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**The Better Choice**

Occasionally one reads of two, three or more members of one family entering upon a religious life. Once in a while two or three brothers are noted as in the priesthood. More than once we are told about a man or woman abandoning a promising professional career or social eminence to enter religious life as did Hon. Michael J. Dwyer, not so long ago one of the leading lawyers of Boston now a parish priest in the Diocese of Albany.

But it is rare, indeed, that two partners both reach a decision to close up their business and enter the priesthood. And the rarity of the incident is enhanced by the non-Catholic member of the firm having been influenced by the example of his Catholic associate to enter the true Church. Here is the story as we read it in a Catholic exchange:—

"Chippewa Falls, Wis., is more or less agog these days because of the fact that two of her former prominent attorneys are to be ordained as priests. The gentlemen are James R. Murphy and J. Howard Browne. They had practiced law as a firm in the western town up to 1916, when they started for the college of the Holy Ghost Fathers at Norwalk, Conn., where they remained for two years. They then went to Milwaukee, where they finished their theological studies at St. Francis Seminary. Mr. Browne is a convert. When the two men became acquainted, Murphy was principal of the Chippewa Falls high school, while Browne was principal of one of the grade schools. Then they decided to study law and both attended the University of Wisconsin. It was while attending the university that Browne became a Catholic, having taken instructions altogether unknown to his friend.

One of the most potent arguments against one of the "best press-agented" presidential candidates is found in the following editorial paragraph in the Toronto "Mail and Empire"—"We in Canada have not had prosecutions of profiteers, but we have also not had as much internal inflation, breakdown of transportation, and productive losses as the United States. Many of our high cost problems are caused by high prices across the border, and in the export markets to Europe. Mr. Hoover's election to the presidency might be the best outcome of the political situation across the line, not only for the United States, but for the whole continent and the world in general.

If the National Catholic Welfare Council were not alert a large part of the money contributed by all the people of the United States for war work would have been diverted to prostitution from the Catholic Church.

**Perfectly Right**

Just as much within their rights as those who voiced American protest against Russian barbarity against the Jews, against German maltreatment of the Poles, against the Turkish outrages upon Armenia, were the eighty United States Congressmen who drafted and sent to Lloyd George the following protest against British ill treatment of Ireland and the Irish:—

"With the profound conviction that further wars and acts of war should be avoided and believing that wholesale arrests without arraignment or trial disturb the peace and tranquility of a people, are destructive of human rights, and are at variance with that principle of liberty which is embodied in the United States Constitution in the provision that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law, the undersigned members of congress of the United States of America protest against further imprisonment without arraignment or trial of persons resident in Ireland arrested for acts of a political nature; and we ask in the spirit of American freedom and love of justice, out of our friendliness to the peoples of England and Ireland, and in the name of international peace, that, hereafter, if arrests based upon acts of a political nature are made in Ireland, by color or any form of authority, the right of trial shall without unreasonable delay be accorded to the accused.

**Head Is Level**

Probably, in the estimation of the "yellow journals" and those who read and swear by them the Boston "Transcript" ranks as an old fogy newspaper. Nevertheless, its editor has a level head as witness his sapient comment upon the "trial marriage" of a well-advertised short story writer, listed as "the female of the species" and an equally well advertised violinist over which the yellows have waxed eloquent during the last fortnight:—It is true that there are marriages which lead to unhappiness arising from the causes so vividly depicted by Miss Hurst and her husband; it is true that the divorce mills grind unceasingly, but it is also true that America is still a land of happy homes, where life is lived in the good old-fashioned way, albeit the occupants of these homes may seem to Miss Hurst and her husband to be sadly lacking in the artistic temperament. Bearing these facts in mind, one may read with both interest and amusement the articles in which Miss Hurst and Mr. Danielson praise themselves and their own mode of life.

**At Others' Expense**

The following observation by the Post Express is equally applicable to other proposed compulsory reforms by busybody reformers:—  
"About 4 million people in the United States, about 3 per cent. of its population, are paying the billions in taxes we raise each year. The vast mass of citizens on whom this enormous burden rests live in the Northern Atlantic or Central states. The South, which put prohibition on the nation regardless of what it would cost the country in loss of revenue, pays only a negligible part of the taxes that support the government. In fact, New York state alone pays more in taxes than all the old prohibition states combined. It is characteristic of reformers—states as well as individuals—that their passion is always to reform somebody else at his expense. Touch their own pockets, as when it was proposed large part of the money contributed by all the people of the United States for war work would have been diverted to prostitution from the Catholic Church. If everybody would learn to mind his or her own business what an ideal country this United States would be!



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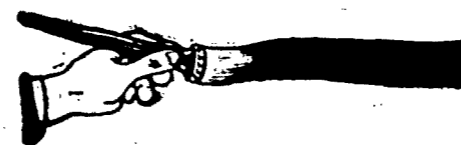
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The "no tobacco League" is making a lively campaign against "My Lady Nicotine".

Governor Smith should veto the bill to permit only graduates of a particular school to use the word "nurse".