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Have The Writers Checked In?

Two students who wrote letters to the Bulletin during the past year are still an object of solicitude on the part of the editor. The first one wrote out his sins last fall and asked for absolution. The second sent in his last two bucks for Bengal a month ago. Neither one has come to announce his return to the Church. The editor will appreciate a note from each of them stating whether or not the writer has received the Sacraments since writing the letter. Both were in a fair way to become excellent Catholics, but both were in the dumps when they wrote. Has the atmosphere cleared, or shall we continue to pray for them?

Making The Squirrel Page.

The "squirrel page" of a newspaper is the space reserved to the prophets of the ridiculous in arts and letters, religion and science. The pronouncements of the Federal Council of Churches on such moral topics as liquor and birth control always appear on the squirrel page; so do the Sunday sermons and the Kiwanis talks of the publicity-seekers among the Protestant clergy -- the men who have done most to empty the Protestant churches in this country by the disgust they create in decent, God-fearing Protestants.

The spectacular pastor of the "Community Church" in New York, John Haynes Holmes, who lost his place on the squirrel page when Gov. Roosevelt dismissed the charges against Mayor Walker, went to bat again Sunday with a list of the ten "greatest women today." He regained his place in the limelight, but he has given such excellent women as Mme. Curie, Helen Keller and Sigrid Undset grounds for libel by grouping them with Margaret Sanger, Annie Besant, Emma Goldman, and Catherine Breshkovsky. It was an ungentlemanly trick, but Dr. Holmes must have his publicity.

Speaking of squirrel page features, we are reminded of Prof. Breasted's speech at the gold medal dinner of the Holland Society last fall, when he stated that the human conscience began to function about 5000 B.C. Prof. Breasted wasn't sure whether man was 495,000 or 195,000 years old at the time, however, for he stated that the most ancient tools yet found are 500,000 years old, which figure is "cut down by some other systems of reckoning to 200,000 years." What's 300,000 years between friends?

And before we leave the matter we must recall "Song Cargo," by Bob and Ted Maier, five- and six-year-old sons of Prof. Maier, of the University of Michigan. Their book of songs is on the spring list of G. Schirmer. If Bob and Ted are writing popular songs they are at least acting their age, and that's more than we can say for most of the composers of today. But they are good squirrel page stuff -- and just think of all the suckers that will buy their book.

Father Carroll Will Preach Tonight.

Father Carroll, author of "Patch," "The Ten-God," "Round About Home," and other volumes, will preach the sermon at the May Devotions at 7:30 this evening.

Novena For Examinations.

This Novena should begin Saturday. However, those who intend to absent themselves from the University on May 30 should begin tomorrow if their absence will interfere with their reception of the Sacraments on that day.

PRAYERS: Leo and Norbert Crowe ask prayers for their father, who was killed in an auto accident Monday night. Four special intentions. Father Louin, pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Jilchovaka, died Tuesday morning.