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A Grave Danger

Many fathers and mothers, Catholic parents at that, are not particular enough about the reading they put into the hands of their children. We should all be careful to note what our children select of their own volition in the way of reading matter. But we can blame ourselves only for what we put in their way. For instance: Mother purchases a fashionable magazine to look over the styles and designs. She pays little or no attention to the pure reading matter which this magazine dispenses to its readers. What is the consequence?

Well, in one of these fashionable magazines, the woman's department is in charge of a twenty-year old graduate of one of the "up-to-date woman's colleges" and she has an article in which she boldly justifies the theme of a late play:—that it is no harm for young people to violate the law of chastity. In fact, this writer almost hints that such episodes are not lapses from the path of right living. This young writer goes farther than this. She discredits monogamy and evidently relishes better the pagan idea of as many mates as one can secure and hold.

It is plain that there is a school both of writers and publishers, devoted to breaking down the old standard of morality and installing in its stead glorification of immorality, looseness of personal conduct, despoliation of the home as such and the elevation to a cult of human breeding stables planned and conducted along the lines of animal propagation and with as little regard to divine laws, or commands.

It is plain that careful parents do not want their children to read such filth. The only way it can be avoided is for parents to read over the papers and magazines before children are permitted to have them.

Better still, subscribe for Catholic papers and magazines for the children and then you may rest assured they never will be degraded or contaminated by their influence.

This is a serious matter and one that should not be neglected. Look after it and look after it NOW.

Time to Wake Up!

There are indolent, vacillating, weak-kneed Catholics who would have us maintain a do-nothing, let-everybody-walk-over-you sort of manner all the time and under any and all provocations. We are in so harmonious now. We are on such good terms with our Protestant friends. Why disturb these friendly relations? Why stir things up? Why not turn the other cheek? This attitude would be the right one were we left alone or if our faith were not attacked. But when it is sought to sidetrack individual Catholics who are perfectly qualified simply because of their faith and because they do not worship God the way certain other men would

have them, or because they do not wear a particular emblem upon their coat lapel or upon their watch-guard, then it is high time to drop our passive attitude and stand up for our rights. In passing, we assure our weak-kneed Catholic friends that you are respected far more if you stand up firmly in defense of your rights than if you lie down and permit yourself to be used as a doormat.

We are inspired to these few remarks because down in Pennsylvania they appear to be preparing for a real campaign against the Church along the lines of France and Portugal. It is proposed to tax all Catholic Church property, convents, churches, schools and colleges. Were all church property taxed, perhaps, no great objection would be urged. But the bill is so cunningly drawn that it will apply only to Catholic property, practically speaking. We have inclined to the opinion that were we as Catholics to take the lead in the advocacy of such a proposition as particular enough about the reading they put into the hands of their children. We should all be careful to note what our children select of their own volition in the way of reading matter. But we can blame ourselves only for what we put in their way. For instance: Mother purchases a fashionable magazine to look over the styles and designs. She pays little or no attention to the pure reading matter which this magazine dispenses to its readers. What is the consequence?

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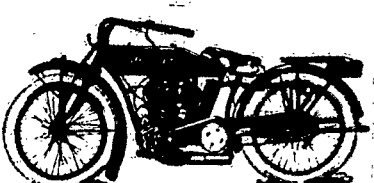
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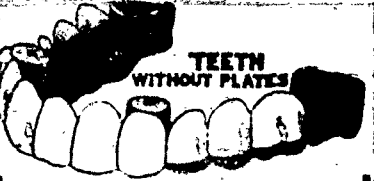
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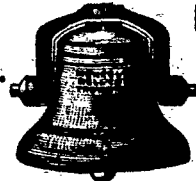
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