(Continued from page 2) children consecrate themselves to God. in which I worked most of my so-call- Bones." converts to the Catholic church. Hence

give up happy American homes to she may be heard from. live and die oblation to charity, doing

RELIGIOUS DEBATE self participated in, while in the con- hold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I TACK UPON THE CELIBACY OF it counsels it especially for those who

who enter convents possess great talents, some large fortunes; some are

WHAT DO THE PURE MINDED dead mother and adoring that picture

who enter convents possess great talbetween kissing the picture of a dear
he would have us imitate him in this
of history that the monks and clergy gross ignorance or total depravity ARGUMENT? Because a priest was to enlighten him. alone can account for the assertion met at the depot by a carriage driven WHAT VALUE MAY A TRUTH that these refined, talented, heroic by some lady, Phelps wishes the mind SEEKING READER PLACE UPON women are enslaved by servile obed- of the reader to travel with his own PHELP'S ARGUMENT BASED ON ience to priests to become or after- ugly paths. If I am not greatly mis- COR. 9-5 that "This woman was . . ward remain "dupes, ignorant victims taken, Phelps has been telling this his wife or Peter was running around of a system." Not ignorance, nor Lebanon stery for many years. The the country with another woman" etc. human disappointment, nothing but fact is that one of the former promi- Of course no one would expect preach- are eunuchs who have made themdivine love and charity could induce nent business men of that city used er Phelps to know what St. Jerome, an heiress to millions like Miss Cath- to send one of his family to meet the the greatest biblical scholar since the erine Drexel to give up society, fash- priest at the depot when that place time of the Apostles expressly stated: ion, fortune, to work among negro was attended as a mission from Al- (Contra Jovinian 1-14) that the text children in the south; or the daughter bany, therefore Phelps uses the real refers to the holy women who, accordof a Nathaniel Hawthorne to become or supposed conversation to blacken ing to Jewish custom, adopted by a convert, then a Sister, nursing can- the character both of the clergyman Christ himself, followed their religcer patients, thus exchanging the and the lady. The lady in question, lous master about, and ministered to perfume of wealth and society for the is at this time living in Portland, so his wants. (Matt. xxvii. 55). if Phelps will become a little more DOES THIS INDICATE HON-

so for any motive except love of God OLICS DO WORSHIP METAL IM- Davey please prove that John and and suffering humanity; and knowing AGES" DO SANE PEOPLE FIND that their deeds are written in heaven, IN THIS EXTRACT FROM A CATHin His heart who promised that not OLIC BOOK: "Before thy loving a cup of cold water given in His name image? 'Tis truest joy to kneel." To shall be without reward? What then preacher Phelps, this is another "unshall we say unmanly men and un-answerable argument" for if memory natural women who outrageously serves me correctly he has repeated slander the sisters of mercy and it at least half a dozen times. Did cording to this, I suppose that only charity? What shall we say of per- the undersigned or any instructed sons organizations, churches that co- Catholic, ever deny that we show reverence to the pictures and representa-WHAT DO NORMAL MINDED tions of Christ and those especially PEOPLE THINK OF THIS PREACH- dear to Him; not for what these pic-ER WHO INSISTS UPON USING tures ARE but for what they repre-THE "TESTIMONY" OF A WOMAN sent? "Before THY loving image" WHO IN PRINT OPENLY ACK- who is here addressed? The Divine NOWLEDGED HERSELF A FALSI- Saviour of course, even a half witted FIER, as stated in my previous letter person can see this. The same sentiwherein I said: "The truth loving ment that prompts a patriot soon to public may judge the veracity of this die for his country to kneel lovingly woman from the following: After hav- and kiss the flag for what it repreing poured out her unspeakable lies sents, inspires us to kneel devoutly from a handred platforms which in before an image or picture of our many cases, were pulpits in so-called crucified Christ. To give this preachchurches, after besmirching the at- er still more "unanswerable evidence mosphere with tales of immoralities I reproduce herewith an official Cathshe claimed to have witnessed, and olic prayer composed precisely to be according to Phelp's letter, had her- lovingly said before the crucifix: Be-

statements in a book she contradicted cast myself on my knees, and with on this subject: The priests is re- Lord. For the one inclined to drunkeverything that she had said before.

As a devout admirer and sympathiz-These religious women are the dear As a devout admirer and sympathizimpress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with more closely and attain to higher perwill answer total abstinence. In the daughters, close blood relations, loved er with Lucretia, Elizabeth Schoffen, true repentance for my sins, and a fection; and (2) to give his undivided light of actual facts apply this to the friends of the Catholic people. Who Mr. Phelps no doubt, has her book firm desire of amendment, while with attention to the work of God and of celibate Catholic clergy and the marthen can measure the depths of blind- entitled "The Demands of Rome." On deep affection and grief of soul I ponness, stupidity and criminal malice in page sixteen of that book, he will der within myself and mentally conthe above statement. It is true that find this illuminating statement: "I template Thy five most precious some of the young ladies who become have no tale of immorality to tell, as wounds; having before my eyes that Sisters are from humbier walks of the order of which I was a member of which David spake in prophecy; married; virgins are represented life; whose parents are devout re- was what may be classed as one of "They pierced my Hands and My (Revel. XIV, 4, 5) as following the ligious people, happy to see their the "open orders" and the institutions Feet; they have numbered all My

most modern operated by the Roman cept Phelps cannot see the difference and he tells us (1 Cor. VII, 7-8) that WHAT DO THE PURE MINDED dead mother and adoring that picture particular. In Math. XIX, 29, Christ

house' and he capitalizes "own". Acsaying "what is home without a moth HOW WILL PURE MINDED PER-SONS LOOK UPON PHELP'S VIC-IOUS AND OFT-REPEATED AT

Can you imagine the Sisters who explict in his statement about her, ESTY OR ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT OF DOUBTFUL CUN-WHAT PROOF THAT "CATH- NING AND TRICKERY: "Will Mr. have never heard of any sincere person who denied to St. John the title of "the Virgin Disciple." To prove that John was married Phelps says: "I read about him 'going to his own married men can have a customary habitation which may be called their own house or home. Evidently Phelps would like to change the venerated

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ent, when it came to putting her most fervent desire of my soul I pray THE CLERGY? Here are a few facts are occupied with the things fo the

His procursor, John the Baptist, Lamb; Saint Paul, the model Apostle, These, however, constitute but a cered "religious career were among the If any reader of this paper exam of Christ," remained unmarried, like Maitland, (Protestant), have to THINK OF PHELP'S LEBANON as a goddess, then I give up trying says: "And everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." In the same chapter, V 12, Jesus recom mends virginity to some; "And there selves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it." Now, who should follow this recomendation if not the clergy, whom St. Paul calls "other Christs?"

Hence, whilst the Bible does not say in so many words: "Priests are not permitted to marry," It exalts virginity over marriage for those who can faithfully observe it; moreover

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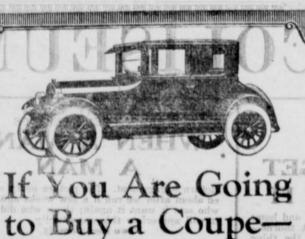
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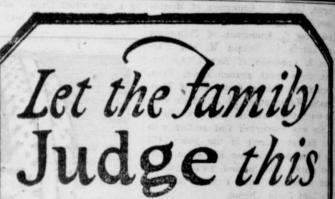
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