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### We Are Growing

It is somewhat amusing to read in the press every day so many complaints from Protestants that they have too many churches, that this or that church is not well attended, that this or that parish be abolished and consolidated with one or two others so as to produce one strong parish instead of two or three struggling ones.

No such difficulty is experienced by the Catholics. Every few years, especially in Rochester, it is found necessary to carve out a new parish and it is not long until that new church is filled to the doors at several Masses each Sunday.

There is a reason. The Catholic Church stands for something. In each one the Gospel is preached. No vaudeville performer is needed to attract an audience once in the Sunday. Political subjects are not deemed proper for pulpit discussion in Catholic churches. The people go there to pray, not to be amused.

When Protestantism is defunct, Catholic churches will be crowded.

### Things That Count

Rev. J. T. Roche, writing in the Catholic Citizen, of Milwaukee, says with great truth:—

Every other non-Catholic whom one meets nowadays is willing to admit that if there be real religion anywhere in the world it is in the Catholic Church. Every other Catholic whom one meets seems to cherish the delusion that the business of convert-making belongs exclusively to the priest. When honest questions are asked, he parries them or turns the conversation into some other channel. He may have the genuine Catholic faith, but he is afraid that his non-Catholic friend will inwardly scoff at his credulity. He forgets the one great fact that stands out clearly in parish and mission work, viz., that it is the layman and not the priest who is the real convert-maker and the other great fact that it is the big little things, the unappreciated externals which impress outsiders. The late Bishop Curtis, of Wilmington, Del., used to say that one of the things which led to his conversion was the Catholic habit of tipping the hat to him whilst he was still an Anglican minister. They did so under the impression that he was a priest, and it made him long for a share in the real priesthood that could elicit such respect.

The devout and reverent attitude of Catholics in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament has converted millions. The sacraments and the little pious practices with which all Catholics are familiar have also many converts to their credit. Taken separately, they do not appear to be of much consequence; but for man, constituted as he is, they are the big little things which lead outsiders to believe that Catholic faith premeates the whole man regulates his every act and draws him to that Divinity which is always and ever calling men to the

love and service which is found in its fullness and entirety only in the Holy Catholic Church.

It is well for Catholics always to remember that it is by example as much as by precept that good is done in this world.

### Not Seeking Them

We have not noticed that either of the presidential candidates or their campaign managers are breaking their necks to secure the support of Thomas E. Watson or of General Miles Guardians of Liberty.

Possibly, they are restrained by considerations of political prudence although we feel quite sure that neither Mr. Wilson, Mr. Taft nor Mr. Roosevelt are in any way in sympathy with the bigots. All three are broadminded men and their record, so far as we have learned, is untainted by the blot of bigotry.

That is one wholesome indication for the campaign of 1912. If the bigots are not able to catch a presidential candidate this year when will they be able to do so?

### If?

Down in Brooklyn the Y. M. C. A., started out a summer school this year with a number of public school superintendents and assistants as its heads and, while an earnest bid was made for Catholics to take and pay for courses in this summer school, not a single person outside high officials in the Y. M. C. A., was named to officer this school. Whereupon, the Jequit organ, "America," comments as follows:—

"We do not question the right of a public school teacher as a private citizen to make profitable use of his knowledge and experience in the schools of the Y. M. C. A., but for the Y. M. C. A., to use District Superintendents and principals of the public schools, not as private citizens, but clothed with all the moral power their offices imply, is a very different thing. Nor can the Y. M. C. A. say that the gentlemen in question give their services as private citizens. The very formulating and printing of the circular show the contrary to be the case. Moreover, without disrespect to these gentlemen we may say, and all will admit, that there would be no profit in using them to form such a committee apart from their office. The Y. M. C. A. was aware of this, for of all the citizens of Brooklyn—and there are many of high standing favorable to that organization, they chose not one, but confined their committee to the higher officials of the Y. M. C. A. Is this not a clear case of a 'Protestant association' exploiting for its own profit and purposes the officials of a State or municipal institution?"

The Boston "Republic" adds:— It certainly bears that aspect; and it further justifies America in its questions as to why the Y. M. C. A., is able to use books paid for by Catholics and Jews as well as by Protestants, and to have the services of public school officials without challenge when there is trouble on about the distinctive dress of the nuns who teach in our Indian schools? Suppose a Catholic organization even in broad-minded New York were to secure these privileges! Wouldn't the fact furnish a million campaign documents for the alleged "Guardians of Liberty?" Let all associations of whatever creed be treated alike by the State.

A little less talk about "sex quality" would make for a higher standard of morals. It is suspected that much of the trouble of the English suffragists arises from the too great prominence of the "free love advocates" in their ranks.

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