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Good Reading.

We wonder if parents are cognizant of what their boys and girls are reading these days. There are so many cheap magazines, not only for boys and girls alone, that are not just the proper thing for juvenile perusal, but that are designed for older persons and which are positively unfit for the younger members of the family to read. Nevertheless, if Father or Mother, Aunt or Uncle have these magazines for their own consumption and carelessly leave them around it is not a matter of wonder if Johnnie or Susie pick them up and read them to their lasting detriment.

Then, again, very often the New York yellow Sunday supplements are brought into the house and everybody is permitted to read them when they should be lifted with the tongs, none too gently, and consigned to the furnace.

Cheap magazines and yellow journals are responsible for many of the juvenile delinquencies, these not charged against the lurid "movies." Fortunately, we have pretty clean and decent moving picture houses in Rochester and our papers are far above the average of the larger cities.

However, it is the duty of parents to know what their children read. It may take a little time from our business, our pleasures or our social obligations, but we will find it well spent. Perhaps, we maybe able thereby to check a tendency which would wreck our boy or girl's whole life and career because bad reading is far more insidious than many of the vices, and may, in fact help to fasten upon these very vices.

There should be in every Catholic home a Catholic weekly, also a good Catholic magazine. In literary trend, in typographical makeup, in all the details the Catholic publishers need not and do not take water from their secular neighbors.

This being so, why neglect this safeguard to your family?

The outlay is not great. What you put out for your Sunday New York yellow, would suffice for both Catholic weekly and magazine.

And good reading in your home would be assured.

Should Not Be So.

It is reported that some employers who announced with flourish of trumpets - and thereby received fine press notices and the plaudits of the community - that they would pay the salaries of their employees who were in the National Guard or who enlisted to fight for their country in its hour of need, not only have not kept their word but have filled the places of the absent employees.

Such action is despicable and those guilty of it are entitled to the contempt of all fair-minded

citizens. Had they announced that they would not pay the soldiers' salaries, that would have been bad enough. But to absorb the credit for a worthy action and then to welsh on the payment of the obligation thus assumed is unspeakable. In sporting parlance, none is so despised as a welsher.

Such employers should be shown up in their true colors to the community at large. If they are in business, decent persons should refuse to trade with them. Social ostracism is justifiable. In fact, no penalty is too drastic to bring some contemptible persons to their senses and let them know that their fellows despise them.

Attorney-General Woodbury has made it plain that New York State laws provide that members of the National Guard who are in the State Service are entitled, as a matter of right to their full salaries while absent from the State in the country's service to be paid to whom they direct. This is but justice, nevertheless it is gratifying to know that this is a matter of right not of charity or bounty.

Change Of Tune.

Reports from the European war centers indicate that the tide has turned and that the Allies are now driving the Germans back with heavy losses.

It is high time that the much-praised and self-lauded British soldiers gave an account of themselves. For nearly two years, the French and the Belgians have borne the brunt of the war operations against the Germans and Austrians on the Western line. The East, Russia has been giving a good account of herself. The British alone have apparently held back. It is now explained that, somewhat as happened in the United States, the British were unprepared and the late Lord Kitchener would not send raw recruits against tried and seasoned German veterans. Now the British army has been fully prepared, so it is said to go against the Germans and to fight to the death.

It is to be hoped that the terrible conflict will soon end and that peace may be restored to the world. However, it may yet be some time before peace is considered as the German seem to be far from defeated, while the Allies declare they never will stop until Germany is humbled and the Kaiser is bound round so that he cannot stir beyond the confines of his own country.

Accident Prevention.

There was a time, and not very long ago either, when accidents were considered as part of the regular routine of factory and contracting work. They were not a pleasant part of the routine, but were sure, and very often they were expensive at that. Nevertheless, the matter of trying to prevent them was not part of the superintendent's duties.

What was true in factories was equally true in everyday life. Many an accident was due to carelessness or recklessness.

To day things are different. Employers have come to learn and to know that accidents with attendant loss of limbs, lives and property are a prolific source of economic waste, to say nothing of the very human side of the question. The question uppermost, certainly the one next to conduct of business at a profit, is to see how accidents can be avoided. Safety devices are sought out and installed on dangerous machinery. Safety engineers and experts are constantly studying how to teach employees to avoid accidents. The movement has progressed so far that State and National "Safety Councils and Congresses" are held, to say nothing of similar gatherings of these interested in particular craft or line of manufacture.

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What We Want.

Writes Rev. Charles Plater, S. J. - What we want is the calm of the Sister of Charity, busily putting things to rights in a fetid slum, and looking all the while through the rags and the squalor at the Christ beneath. We want the calm of Blessed Thomas More, bantering his friends on the eve of his execution; or of Philip Neri, serene amid the whirl of a corrupt city; or of the Cure of Ars, tranquil throughout his thirty years' martyrdom of harassing duties. We want the calm which looks the great realities of death and judgment in the face.

Nota Barrier.

There are those Catholics who give as their reason for not affiliating with or becoming active in Catholic societies that such activity is a bar to material success and they are invited to peruse the following editorial from the C. M. B. A. Advocate: -

The Catholic young man who says the practical practice of his religious faith is a barrier to his financial success in life should not do so, for the practice of the Catholic faith means the right living and acting of men. Then why should a neighbor, or any citizen, prevent a man from making an honest living just because he wants to do that which is right and just to all men? Let us try to bear in mind that the individual's success and progress depends largely upon his own personal efforts, which means labor, work, study, honesty and perseverance.

His Catholic faith may prevent him from becoming a member of the millionaires' class of money or the class termed Society, but honest labor with right living will enable him to attain and remain in the real class where peace and happiness reign.

And the really truly not make-believe Catholic will find that sturdy Catholicity constitutes no bar to advancement in life - even in a social way.

At the personal request of Archbishop Mundelein, Pope Benedict has named Dr. John B. Murphy, chief of staff of Mercy Hospital, Chicago, and a surgeon of international note, Knight Commander in the Order of St. Gregory the Great.

After the election of teachers for Raphe township, Pa., for next season the teachers were called before the school board and notified that the state law prohibiting teachers wearing any religious garb would be enforced, nor could any emblem of secret orders be worn. Some of the teachers, belonging to the so-called plain churches, resigned.

In a recent address, Hon. Walter M. Chandler, a non-Catholic, made use of these significant statements: - "What have the anti-Catholic propagandists, who charge that Catholicism is a menace to free institutions to say when they are told that every Republic on this earth, more than twenty in number, excepting the pagan Republic of China and the United States, is predominantly Catholic in population and in government? Are the anti-Catholic agitators ready to declare that while the Catholics of other republics are advocates of freedom and friendly to free institutions, the Catholics of the United States are hostile and unfriendly?"

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