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**Show Your Colors**

Speaking at the annual commencement exercises of D'Youville College, Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Conroy, auxiliary bishop of Ogdensburg, struck a key-note when he advised his hearers not to banish Catholic pictures from their homes. Bishop Conroy told that too many rich Catholics, suddenly grown rich, seemed to have a feeling that religious pictures in the living rooms constituted a badge of cheapness, an absence of refinement. In reality, such persons betray a sad lack of refinement and confess themselves decidedly vulgar in their aspirations. Refined and educated persons, in the real sense, know that had it not been for the Church there would be no Art. All the early great masterpieces of Art betrayed religious topics. Beside these great masterpieces, the latter-day pictures are but sorry daubs.

Moreover, one is not supposed to be ashamed of one's sentiments. What more striking evidence of one's faith than religious pictures? To suppress these in a Catholic home is akin to relegating one's family pictures to the attic because, forsooth, the style of portraiture or dress is not that of to-day. Only the snob lacks pride in antiquity, in age, in tradition.  
By all means, let us give the place of honor in our homes to Catholic pictures. Let our children have the example, the guidance which these will give in their own homes. Let us not be ashamed to say "God bless me," when the inevitable sneeze breaks. Because some things are frowned upon by ignorant nobodies is no reason for sensible persons to forbear them. Instead, it should be the greater incentive to continue the practice.

**Right Out in the Open**

We beg leave to submit additional and convincing testimony on a subject upon which the Catholic Journal has spoken often in the last year or so. It is indisputable that the Y. M. C. A., constitution forbids election to office in that organization of Catholic or Jew. However, some of our weak-kneed Catholics are disposed to doubt that the organization is in any way hostile to Catholics. The Twenty-third street branch, the largest in New York City, recently issued a pamphlet which begins:

"At a recent meeting of the National Congress of the Romanist (sic) Holy Name Society held in Baltimore, Rev. J. E. Fearing of Boston and other speakers condemned the Boys, Brigade, the Boy Scouts and characterized the Young Men's Christian Association as 'insidious.'"

This comment is made:—  
"Ecclesiastics have been more or less active in the condemning business ever since the group of them condemned Jesus to death, 2,000 years ago. Their condemnation does not mean now quite what it meant once, otherwise the above-named organizations would experience a change of

climate immediately."  
How do Catholics like this? We are not even given the usually polite treatment of our right name. Everybody knows that "Romanist" is a term of reproach at least so intended by those who use it. The pamphlet goes on to say that at least 15 per cent of the Y. M. C. A., membership is composed of "nominal Catholics who think for themselves." In other words, these so-called Catholics are ashamed to stand up for their faith. If they were they would resent such characterization of their standing.  
How do you like it?

**Not Inspiring**

While we are perfectly willing to grant that very often the sensational papers exaggerate the petty foibles of the "idle rich", yet every once in a while something turns up that lends justification to the castigation this class comes in for.

Down in Newport, that haven for idle rich, they are telling of a young lady, we use the word advisedly in preference to the term "woman," who is so crazy over fast automobiling that she is in doubt which of two young men to bestow her favors upon because each possess speedy cars and their ability as "daredevil drivers" is about evenly divided. This is a sad commentary upon "ladies" even of the idle rich variety. If this young person had been less rich, had had more real work to perform, had had some real responsibilities upon her shoulders, she would not find herself in such an unenviable position, because the world at large will not even pity her, it will despise her heartily.

It is not an apparent advantage to be poor but even comparative poverty has compensations, the capacity for enjoyment remains, also for suffering.

**The Race Begun**

Both parties have made their nominations for President. The unexpected happened both in Chicago and in Baltimore. It was thought that the Radicals would win in Chicago, instead they lost. It was figured that the Conservatives would win in Baltimore, instead they lost.

While it would appear that Williams Jennings Bryan won in Baltimore, we incline to the opinion that he lost. Woodrow Wilson in our judgement, owes his nomination to no one man, but to the unmistakable radical sentiment of South and West which turned to him after Theodore Roosevelt lost out in Chicago. It is too early to venture a prediction as to the outcome.

Who complained because it was too cold?

We appear to be a somewhat radical nation.

If Woodrow Wilson keeps to his resolution not to tour the country, he will win undying gratitude from the reporters who "cover" his side of the campaign.

Our A. P. A. friends cannot find much comfort in either the Republican or the Democratic Presidential nomination.

Fathers and mothers, how and where are you leading your children?

The programme of the Catholic Summer School at Cliff Haven bids one prepare for intellectual treats.

The Catholic Young Men's National Union is to hold its annual convention of 1912 in Buffalo, September 1, 2 and 3.

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It is early yet to look for the bigot in the campaign. But he will surely come forth this year.

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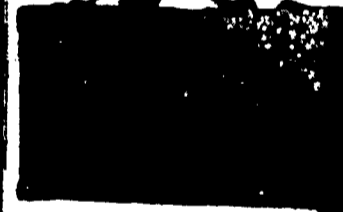
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