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A QUESTION.

Asks the Catholic Fortnightly Review: “Would the Catholic Church suffer severely in prestige if a considerable number of those who call themselves Catholics, now holding various state, city and national offices, were relegated to private life?” We think not.

In every community there are individuals whose idea of ante-nuptial courtship is that it must be prolonged indefinitely. Some of them began to keep company in pre-historic times.

THE AVERAGE YOUNG MAN.

Some time ago we read that the characteristics of the average young man are those of a healthy young animal endowed with an attenuated soul.

THE LONG DISTANCE COURTSHIP.

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SOME ABUSES.

The interest manifested in Father Graham's article, in the May number of the Ecclesiastical Review, on “Some Abuses,” is proof that the writer is not beating the air.

OTHER TO DISPLAY THE GROSSEST FORMS OF VICE OR THE MOST PAINFUL AND LOATHSOME SCENES OF WRETCHEDNESS AND CRIME.

7. Poems and fables which, under the name of histories are penned to enkindle the most inflammable passions in our nature. 8. Books which, under pretence of encouraging virtue, defy vice, foment and strengthen that passion which is the chief spring of every other.

THE ORGAN-MASTER.

Within the golden pipes sweet notes unnumbered in silence slumbered Until the organ-master, with caressing hands, Gentle as love commands, Wakened each sleeping tone.

RATHER DISCOURAGING.

It is strange that some Catholics get, when they acquire a position, the habit of speaking with bated breath. They become circumspect, prudent to the verge of cowardice.

THE SIGN OF A GOOD CATHOLIC.

A good Catholic is loyal to authority. They who have caused and cause us the greatest trouble are the worldly-minded Catholics—the trimmers who place themselves in the first and God in the second place.

BAD BOOKS AND NEWSPAPERS.

THEIR EVIL INFLUENCE—THE TASTE FOR IMMORAL FICTION—A BISHOP'S WARNING TO HIS FLOCK.

ANOTHER CANADIAN NOVELIST.

The name of Dr. William J. Fischer is already well and favorably known to a wide circle of readers in Canada and the United States.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

A recent convert is the Rev. C. I. Smith, formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Charleston, S. C. St. Paul's is a congregation made up of colored men and their families who earned their freedom before the war.

With regard to dances he says that in a dangerous matter like this the only safe course is to avoid beginnings. He scores the minstrel show jokes that are reminiscent of the cheap and malodorous stage. He bans popular contests especially among the clergy. He arraigns the custom of having intoxicants at functions to raise church revenue.

WE ARE, TRUTH TO SAY, NOT EAGER TO GET OUT OF THE RUT SO FAR AS MEANS FOR CHURCH REVENUE ARE CONCERNED.

Each day during the winter, picnics in summer, with occasionally a lecture on Robert Emmet exhaust our resources. There are certain people who are not wearied to death by this type of entertainment, but there are others who would be interested in things with a dash of mentality in them.

THE SUPPRESSION OF VICE HAS NOW IN HIS HANDS LETTERS FROM HUNDREDS, PERHAPS THOUSANDS, OF THE UNHAPPY BOYS AND GIRLS WHO HAVE ANSWERED THESE UNFORTUNATELY FOUL ADVERTISEMENTS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

The publication of these letters, if he chose to publish them, would ruin the writers for life. The parent who admits any of these satanic sheets into his house is a murderer.

“YOU MAY WANT THAT BLESSING YET.”

Writing in the Irish Monthly of the “hurry-out Catholic” who hastens from the Church before all is over, the venerable Father Matthew Russell asks the question: “How does he employ the time that he thus saves so carefully?”

“A VERY ACTIVE PROFESSIONAL MAN BROKE DOWN IN HEALTH AND CAME UP TO CONSULT THE DUBLIN PHYSICIANS.”

He and his son attended Mass in one of the Dublin churches. At the end of the Holy Sacrifice, while the altar was being prepared for Benediction several persons went away without waiting for that beautiful and solemn rite.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA HAS JUST MADE HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP HOWLEY OF ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., PRESIDENT OF ITS LITERARY SECTION, AND MGR. LAFAMME, RECTOR OF LAVAL, PRESIDENT OF ITS GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

This is a high compliment and richly deserved in both cases. The scholarly prelate who is Metropolitan of St. John's, in the ancient Colony, has long since secured his passports to the realms of literature. His habit of mind and literary style, resemble those of his great friend and classmate, the late Archbishop O'Brien.

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