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**On Wrong Track**

Announcement is made of the  
formation of a "Catholic Bureau  
of Catholic Information" made  
up of some men and women in  
New Jersey and New York. We  
supposed from the name that  
this was to be supplementary to  
the good work of the Catholic  
Truth Society but such is not the  
case. It is to be a purely private  
corporation and a secret one at  
that. Its first avowed object is  
good although we cannot see  
wherein a "private" organization  
will be able to do more than the  
church authorities. The Bureau  
intends to compile a sort of di-  
rectory of Catholic societies and  
activities and report to the eccle-  
siastical authorities whether an  
organization advertising a dance  
or other entertainment under  
Catholic auspices is really what  
it pretends to be. These reports  
are to be made privately to the  
church authorities. It seems to us,  
however, that the public that is  
called upon to patronize these  
affairs should be warned if they  
are not what they purport to be.

The second object of the Bu-  
reau is to collect information as  
to individual Catholics, or those  
who call themselves such, who  
seek political preferment on the  
strength of their affiliation with  
Catholic societies and, in reality,  
are not practical Catholics. These  
reports are to be made privately,  
not to the Catholic laity at large,  
but to the ecclesiastical author-  
ities. The latter are to be asked  
to oppose the election to office in  
any Catholic society of any man  
who now holds public office or  
who aspires to public office.

In our opinion, this is a wrong  
method. If it should be carried  
into operation, it would necessar-  
ily result in bringing the clergy  
into politics, something to be not  
only avoided but fought against.  
Who are the persons who are  
most vitally affected and to whom  
these bogus Catholics appeal?  
The Catholic voters. These should  
be warned and not by the clergy  
either. If the Bureau is possessed  
of such information it should as-  
sume the full responsibility there-  
for in making it public property.  
If the Bureau could eliminate  
from activity in Catholic societies  
public men it would, in many  
cases, deprive those societies of  
their most active and influential  
members. It would also weaken  
Catholic influence and tend to  
restrain young Catholic men  
from entering upon membership  
therein.

There is a phase of informa-  
tion work upon which this Bu-  
reau might well enter but which  
it does not specify as yet. That  
is:—to inform Catholic newspa-  
per editors and the Catholic pub-  
lic as well whether certain actors  
and actresses who pose for  
support are really what  
they profess to be. These actors  
and actresses travel often under  
assumed names, they are not  
residents of one locality and so  
are not easily traced. Not so long  
ago we read in the public prints  
of a well-known actor who is her-  
alded as a Catholic who had mar-  
ried a second wife while his first

was still alive. Possibly, this was  
an untrue statement. The Bureau  
could have investigated and pre-  
sented the facts. These actors  
who travel under false pretenses  
are far harder to run down than  
are public men. The latter have  
a settled abiding place and can-  
not very long masquerade for  
what they are not.

We may be wrong, but we fancy  
the "Bureau of Catholic In-  
formation" is far more likely to  
breed trouble than to accomplish  
any really valuable work.

**"Chickens Come Home"**

While the so-called "strike" of  
the school children of Pittsburg  
against the city superintendent  
of schools because he may not be  
all he should be appeals to some  
as laudable, likewise the "strike"  
of the pupils in the vicinity of  
Boston for shorter hours, as a  
matter of fact, both are a sad  
commentary on the latter-day  
tendency to teach children dis-  
respect for all authority. Some of  
the educators and their backers  
have been advocating removal  
of disciplinary methods in school  
and home with the net result  
that we are forced, with shame,  
to admit that we are breeding up  
a race of young ruffians and fu-  
ture anarchists.

Ex-Judge George A. Lewis, of  
Buffalo, who has studied these  
and other sociological problems  
deeply and carefully, says, regard-  
ing the incidents referred to:

If the parents of these young  
sters disapprove of Superinten-  
dent Heeter, let them hold their  
children at home and away from  
school; getting out themselves as  
responsible citizens to voice some  
organized protest against Heeter.  
This spectacle of mere children,  
with the tacit approval of their  
parents, the persons immediately  
concerned, shrieking about the  
streets in frenzied condemnation  
of their teacher's moral character  
furnished a sad but conclusive  
document in proof of the propo-  
sition that certain modern ad-  
vanced theories of education, aim-  
ing at the complete emancipation  
of the child from all moral or  
disciplinary restraint, are bearing  
inevitable fruit in the general  
prevalence of that sad nuisance,  
the ungoverned and ungovern-  
able child, ruthlessly triumphing  
over the enfeebled wills of his  
natural mentors and guardians  
and trampling upon their com-  
mandments.

There was a time when such  
tendencies were marked in Roch-  
ester but, thanks to returning  
sanity, such tendencies appear  
to be on the wane.

The only Catholic priest to  
serve as chaplain of the Federal  
Congress was Rev. Dr. Charles  
Constantine Pise, of St. Mathew's  
Church, Washington, D. C., who  
was nominated by Henry Clay.

Some non-Catholic contem-  
poraries like to abuse Catholics by  
asserting that if we ever are in  
full power we will re-establish  
the Inquisition and burn heretics  
at the stake. Punishment of her-  
esy was a prerogative of the civil  
arm of the government in the old-  
en days. Presbyterians, Baptists,  
Huguenots and other Protestant  
denominations burnt and tortur-  
ed those who did not believe as  
they did. So did the Puritans in  
New England. Why not predict  
that if the Presbyterians ever  
hold a majority of the population,  
they will hang every one who  
does not think as they do?

Pity the idle rich! They are  
open to all sorts of temptations  
such as never reach or touch the  
humbler brother who is busily  
engaged from morning till night.

It is recalled that when Mr.  
Mathews was named as home sec-  
retary for Ireland the bigots pro-  
tested ineffectively. Mr. Mathew's  
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