpit merely for his health.

Annual Retreat for Priests

Bishop Thomas F. Hickey has announced that the annual retreat of the priests of Rochester diocese will be held at St. Bernard's Seminary, beginning Monday night, August 21, and lasting through Friday night, August 25. The retreat will be conducted by Rev. Father Woods of Woodbury, Ulster County, a member of the Jesuit order, who also will conduct the retreat for the Syracuse diocese.

Right Rev. Patrick A. Ludden, bishop of Syracuse diocese, will also hold the retreat of the 100 priests of his diocese at St. Bernard's Seminary, from Monday evening, August 28, to Friday evening, September 1. About 145 priests of Rochester diocese will attend the Rochester retreat at St. Bernard's Seminary is selected for the retreat both because it is large enough to accommodate such a large body of men and because it offers the requisite quiet and seclusion for that function of the church.

Waves in Solid Metal. As illustrating the advances in metalurgy and engineering it has been demonstrated that "solid metals" may reveal by their structure the vibrations to which they have been subjected.

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