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A Catholic holding a public office can't represent the Catholics if he doesn't read a Catholic paper. Vote in a better man.

Belleville, Ont.—At Bancroft, in this county, on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Spargo delivered a scathing rebuke to some young men who were playing cards in church during the service. The young men belonged to respectable families in the village.

It may be that if they had gone to sleep, their snoring might awaken the balance of the congregation.

Archbishop William H. O'Connell, of Boston, is preparing for a second visit to Japan, and will start for Tokyo early in the new year to become another factor in the important diplomatic events that are changing the world's relations with the empires of the East.

Prepared to devote the remainder of her life to nursing and cheering victims of the most dreaded of human afflictions, Sister Marcella, for five years head of the dispensary at St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, has gone to join the little community of Sisters of Charity who have charge of the leper home near New Orleans.

Mr. John Delaney, one of the survivors of the Papal Guards, who went to the aid of the Pope at the time of the invasion of the States of the Church by Garibaldi, died recently in St. Mary's Hospital, Brooklyn, N.Y., at the age of 74 years.

A Catholic who tells you, "I don't read a Catholic paper," is apt to have a son who will say, "I don't go to church."

The death is reported from Newtownbutler, County Fermanagh, Ireland, of Mrs. Catherine Kiernans, claimed to be Ireland's oldest inhabitant. She had attained the remarkable age of 113 years, 80 of which she spent on a lonely island Lough Erne.

Master Francis Fitzgerald, a four year-old boy from Dublin, whose grandmother, Mrs. Fitzgerald, is a widow of a wealthy South African mine owner, offered the Pope for his jubilee fifty chalices, fifty ostensoriums and fifty pixes of silver.

A brass plate, bearing the following inscription, has been placed in one of the walls of St. Peter's Church, Aungler street, Dublin, in the neighborhood of what recent excavations seem to prove to be the Emmet family vault:—

In connection with the stay of Sir Thos. Esmonde, at present in Rome, where he is discharging his duties as one of the Pope's Chamberlains, it is interesting to note that Lady Esmonde, who is with her husband, has been made the medium for the presentation to the Pope of a

number of presents from many Irish ladies in recognition of the Jubilee of His Holiness. The presents include beautiful vestments worked in Irish convents, and lace, and in addition an illuminated album containing 20,000 names of subscribers.

The Irish writer and scholar, Mr. Patrick H. Pearse, has recently resigned his Professorship of Irish at University College, Dublin, and his Secretaryship to the Gaelic League Publication Committee, to become the founder of a high school for boys on "Irish revival" lines, with the adoption of bilingual teaching methods in all its courses.

The Bishop of Kerry on a recent Sunday laid the foundation stone of the work which has been started for the completion of Killarney Cathedral. The work consists of the extension of the nave and aisles and the completion of the tower and the addition of a spire.

In the course of an address recently in his Cathedral Church, the Bishop of Waterford said that during his recent audience with the Pope, His Holiness made particular inquiry regarding the two most important points of temperance and education.

appeared before men.

One Woman's Opinion of Mixed Marriages.

I am a Catholic wife of a non-Catholic husband, and consequently in a position to fully realize the dangers to which a Catholic who contracts such a marriage is exposed, not only as regards her happiness, but also as regards her Faith.

The religious training of the majority of non-Catholics to-day is either nil or so indefinite and haphazard as to be useless as a practical guide to conduct.

A Catholic girl marries a non-Catholic man. We will suppose the husband to be a fairly good Protestant, who believes in God and in the authenticity of the Bible.

It is not too many saints in the world and the average, conceited, hot-tempered human being hasn't his or her tongue or temper under very good control.

Here are some of the "arguments" the non-Catholic husband will use and which will prove a constant irritant to the Catholic wife: the Protestant nations are progressive; the Catholic nations retrogressive; the Catholic Church likes to keep the people in ignorance; during the Middle Ages men were tortured and burned if they dared to express an original opinion; the Irish are quarrelsome, improvident, untidy, and too much given to drink; the Spaniards, ignorant, bigoted, and unbelievably cruel; the French (whom all consider Catholics when speaking of their undesirable qualities, but non-Catholic when speaking of their progressiveness), are frivolous and immoral.

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reader is bound to conclude from his desultory reading that the general run of Catholics are ignorant, superstitious, simple-minded folk who believe all their crafty priests tell them. This feeling will surely be there and it will crop out occasionally without provocation; and the Catholic wife will arouse it many times by taking up the gauntlet in defence of the Faith unnecessarily or in an unwise manner.

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himself, "I will not serve." Picture a conscientious Catholic married to such a man and loving him devotedly. She realizes that his ignorance of the Faith is rendered sinful by the pride and rebellion which keep him from bending the knee to God.

The majority of the young men to-day outside of the Church have such lax notions on many questions of morality that she finds out the true state of her husband's mind. He will consider his own view the broad-minded, liberal one, and think his wife narrow, unreasonable, and a goody-goody if she disagrees with him.

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The chances for happiness of a good Catholic girl who marries a fallen-away Catholic seem to me very slight also. Don't be fooled, girls, by that world-old fallacy that you can do anything with a man if he loves you.

And if, in the pride of your heart, thinking you will be able to inspire a nobler and more self-sacrificing love than other women do, you marry a man with the expectation of changing his ideas after marriage, you will repent that pride in bitterness of soul.

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