

should be made of the old members of the council. No doubt there are many points on which mistakes have been made during the past year, but not all the retiring aldermen are responsible for these. Each man amongst them must be judged on his merits and it is very problematical whether any twelve of our citizens would have done better on the whole under existing circumstances. Next week we shall probably know more definitely just who the candidates are to be, and we may then be in a better position to express our opinion as to which of them should be elected.

OUR EXCHANGES.

It is no wonder if now and then a voice is raised against dancing, considering all the evils that can be traced to this senseless pastime. The matron of a home for fallen women in Los Angeles, Cal., declares that seven-tenths of the girls received there have fallen through dancing and its influence.—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

"Race and religious cry cut no figure in elections in the Province of Quebec," was the heading of an article in a daily paper last week. Of course not. The Catholics of Quebec, like the Catholics of Ireland and the Catholics of every place else, do not refuse to vote for Protestants. Sixteen English-speaking Protestants were returned to the Canadian Parliament from French-Canadian Catholic constituencies. That is a pretty good proof that Catholics, when they have the chance, do not make religion a political test. People who are worried about Catholic federation please take notice.—*Sacred Heart Review.*

Blackwood's Magazine stigmatizes Miss Corelli's "Master Christian" as containing "common, pert and ungrammatical sentences," and herself as a writer "not trammelled by reverence or decency." It suggests "that a formal attack upon all the churches should not be made by an unlettered lady who knows not the rudiments of theology or criticism." Finally, Miss Corelli is described as "irreverent, illiterate, rhetorical and inaccurate."—*Catholic Standard and Times.*

Few, if any, great reforms have been obtained in any country except after years, often generations, of struggle with the influences and powers that have always been arrayed against popular demands for justice.—*N. Y. Freeman's Journal.*

A man who, knowing nothing of science, doubts its truths, is looked upon as a fool. A man who has never studied religion, but who doubts the existence of God, is looked upon as a brilliant thinker. That is the world's way.—*Sacred Heart Review.*

PERSONS AND FACTS.

The smoker at the Catholic club rooms last evening was a great success. The chair was occupied by T. D. Deegan, president of the club. Games were indulged in, while fragrant "weeds" were passed around and enjoyed by the members of the club and their guests. An excellent programme was carried out and music and good fellowship reigned supreme until about midnight, when the company retired.—*Morning Telegraph, Nov. 23.*

Two Sisters of Providence of Saint-Brienc passed through here last week on their way to Prince Albert.

His Grace Archbishop Langevin went to St. Daniel, near Carman, last Saturday, accompanied by his secretary, Rev. Dr. Béliveau.

The splendid new Church of the Holy Rosary, Vancouver, will be dedicated on the 9th of next month.

The conversion of the gifted novelist, Paul Bourget, to practical Catholicism is so thorough that, like Paul Féval, under similar circumstances, he is undertaking a complete revision of those of his works in which faith or morals have been lightly dealt with.

Bishop Haid, of North Carolina, has written to the *New Century*, of Washington, denying the rumor, given in that journal, that he intends resigning his see.

Mr. Larramore, a cousin of Consul General Goodnow, of Shanghai, was recently received into the Church in Kentucky.

Rev. Sister Prince, so well-known as the Superior of St. Roch's, the isolated annex to St. Boniface Hospital, left last week, in company with Miss Adeline Ducharme, to take charge of the Indian Industrial School at Touchwood Hills, north of Qu'Appelle.

The Little Manitoban, the story-book, made up of prize stories by children and other stories by "grown-ups" is now going through the press. A meeting of the canvassers for this charitable work was held in the city council chamber last Saturday afternoon. On comparing notes it was found that several of the canvassers had already sold about fifty books each. At this rate the first edition of two thousand copies will probably be sold before it appears.

WHY "I" DON'T READ THE CATHOLIC PAPERS.

"I never read the Catholic paper."

When he has delivered himself of this pregnant information, the alleged Catholic looks about for the universal admiration that ought to shower upon him on account of this literary revelation.

A semi-intellectual grimace sprawls over his so-called countenance.

His bump of self-esteem swells with inflated pomposity.

He tells his secret to the world with the air of a gourmet who disdains ordinary common food. Oh, no! "the Catholic paper" is not good enough for his pampered appetite, his dilettante taste, his refined palate!

Other reading has the favor of his critical attention.

It may be the story column in a patent inside weekly, where the "old story" of love-and-a-maid is ground out in gruesome effort by some clumsy apprentice. It may be the casualty or criminal news in a metropolitan daily. Or it may possibly be that he doesn't know how to read.

In all or either cases, the Catholic paper doesn't come up to the high-water mark of his supposed intelligence.

It doesn't give his brain the right kind of exercise. His rudimentary cerebrum is not titillated at the point of active intuition. Consequently, he "never reads the Catholic paper!"

The Catholic paper ought to be ashamed of itself, or it ought to improve.

Some of its articles, at least, might be printed in monosyllables. It might clip more instances of railway accidents, fires, poisoning trials and slashing affrays from the immaculate dailies.

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education, Catholic faith? Why not publish partisan politics? Why look to Catholic papers when the dailies "do as well?" Why not introduce as "family reading" something more lively, more light and less instructive?

These are some of the questions asked by the thoughtless, to whose patronage the splendid superstructure of Catholic journalism owes nothing.

The man who has no interest nor intelligence outside of the price of groceries or the state of the market; who knows of nothing beyond bread-winning and low politics; who has the rabies for a kind of flamboyant patriotism, such as self-respecting Catholic papers do not furnish; who can't be interested with anything but local news and gossip from Mud Flat; whose religious make-up is too tender to bear the strain of anything else than the short sermon he hears on Sunday; whose parsimony seeks a defence in weak sophistry—these are the class of men who make a boast of "not reading the Catholic paper!"—*Northwestern Chronicle.*

SPANGLES.

He—"Do you dawnce?"
She (who has been informed that he is a bore)—"No."

He—"Neither do I. Let's spend the evening just talking to each other."

"Hush! There are visitors in the drawing-room."
"How do you know?"
"Listen; papa is saying 'My dear' to mamma."

Miss A.—"When I'm asked to sing, I don't say, 'No, I can't sing,' nor wait to be coaxed, but sit right down at the piano and—"

Miss B.—"Leave the company to find it out for themselves."

Jones—"I'm quite a near neighbor of yours now, Mrs. Golightly. I've taken a house on the river."

Mrs. G.—"Oh! Well, I hope you'll drop in some day!"

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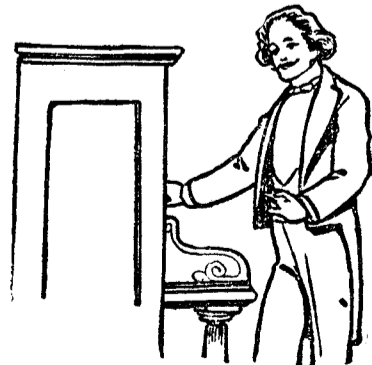
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