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But, surely, enough has been said to warrant leading Catholic taxpayers demanding and insisting upon having a private interview with the authorities in charge of this library and then and there demanding the elimination of the offending volumes or a flat refusal. In the latter event, appeal to the city authority responsible for appropriating library funds would be in order.

In view of the city of Rochester making a beginning of a public library, would it not be well for representative Catholics to ask of Mayor Edgerton permission to look over the books to be purchased and thus ascertain in advance whether any of these objectionable books are likely to find their way into our library. Forewarned is forearmed and a better line of procedure than locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen.

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Christmas
Once more the joyous feast of Christmas is upon us. To the world at large, it means a season of joyous feasting and gift-giving or exchanging. To Catholics and all real Christians it has a deeper and far more significant meaning. It commemorates that event centuries ago in Bethlehem when the Saviour of mankind left his home in Heaven and was born in a manger in order that the prophecies might be fulfilled and that we might be given eternal life.

What Fruit?
While the cursory observer might say that the period of muckraking, the era of discontent, the spasm of near-social revolution in this country had passed in great part, and that this nation was approaching a safe and sane condition, nevertheless there are signs that the conditions referred to still prevail although in modified degree, and only need a torch-bearer of sufficient force and caliber to fan the smouldering embers into a fierce blaze.

We are still too prone to find fault without investigating underlying conditions and too often confound effect with cause. Very often we fail to ask for credentials from the latest demagogic mountebank who arrives on the scene with a fresh "ism" to proclaim or a new panacea for all the ills from which the economic world suffers. We accept the latest apostle at his own valuation which often turns out to be away below par.

We are too prone to applaud denunciation of another while failing to perceive that we ourselves are afflicted by faults and failings fully as grievous. We fall in with schemes which mean, if carried to their logical conclusion the wreck of the whole social and economic fabric. We listen and condone, if we do not approve, obtrusive gift-giving, it is well to dispense it in person, not through the medium of an organized charity. This is not intended as any reflection upon such organizations and their theories. They do a great work for good. But institutional assistance is not the Christmas spirit, as the general rule goes. The personal smile, the personal word of good cheer, realizes more nearly the Christmas significance and more nearly approaches the Christ-like spirit.

The Catholic Journal wishes to all its readers, young and old the most joyous of Christmas celebrations and bespeaks the choicest blessings of an all-wise Providence this year of 1911.

A Rector Convert
Rev. Foster W. Stearns, for the last two years rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Sheffield, Mass., as baptized in the Catholic faith in the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola in New York a few days ago by his cousin, Rev. Dr. Richards. Later, he and Mrs. Stearns left for Genoa, Italy, after a short stay there.

Good To Watch
An indignant correspondent of the Union and Times writes scathingly of the anti-Catholic books which are to be found upon the shelves of the Buffalo Public Library and asserts that he has protested several times and in vain against use of public funds to purchase for public disposition books which insult and offend a large part of the community, part, too, which is always taxed for every public expenditure.

The new recruit to the Church is a son of R. H. Stearns, of Boston. He was graduated from Amherst College in 1903. He married a daughter of John F. Genug, head of the department of rhetoric and English literature at Amherst.

In his letter of resignation from his pastorate, Mr. Stearns gave no reason for resigning. It is reported that upon his return from Rome he will become a professor in a Catholic seminary in Hackensack, New Jersey.

A good holiday recipe is to be as pleasant as possible to those who wait on you or labor in your behalf.

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Last week Rt. Rev. Bishop Alerding, D. D. of Fort Wayne, Ind. presided at the yearly examinations of the junior clergy of that diocese.

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