GOOD AND BAD BOOKS.

Why Many of the Latter Are Not on the Index.

Replying to a correspondent who asks the question, "Are Catholics orbidden to read the works of Marie Corelli ?" the Jesuit Father who edits the Examiner, of Bombay, India, says

dex. No one is bound to take no- undertook its fulfilment. The til they are definitely ascertained to wald, Valdez, Fort Liscum, Sitka, be true. In this case they seem to Juneau, Douglas and Ketchican. be untrue. We have been through the Sermons were preached in churches, Index down to December 16, 1908, barracks, dance halls, on board ship, and none of Corelli's books are cont and in the open forests at the rait. Mrs. Captain O'Neill, whose husb tained in it; nor have we heard of way construction camps. Everywhere anything having been done since that Catholics rallied with fervor to the

before, is merely a list of those books good and bad. I am happy to rewhich. on account of their special character and the stir theyhave made, have been deemed of sufficient importance to call for official con demnation. Thousands of other books which pass unnoticed might also find a worthy place on the list. as far as perniciousness is concerned. Hence being off the Index is no proof of harmlessness. Where no sentence has been pronounced by authority, we are left to the general rules of the Index and to the natural law, which forbids any man to read what does his soul harm.

"As to Marie Corelli's books on of her least known is decidedly her best. It is called "Boy," and we recommend everybody to read it carefully. In our opinion "Barabbas" is gusting exhibition of bad taste, more calculated to repel than to "Master Christian," though harm. interesting, is spoiled by hysterical screams against the Pope and the Church; irreverent and morbid to boot. The "Sorrows of Satan" is topsy-turvy-Fantastical in its main topsy-turvy-Fantastical in its main idea, but no one would take it seri-ture with the mountion of (Day,). Their unwearying, unfaltering devo ously. With the exception of "Boy," we think all her works are dis-figured with glaring faults against taste; but whether they do harm in the serious sense depends on the in-dividual. Certainly we could name many other books which would do good instead. How much Scott, how much Dickens, hoe much Shakespeare how much Marion Crawford, how much of other standard romancists have you read? Books of this class afford healthy pleasure instead morbid excitement, instruction and culture without the sacrifice of amuse ment. There are enough good English dramas and romances to occupy a life-time, why, then, waste time on Marie Corelli ?"

A Charming Glimpse of the Pope of the reople.

A French gentleman, distinguished in the arsistic world and a musical enthusiast, applied some time ago to the proper authorities in Rome, when was sojourning with his family, for the favor of a Papal audience His request being made known to the Holy Father, the latter promptly granted it, and even graciously pressed a desire to meet the whole family. Now, the Frenchman in question is no believer in race sui-cido; the number of his boys and and girls would easily supply three OT four typical up-to-date Parisian households with their full contingent of children. Accordingly, when the father and mother, with their troop of little folk, and their governess, advanced into the room where the Pope awaited them, Plus X. exclaimed, "Che processione !" (What a process sion !) and burst into a hearty laugh. Then, addressing himself to the happy head of so thriving a family, he

Paulist Father Relates His Experien in the Yukon Territory.

A MISSIONARY IN ALASKA

Replying to a correspondent who nsks the question, "Are Catholics Smith, of the Paulist Fathers, gave a corolli ?" the Jesuit Father who dits the Examiner, of Bombay, In-ia, says: "We have been asked the same institute before. There are to a settion before. There are to a list, by the pastor, Rev. F. Tur-ustion before. There are to a list, by the pastor, Rev. F. Tur-"Joyous days pase quickly; thos mission cross, or dodged the oppor-The Index, as we have explained tunity, in traditional proportions of port, however, that each mission brought a goodly harvest of consoling interior exception of the established parishes of Juneau and Douglas, the non-Catholic attendance exceeded the Catholic in number and enthusiasm. Alaska is a capital experiment sta-

tion for the study of American dencies, and my work there confirm my belief that non-Catholics are more eager than luke-warm Catholics welcome Catholic preaching. to

I was fortunately able to leave everywhere copies of Father Wyman's excellent book, "Certainties if Religion" to complete their instruction The several conversions resulting should be placed entirely to his credit, as the expedition was mainly due to his generous and indefatigable zea

in spreading the non-Catholic missions along the Western frontier'. I covered less than one half of the nain Alaskan coast line, a space of some fifteen hundred miles, which is cared for by three Jesuits, assisted by one newly ordained diocesan priest tion, in the midst of oppression, solitude, grim poverty, rigorous and gloomy climate and bitter hostility of lawless men, is the high water

mark of apostolic self-sacrifice in the whole range of my missionary observation. I learned to reverence them as Penfecostal heroes

The pathos of their hard lives is an entuated by the opulence of the Protestant missions, invariably the bes equipped institutions of each small town, which gather under their roof mere handfuls of worshippers, at the expense of missionary domations from the states. Here again Alaska significantly points to one of the most deplorabledefects of the Catholic proaganda, the failure of well-to-do Ca-

tholics to recognize their responsibi-lity to the starving frontier. If we could begin, - in the new settlement, like Seward, with the material ad vantages of the non-Catholics, the town would be predeminently Catho-lic.-John Marks Handly, C.S.P.

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"Our visitants are neigh gave up his life in the Cuban War Dying from the effects of a fatal ball our respected President, Theodor Roosevelt, then in command of Rough Riders, was summoned to his side; all through the war they had been intimate friends; now the Ange econciliations. With the of Death, with quivering sword, about to separate them, Mr. Roos velt craved a friendship's memento The hands of the dying captain ex. tended and presented a little pocket statue of St. Joseph. "The President still retains it; he

has been singularly kind to the In dians' Mission in the West; no wonder when he has St. Joseph 'at his elbow;' when any of his household

help fall ill they are sent, at his exe, to the hospital conducted the Sisters of St. Joseph. To the chapel of this Hospital Mrs. President Roosevelt recently presented a handsome wickerwork basket, four feet high."



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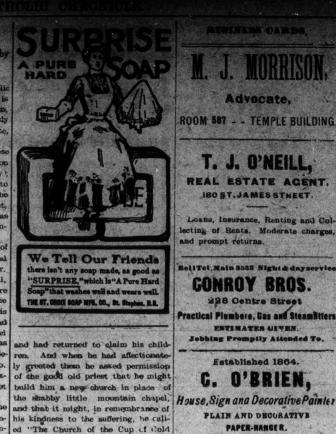
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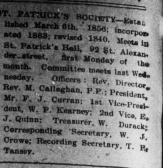
gree of Docteur en Droit. The sub-ject chosen for his thesis by M. Bechaux is one of interest to all Irish-men, viz: "The Irish Land Question at the beginning of the 20th Cen-tury." M. Bechaux made the Irish land question the object of deep study, not merely in books and documents, but by visiting Ireland and examining the question thoroughly on the spot. As the result of his stu-dies and observations, he presented to the Board of Examiners in Law a book of nearly 500 pages, divided into four parts.

In the first part he gives a history of the Land Question up to 1901. In the second part he treats of the division and occupation of landed property, of the conditions of agricultural laborers, and of the congested districts. In the third part he plains the Land Act of 1902, and shows the results it has produced up the

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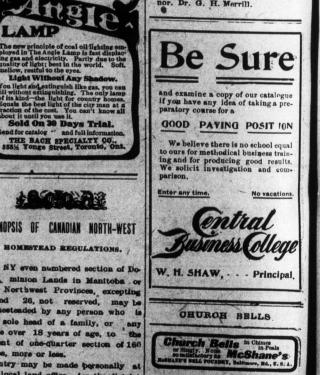
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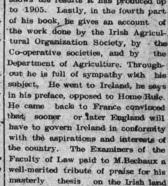


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