

Editorial Notes.

A few times lately we read in the daily papers an account of the murder of some of our American teachers in the Philippines which surely goes to show that they are not very acceptable to the Filipinos, yet no one speaks of removing them from the Islands. The Friars, it is alleged are not acceptable persons, therefore they must go. But if they would remove all that are not acceptable, we think all the American soldiers and civil officers would be compelled to leave. To all who are not convinced of the justice of the cause of the Friars we would strongly recommend the paper of Father Wynne, S.J., entitled "The Friars Must Stay," in the Sacred Heart Messenger for August, and also published separately in book form.

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The two appointments recently made by the Holy Father are of great significance to the children of Carmel. Cardinal Gotti, who was appointed Prefect of the Propaganda, and as such has charge of ecclesiastical affairs in our country, is himself a son of Carmel. His father was a poor dock laborer of Genoa. He donned the Carmelite habit when he was yet a boy and benefitted the order by his great learning and piety. Although invested with the purple, he still continues to live the ascetic life of a Friar, as if he were in his cell. Cardinal Vincent Vanutelli, who was appointed Prefect of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars, and Regular Discipline, is the Protector of the Carmelite Order and has always shown it much favor and good will. Both of these Cardinals have been spoken of as the probable successors of Leo XIII, but then the choice does not rest with man, and we will only know when the present Pope is no longer, whom Divine Providence has selected for the most important position ever occupied by man.

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Some persons, even among prominent Catholics, seem to think that the Catholics have no cause of complaint regarding the schools of the Philippines, as most of the teachers employed in the Islands are Catholics. But why are not

all Catholic teachers since they are all Catholics. Why is the priest excluded from the school room? It means the establishment of the public schools there, those hot-beds of crime to teach the children atheism and immorality. We have more than sufficient cause in our own country for complaint in the cause of the schools and education. Just the other day the State Superintendent of the schools of New York removed the sisters who were teaching the public school at Lima, N.Y., not because their teaching was deficient, not because they abused the children, not because they were accused of some crime, but simply because they wore a "religious garb," and tried to instill in the minds of the children some idea of religion and morality. And that Catholics, besides paying twenty million dollars for their own schools, should be compelled to support the public schools, is anything but just. We wish there were no cause of complaint for the Catholics at home or in the Philippines, but at present there are too many. And the Catholics will never remove them by keeping silent and trusting in the equity of the American government, but by strenuously defending their rights and demanding their privileges of American citizenship. It was a pleasure to see the Federation of Catholic Societies make a beginning in this line.

Petitions Asked For.

The following petitions are recommended to the charitable prayers of our readers:

That several men may abstain from intoxicating drinks; for a son addicted to drink and careless in his religious duties; a happy death for one whose mind is deranged; the conversion of a nephew; two temporal favors; three special intentions; that a sick person may recover her health.

When we cease to learn we cease to be interesting.—Bishop Spalding.