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## On the Gain

Rt. Rev. Regis Canevin, Bishop of Pittsburgh, has issued a timely and valuable pamphlet dealing with Catholic gains and losses from 1790 to 1900. Bishop Canevin puts the total Catholic population of the United States at 18,483,820, which is 3,864,559 more than the Catholic Directory for 1911 allows. The Bishop explains this by stating that the directory figures are compiled from parish returns and these do not always take into account the transient foreign population.

Summing up, Bishop Canevin thinks that if the conversions to the Catholic Church were counted in and made an offset to the apparent losses the Church has undoubtedly sustained by reason of insufficient church facilities to care for the constant influx of immigrants the balance would be in our favor. He concludes as follows:

"We do not know how many have been gained to the Church in the last one hundred years by conversion, but the gain has been great. Some parishes are largely composed of converts and the descendants of converts. I am loath to believe that our losses have been greater than our gains, especially when we consider that while less than one hundred years ago Catholics were one in fifty of the population, they are now more than one in six." And that must be the conclusion of all who carefully follow the calculations in his timely and praiseworthy pamphlet.

## Misunderstood

It often happens, we have no doubt, that differences of opinion arises between Catholics and non-Catholics, not because of innate or ancient bigotry but because of a misunderstanding of each other's motives, viewpoints and objects sought to be attained.

Probably, the "Catholic Total Abstinence" puts it well in this editorial:

"The chief reason why Catholics and Protestants do not cooperate more frequently in reform movements is that our separated brethren cannot understand our point of view. The W. C. T. U. of a western state, has inaugurated a campaign for the placing of the Bible in the public schools. This is outside the field of a temperance union. We do not suppose that they mean the Catholic Bible reading and even if they did, the whole idea of Bible reading with self-interpretation, is Protestant, and therefore sectarian. How is it that our Protestant brethren overlook this? Come ladies, drop it. There is plenty of temperance work to do."

## Is It "Lost?"

Having been in several such movements during the past quarter of a century, we can sympathize with the Milwaukee "Catholic Citizen" in this complaint:—  
Six months have elapsed since the Catholic Press Association of America (including Canada, Porto Rico and the Philippines), made

its debut, with great eclat, at Columbus, Ohio, (Aug. 24, 1911).

Immense things were promised—among them, a revolution in cable news. When Bishop Harley paid his subscription in advance, the convention went wild with enthusiasm.

Now and again, some editor or some publisher, arose and promised the Association the right to draw, without limit, on the financial resources of his esteemed publication. The applause was vociferous when several heroic ladies joined in these apparently reckless offers.

A few doubting Thomases there were in the assemblage; but these were looked upon with an O-thou-of-little faith contumely. An elaborate constitution and by-laws was drafted, sub-drafted and re-drafted. Eloquence and ill-ouquence flowed, and overflowed.

Since which time, the Catholic Press Association, of America, including Canada, Hawaii and Porto Rico, has not been heard from.

The Catholic Journal hopes that the 1911 movement will yet bring forth fruits meet and worthy. However, to build a news service whether secular or religious, takes time and patience. It also needs men in control who are trained newspaper men. A keen, shrewd, business manager also helps some.

## A Good Sign

It is a significant and gratifying sign of the times that so many big Catholic fraternal societies are agitating the question of an annual attendance in a body of their local membership upon the Sacraments, also that Lenten communion be in a body. The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus in many localities, of course the Holy Name Societies, and many others are in this movement.

Such examples are worth more to compel the respect which should be our due from our non-Catholic brethren than hours of argument. We cannot find fault if our separated friends refuse to accept our profession at face value when we give the lie to our pretensions in daily life and practice.

Right living, honesty in dealing with fellow-men, attendance upon Mass on Sundays and holy days, a clean daily life cannot, but win respect, if not admiration, in the long run. As we live, so will we be judged by our fellows in a community.

## Pertinent

It strikes us that the Register, published by the order of the Knights of Columbus, makes a timely and pertinent suggestion in the following editorial paragraph:

"There has been some discussion lately of the advisability of weeding out from the Knights of Columbus all members of the order who have dropped from practical Catholicity. If such a large number of Knights as has been stated are Catholics in name only, would it not be worthier of the order to put them to the practice of their religion? And what better for the purpose than an annual Lenten retreat in every city?"

Taken day by day, we incline to the opinion that the net ideas of the ledger shows that the Catholic Church has gained steadily in the United States in the last century.

A new diocese is to be created in Texas. Headquarters is to be at Brownsville and the jurisdiction embraced will be the territory between Laredo and Corpus Christi.

Hon. Edward Blake, the ex-premier of Ontario and later a Home Rule member of the British House of Commons, is dead. He was a devout Catholic.

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At the end of ten days the doctor held out no hope for my husband's recovery. Then we gave up all hope and called Father Quigley. When he came he realized that Mr. Timmons' life was in the balance as it were, and prepared him for death by administering the last sacraments. The next day, Sunday Feb. 25th, we telephoned his brother Mr. Wm. Timmons of Auburn, that his brother was very low and he had best come over to see him. Mr. Wm. Timmons came over Sunday afternoon and had with him the agent and General Manager of the Oxyphathor Company. They brought with them an OXYPATHOR.

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