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THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

"To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God ; but to the rest in par-ables ; that seeing, they may not see, and hear ing, they may not understand." (St. Luke vill. 9.) THE CHOSEN FEW

Go to the raging sea, and say, 'Be still ! Bid the wild, lawless winds obey your will : Preach to the storm and reason with despair But tell not Misery's son that life is fair." These are very important words No, do not tell Misery's son that life which we should lay deeply to heart. Their meaning opens out the more we study them, and we would do well to is fair to others while it is so deeply sad to him, unless you can speak to spend a little time in finding out whether we come under the condemna

him, at the same time, of that other life where all will be compensated, where the wicked will cease from tion or not. Let me try to assist you in troubling, where the weary will rest, where the mourner, who has gone on Our Lord was a personage that was where the mourner, who has gold on his earthly way weeping, will see his sorrow turned into joy, and the parted ones will meet again in the light of God's presence. There are lives on which, without these thoughts, without constantly surrounded by crowds of men and women who were impelled towards Him by many and various motives. His famehad spread throughout the country, and He was regarded by all as a great man ; but all were not this faith, it would be heart-breaking to dwell. With them it is possible to equally impressed as to the kind and

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do so, and to derive benefit from it. extent of His greatness. Hence it was extent of His greatness. Hence it was that some came out of pure curiosity, some to receive a favor, while a few we may believe were led to Him by a lesire to learn from His lips a higher desire to learn from His lips a higher doctrine than any they had hitherto watched for years, and had she not, though ignorant and slow of apprehen sion, fully appreciated such consola-Now, with such a motley gathering always around Him, our Lord could not tion, it would have been as easy to say to the raging sea, "Be still !" as to but speak cautiously on subjects so new and difficult to be understood by His have calmed her grief ; as wise to have preached to the storm as to have told hearers. He was only carrying out His own cammand, "Give not that that child of sorrow that life could ever be fair to her. She inhabited one of which is holy to dogs : neither cast ye your pearls before swine." Our Lord the poorest cottages in a village where I once lived. Her husband was a com-mon laborer. She was herself a hardin thus acting only did what was reasonable as well as merciful. He working, hard-featured person, tall acted reasonably in that it would have and bony, with a sallow complexion been the height of folly for Him to use and a heavy, projecting brow. Her appearance was anything but prewords above the native understanding of the majority, who would estimate His teaching as the babbling of one not possessing at first sight, but to my mind there was an expression in her wholly in his mind. He acted merciface which redeemed its plainness. The smile was pleasing though sad. I fully because He thereby freed them from the penalty attached to the nonused to meet her carrying heavy pails fulfilment of their duty learned in these of water, and doing all kinds of fatigu-ing work, but it was some time before discourses ; for not plainly being told the will of God, they could not be we made acquaintance. At the village brought to account for any neglect in school I had often noticed her daugh its carrying out. Our Lord says, "To ter-a thin, dark-eyed, intelligentyou it is given to know the mystery of looking girl of fourteen ; another, two the kingdom of God : but to the rest in or three years older, lived also at home. The former seemed only deli-cate; the latter, pale and sickly. parables." Here we have the antithe-The "you" refers directly to the Apostles, and indir-Both had a melancholy expression of ectly to all who are in the same condicountenance, and when the younger By left off going to school they seemed to the "rest" are to be understood those keep aloof from every one.

who are either antagonistic to the One day I called on the mother. divine word, or who are too steeped in She was, as usual, hard at work scrubb sin and ignorance of anything nobler ing the floor, but she stopped in order than pandering to the wants of the body and the demands of the passions, to talk to me ; and this was the first of many conversations I had with her. to be prepared to receive the revelation It was not, however, from herself I learnt that her marriage was an unthat God makes of Himself and of our obligations to Him. Yes, brethren, the heart and the intellect must be in a happy one; that she had suffered much from her husband's unkindness. suitable condition before we may expect Others told me so. He used to go away and remain absent for days, to benefit from anything that God makes known regarding Himself or spending his money in drink, and, when he was penniless, came home. How she managed to live and to sup port her daughters was a wonder. To be sure, she was never idle for a Man of his own natural powers cannot effect anything. In order for us to rise to the supernatural, we need the assistance of the Holy Spirit, whose work it is to fill our minds with super moment, and there was hardly any sort of work she did not accept. She natural thought and desires, and with told me that her girls were not strong enough to go to service. They were clever with their needle, but it was not our individual co operation to accom-

plish in us whatever God has designed from all eternity. The Apostle St. James tells us that "Every best gift and often that they got any sewing to do. What they were fond of was fancy every perfect gift is from above," and surely there can be no more best and work, and they were trying to obtain employment from a shopkeeper in the perfect gift than the divine whisper-ings of the Spirit of God. This is the neighboring town. I enquired if they were at home. reason why the vast mass of mankind

"No," she answered ; "they had gone out for a walk." And then, with some hesitation, she opened the door of the things pertaining to the soul. a tiny back room behind the kitchen, and said, "They calls this their own room," and then added, "You see, they likes to be by themselves." They seldom or never hear the voice of God or conscience, instructing them as to the means of salvation, or illuminat ing their minds for a clearer and I looked in, and was struck with the effort that had been made, with the

is not hard to place in the hands of those who have no prospect of enjoy ing them descriptions of all the beau ties of nature and art, to awaken longing that cannot be satisfied, and excite tastes that will never be gratified. I think it is very hard, unless we re-mind them at the same time that eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man to conceive what God has prepared of beauty and of bliss in heaven for those who

love Him. Yes, the thought of heaven ! With it the laborer in the dark mine or the dweller in the foulest alley may read, without envy or despondency, of the most enchanting scenes on earth. Without it, how can he help feeling what a speaker expressed, a short time ago, at a meeting of Communists some-where abroad? "Gentlemen," he said, addressing the freethinkers around him, "you have done away with hell, and we thank you for it; but you have also taken away from us heaven, and we mean to scramble for to enjoy. The charms of very lovely scenery were within their reach. From their cottage door they looked on woods and fields, the distant glimpses of the blue sea. Wild flowers decked the pathways they trod - in the spring a shower of white and pink blossoms, in the summer no end of roses, in the autumn the gold and purple of gorse and heather, in the winter an abund ance of coral berries : and always luxuriant evergreens deckel the cottage gardens, and adorned the nooks and corners of their native village. They may have had many happy hours which no one knew of but themselves, and now they lie side by side in the churchyard !

I had planned to improve my acquaintance with my poor friend's children; to direct their reading into a channel which would counteract morbid tendencies ; to lead them to appreciate more than they appeared to do their mother's unwearied devotion to them ; but before I returned to the place, which I was then leaving for some time, God had removed them from this world. Within a few days of each other both died of a fever. They had received the last sacraments.

and peacefully breathed their last. can never forget my first visit to the cottage after my return. The look of that mother's face-it was strange that what had been so sad before could be yet sadder. She did not speak at first, but led me to the door of their room, and threw it open. Nothing in it had been altered. The books were in the been altered. The books were in the same place, the unfinished fancy work lying on the sofa, dead flowers in the jar.

"I think I see them," she said, "when I look at their bits of things. They was not happy here, poor lambs. hope they be in heaven now; but I misses them day and night. There misses them day and night. seems, you see, nothing to live for now The room remained in the same state

until some time afterwards, when the house, being deemed unsafe, had to be pulled down, and the tenants moved to another cottage. During my brief sojourn in the neighborhood I often saw the broken-hearted mother. TO BE CONTINED.

The Age of Fads.

We in Canada have hitherto been comparatively free from the wild theories of would be social reformers. Practically exempt alike from the the millionaire and the

A HINT TO THE HEADS OF FAMILIES.

No one who observes the behavior o mankind can be surprised at any man ifestation of inconsistency. It is only when something monstrously antagonistic in theory and practice is brough to our notice that we are constrained to exclaim, "Consistency, thou art a jewel!" The tendency is to become indifferent regarding anything that is common. We regulate by law the sale of gunpowder, the administration of poison, because these things are likely to cause destruction of property and to endanger life; but we are utterly endanger life ; but we careless of dangerous reading which is calculated to undermine character, up root faith, destroy virtue and ruin immortal souls. The power for evil exerted by the press is incalculable how inefficient are the measures taken to cure it. There are disorders which can be cured only by the moral sense of the public ; and the one of which we write is likely to increase, for the rea the good things of earth, as there is nothing to look forward to beyond it." The poor girls I was speaking of discussed everywhere nowadays would were not, however, debarred from some not have been permitted to pass of the pleasures which reading helps us through the mails twenty five years ago.

But, whatever may be the public standard of morality, Catholics can have no excuse for "doing as the rest of people." The principles by which they are bound to regulate their lives are unalterable. If a book or a news paper is an occasion of sin it has to be given up or let alone, no matter how popular it may be. As Bishop Hedley observes in a recent pastoral: "You can not read about, dwell upon, or en tertain in your heart and thought, any scene, description, sentiment or feel-ing, which it would be wrong to put into act, or which urges and leads to sinful act. All such reading and in dulgence of the imagination is sinful either because they set up sinful thinking, or because they lead to sinful acts,

or for both reasons." At a season when recreation is largely confined to reading, it behoves the heads of families to examine into the sort of literture that comes to their homes. No father or mother with the least sense of responsibility would allow a child to associate with criminals And yet the secular papers, which are accessible to the youngest members of the family, are filled with reports of all sorts of crimes. In many cases these reports are so detailed as to corrupt the minds of youthful readers and incite them to acts of immorality. As for books, some of the most popular are at least dangerous reading. Parents who prefer to have their sons and daughters "unspotted from the world" than followers of its fashions will banish all such literature from their homes as they would exclude criminals. If it be dishonorable and demoralizing to associate with dissolute men and women it is certainly to no one's credit or profit to form their acquaintance in books and newspapers which reveal their corrupt minds and describe their shameful deeds. - Ave Maria.

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According to the opinion of physicians our body changes itself-wastes away and is renewed-in the course of every seven years, so that a person who should live to be seventy, would have built up his physical frame work and lost it not less than ten times. Yet he could remember in his old age events that happened to him when he was a boy. Now, how could this be, unless his perishable body by means of its senses conveyed the knowledge of them

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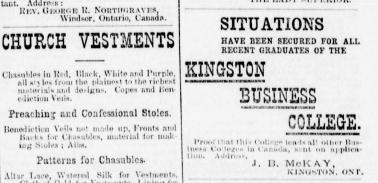
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larger grasp of the truths of our holy faith. They always appear to be smallest possible means, to give to this stupid and indifferent on any subject little room an appearance of refine ment. The walls were ingeniously not having a direct reference to the things of this life. This, brethern, papered with a variety of odds and betrays a sickly state of our spiritual ends, and ornamented with prints cut We who are born again by out of newspapers and framed with colored paper. There was no fire place, but before the small-paned window hung a curtain made with faded pink and white gauze. On the the waters of regeneration and nour-ished by the other sacraments of the Catholic Church, and possessing so many helps for attaining to a high de-gree of sanctity, should, if we use table several books were arranged in them rightly and persistently, rise day nice order, and in the centre of it by day to a clearer and fuller percepstood a jar filled with flowers. Some fancy work and bits of embroidered tion of the divine mysteries, till we come after death to the perfect and muslin were lying on a green, faded, three legged sofa. Poor as were the omplete vision of God in Paradise. There is no excuse for us. If we do three legged sola. For as were the attempts at beautifying this tiny sit-ting room, they had succeeded in giv-ing it an appearance quite out of character with the wretched abode to which it belonged. The mother said not co operate with the grace of God, then we shall share the lot of those of whom it is said, "But he that hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath."

to me, in a tone that was half compla-Enters a Convent.

cent and half apologetic : "You see they be like that. It pleases them to make things look gen-Miss Ruth Burnett, of Boston, who is eel. 1 should not mind it if they was connected with some of the most promhappy. But they do want to go away inent families in that city, and who was converted to the Church about a and keep a shop somewhere together They be not happy here, poor lambs vear ago, received the veil at the Convent of the Sacred Heart in they was always tenderlike, so to say My eldest daughter she married a Albany, last Thursday. Miss Burnett is an intimate friend of Mrs. President soldier, and has been gone from me these many years. She is now in India. But these girls mope, you see : Cleveland, and stands very high in her esteem, so much so that "Baby Ruth" was named after her. Mrs. Cleveland was invited to attend

they are ashamed at home. they are ashamed at home." She did not say of what they were ashamed. Was it of their drunken father, or their poor, illiterate, hard-working mother? I know not; but the ceremonies at the convent by Miss Burnett, and wrote a most pleasing letter of acknowledgment wishing her there was a sort of desponding tender-ness in that mother's love which went much peace and happiness in her religious work, and expressed great pleasure that she had found joy and to my heart. I tried to make friends with the girls, and found them shy and reserved. I heard that they were

attentive to their religious duties, and very fond of reading. They had Dyspepsia seldom causes death, but per-mits its victims to live on in misery. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures dyspepsia and all stomach troubles perused over and over again all the books in the little village lending.

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him to school is all gone, yet the studies that he made, the games that pauper, our economic conditions have little in them to encourage the blatant doctrinaire who seeks to abolish social ills by tearing down the whole fabric of society and rebuilding it after his own plan. The vagaries of Henry George and other Socialists have there fore attracted but slight notice on our side of the line. It was not to be expected, however, that with the air of Europe and the United States sur-charged with Socialism we could long

escape the infection. In point of fact Georgeism has been advocated in a desultory manner by a popular Canadian writer for some years past. Lately it has been taken up regularly and systematically by a journal pub lished at Hamilton, Ontario, and and devoted ostensibly to the cause of tem-perance. It it a regretable fact that outside of the Church many of the most zealous temperance workers evince a strong predisposition towards crankiness and an inclination to adopt all manner of fads. Such a disposition on their part can only redound to the discredit and the injury of the temperance cause. Many of Rs friends will hold aloof from it rather than give indirect aid to the odious " new woman " movement and to Socialism. And of all the theories that should seem to us repugnant to the Canadian people, Georgeism, we should think, ought to be most so. Canadians are pre-eminently a people who own their own land; and any system that proclaims that for this reason they are robbers who ought to be despoiled — that the ground from which the country farmer by the labor of his own and his sons' hands ekes out a far from luxurious living for his family should be taken from him by the Government - ought to, and will, have little countenance from sensible Canadians.-Antigonish

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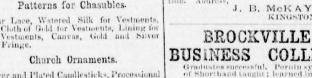
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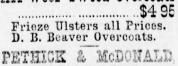
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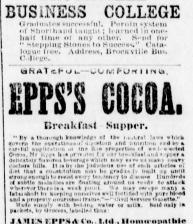
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