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THE SOCIAL LIFE.**ARE THERE NOT SOME SNOBS
AMONGST US?**

**Catholic Churches Are Not Social Clubs.
Priests Have No Social Position—Catholics Are Unsocial Among Themselves.**

[Written for the *Catholic Mirror*.]

The next Catholic Congress will devote itself entirely to social topics—social topics which in various forms have shaken the world since the time of Moses; but there is one social topic that is too delicate to be handled; and that is, the social relations of Catholics of a congregation—I presume we may say "parish" now—with one another.

We know that the main strength of non-Catholic religious organizations lies in the strengthening of the social side of their "church relations." Every minister understands that thoroughly. He does not imagine that his eloquence will hold his flock together, nor the beautiful prayers he addresses to them, nor his choir, nor his services of song, nor his Thursday evening meeting. He does not depend on dogma; for to his congregation dogma is

A word of fear
Unpleasant to the pampered ear."

Therefore he must depend on the interlinking of the social chains. He succeeds in proportion to the skill with which he does this. Mr. Lyman Abbott, for instance—Mr. Beecher's successor in Plymouth Church—has succeeded in a most difficult position, because he knows the management of the social wires.

But the Catholic churches are not social clubs. And so far as careful and complete organization is concerned, nothing can exceed the perfection of organization within Jesuit congregations. We have all observed the care with which the Fathers of the Society—God bless them—will create a parish out of nothing and make it flourish through all difficulties. A priest has no time for the little social attentions which occupy so many of the hours of the minister and the minister's wife. Besides, he cannot dine with one member of his congregation, except on special occasions, without exciting the criticisms of the rest of his people.

There is an impression in Catholic congregations that the poor man's corn beef and cabbage is just as good as the rich man's *pate de foie gras*. And the priest must accept this unless he is willing to cause much heart-burning and dissatisfaction.

The consequence is that, from motives of prudence, a priest with every grace of mind and charm of manner must stay at home a great deal. For in this country there is nothing that the body of Catholics resent so much as any seeming partiality on the part of their pastor for the rich. A priest with us has no social position; he is everybody's equal and everybody's superior.

The priest, then, is powerless to rattle the social dry-bones into life as the ministers do. Whatever can be done must be done by the people themselves. Do they do enough of it? Would it add to the strength and the influence of the faith in this country if more of it were done? And how can it be done?

There is a constant complaint that Catholics are unsocial among themselves. There is a constant complaint that good young men and young women drift away from us because they are frozen out of their proper environment. There

is a constant complaint that, while there is the greatest equality in our churches, we are devoted more to the worship of caste outside of them than any other class of people. "God and myself," the sarcastic say, is our motto—and that our neighbours are only helped by us when they are entirely trodden down by the world; that we have no room for equals, and that we are merely tolerant to inferiors. This is not true, but it has an appearance of truth. In Brooklyn once a colored man took a long time in blacking my boots, and it occurred to me that I might do a little evangelizing, in order to distract his mind from the vastness of the work he had undertaken and to strengthen my patience, but he settled me. "If you Catholics," he said, "would make as much of us outside your churches as you do when you go in 'em, you might catch some of us."

There is no analogy between old Ned's speech and the subject in hand—it only reflects a feeling that is common—a feeling that we kneel together at the same altar rail and in the same pew, and then "cut one another dead" outside. Who, for instance, is so adept in the social art of freezing as the eminent woman in a congregation who has a grandfather she is not afraid to acknowledge?—or whose husband can afford to set up a brougham—or who is well received in that Protestant circle for whose recognition so many "fool women" long?

"I'd rather be
Gentlely damned beside a Duke,
Than saved in vulgar company!"

Are there not women in Chicago who, if it were not for certain scruples, would reflect this sentiment where the affable Mrs. Potter Palmer is concerned? And pious creatures in New York who feel that heaven would be hardly heaven without dear Mrs. Van Rousevelt, who sometimes looks in at the sewing society, where frightful flannel garments are manufactured for unknown Catholic children? Have we, in fact, not a great many snobs with us?

MAURICE FRANCIS EGAN.

The C. Y. M. Society.

The Catholic Young Men's Society intends to provide for its members a fully equipped building containing an academic hall, gymnasium, library and reception rooms, in which courses of scientific and other lectures can be given. The organizing committee has been formed and a suitable location will shortly be selected.

The Immigration Agency.

Mr. John Hoolahan has been appointed Dominion immigration agent in Montreal in succession to the late Mr. Daley. Mr. Hoolahan has been employed in the immigration office for a long time, understands the duties he is to discharge, and by his past work is recognized to have earned his promotion.

Another Form—"That goes without saying," said Miss Z., in the course of a conversation. "Yes," replied Miss X., of Boston; "it perambulates without articulation."

When is an omnibus the safest place in a thunderstorm? When it has a good conductor.

"What is the first thing you would do, Jones, if you were stung by a wasp?" ask Smith, who had been reading an article on the treatment of stings. "Howl," replied Jones solemnly.

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The Sale Commences on
Tuesday Morning, January 3rd

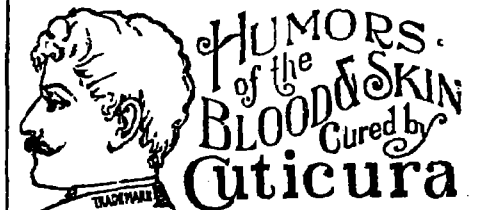
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"I want a dog's muzzle," said a little fellow entering a hardware shop. "Is it for your father?" asked the cautious shopkeeper. "No, of course it ain't," replied the little fellow indignantly; "it's for our dog."

Why is the Prince of Wales contemplating his mother's Government like a rainbow? Because its the son's reflection on a steady reign.

"My dear doctor," said a lady, "I suffer a great deal with my eyes." "Be patient, madam," replied he, "you would probably suffer a great deal more without them."