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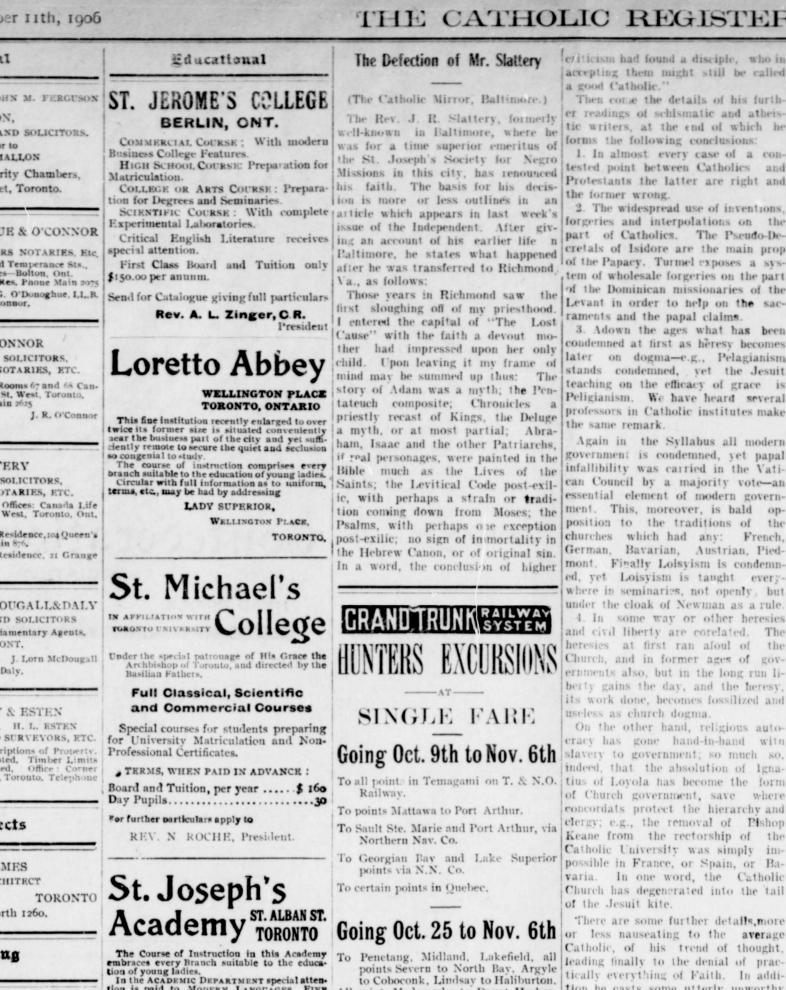
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a good Catholic.

raments and the papal claims.

the same remark.

The Defection of Mr. Slattery

(The Catholic Mirror, Baltimore.)

The Rev. J. R. Slattery, formerly well-known in Baltimore, where he was for a time superior emeritus of forms the following conclusions: the St. Joseph's Society for Negro Missions in this city, has renounced his faith. The basis for his decisthe former wrong. ion is more or less outlines in an issue of the Independent. After givafter he was transferred to Richmond.

Those years in Richmond saw the first sloughing off of my priesthood.

I entered the capital of "The Lost Cause" with the faith a devout mother had impressed upon her only child. Upon leaving it my frame of mind may be summed up thus: The

story of Adam was a myth; the Pentateuch composite; Chronicles priestly recast of Kings, the Deluge a myth, or at most partial; Abraham, Isaac and the other Patriarchs, if real personages, were painted in the ic, with perhaps a strain or tradi- essential element of modern govern- a rule, I believe they take no notice

the Hebrew Canon, or of original sin.



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erican, upon Mr. Slattery's article, Rev. William E. Starr, of Corpus For tickets and full information call Christi, says as follows:

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eriticism had found a disciple, who in ence to the work for the colored peop proportion of congenitation man

Then come the details of his furth-Protestants the latter are right and fer them at a distance.

of frenzied Exeter Hall fanatics, or such regulations.

3. Adown the ages what has been in books like those of Dr. Littledale; | These statistics, far from representcondemned at first as heresy becomes but they have done service so long ing the state of affairs worse than it later on dogma-e.g., Pelagianism and have been so often discredited is, probably minimize it somewhat, stands condemned, yet the Jesuit that no first-rate Catholic controver- for people often refuse to admit such teaching on the efficacy of grace is salist takes them seriously.

professors in Catholic institutes make one naturally looks for them to be tistics, it is probable that there are lugged in upon occasions like this, not a few of the born blind whose Again in the Syllabus all modern They are the necessary piece de resist- parent's were cousins who either are government is condemned, yet papal ence without which the feast would unaware of that fact or prefer not to Bible much as the Lives of the infallibility was carried in the Vati- have no savor. The Jesuits are quite state it in the answer to the ques-Saints; the Levitical Code post-exil- can Council by a majority vote-an able to take care of themselves. As tions as put to them.

tion coming down from Moses; the ment. This, moreover, is hald op- of such attacks as Slattery's. They its work done, becomes fossilized and and id genus omne.

On the other hand, religious auto- helpful to him in his work, 1 know the condition of affairs in this matter eracy has gone hand-in-hand with well.

"One of the most beastly attacks said. slavery to government; so much so, Catholic, of his trend of thought, decide for himself.

tations, I can promise him that the of such marriages used to arouse

accepting them might still be called ple is the offspring of a disgruntled those whose parents were cousins The percentage of the congenitally

"Mr. Slattery was and is, I am deaf is nearly three times as great er readings of schismatic and atheis- told, a very wealthy man, and he among those whose parents were coutic writers, at the end of which he spent his money without stint; but sins as among those whose parents. I have never heard that he was espec- were not. This fact has been known 1. In almost every case of a con- ially fond of personal work among the for the last ten years, and these tested point between Catholics and colored people. Northern people pre- statistics have been confirmed by investigators in other countries. In fact

"His reasons for discarding the be- it is now generally accepted that 2. The widespread use of inventions, lief in which he was brought up by these statistics with regard to the forgeries and interpolations on the his good old Irish Catholic mother greater number of these born deat part of Catholics. The Pseudo-De- have in them nothing new. They are from consanguineous marriages abso-Baltimore, he states what happened of the Benerer There is the main prop what every one who has left the Ca- lutely prove the advisability of the of the Papacy. Turmel exposes a sys- tholic Church upon alleged intellec- old ecclesiastical regulations, and detem of wholesale forgeries on the part tual grounds assigns as his reasons. monstrate only too amply how wise of the Dominican missionaries of the All the rubbish about forgeries, etc., beyond their generation were the ec-Levant in order to help on the sac- would sound well out of the mouths clesiastical authorities in making

consanguinity, and, as is stated by

Peligianism. We have heard several "The Jesuits. Oh, yes, of course, Dr. Bell in his discussion of the sta-

On this matter he says: "These would be the true percentages on the Psalms, with perhaps one exception position to the traditions of the are used to them and they know from usual assumption that the ratios in post-exilic; no sign of inemortality in churches which had any: French, past experience that nothing they the 'not stated' cases are substantial-German, Bavarian, Austrian, Pied- might say could in the least alter ly the same as in the cases stated, In a word, the conclusion of higher mont. Finally Loisyism is condemn- the verdict in the minds of those who but in the present case there is some ed, yet Loisyism is taught every- are ready to believe any infamous reason for supposing that they are where in seminaries, not openly, but charge against them. St. Ignatius, different. Some people are sensitive under the cloak of Newman as a rule. their founder, is said to have asked to questions concerning consanguinity 4. In some way or other heresies God never to allow them to want in marriage, especially where defective and civil liberty are corelated. The persecution and suffering. So they offspring have appeared; and in such neresies at first ran aloul of the worry along, teaching and preaching, case no reply would be an easy way hurch, and in former ages of gov- and exiling themselves, and suffering of evading the question. It may be ernments also, but in the long run li- cruel deaths, and are blissfully indif- possible, therefore, that the account berty gains the day, and the heresy, ferent to the opinion of the Slatterys tion having parents cousins may be larger among the 'not stated' than

"They were always most kind and the stated cases." This would make actually worse even than has been

indeed, that the absolution of Igna- which he has made is that upon St. There are now some twenty states To all points in Temagami on T. & N.O. tius of Loyola has become the form Mary's Seminary. This institution in the union in which the marriage of of Church government, save where has been before the people of Balti- first cousins is forbidden by law, to concordats protect the hierarchy and more for over 100 years. It has edu- the extent that such marriages are clergy; e.g., the removal of Pishop cated hosts of the most distinguished declared null and void. An attempt Keane from the rectorship of the laymen, Protestant as well as Ca- was made last year to include such a Catholic University was simply in- tholic, from all parts of the country. restriction in a law with regard to possible in France, or Spain, or Ba- It has trained, educated and sent marriage and its impediments which varia. In one word, the Catholic forth from its walls the flower of the failed to pass the last Legislature of Church has degenerated into the tail Catholic clergy, and needs no apolo- New York State. The reason for gy from me. We may dismiss this such drastic measures is to be found There are some further details, more part of Slattery's diatribe by put- in these recent statistical investigaor less nauseating to the average ting him, and others like him, upon tions, which go so far to prove the one side, and upon the other such wisdom of the old-time Church aumen as Cardinal Gibbons, Bishop Cur- thorities. If there has been, as seems tis, the rank and file of the priests of to many, a decrease of the natural this diocese and of the numbers in repugnance to such marriages in rethe episcopate of the United States. cent years, and if there has been a Let who will mark the contrast and tendency to allow dispensations more easily than before, especially to our

"Mr. Slattery anticipates clerical foreign-born population, it is to be ridicule and calumny. He may pos- hoped that this recent report will sess his soul in peace. After the tighten the bond of ecclesiastical jurfirst natural movements of indigna- isdiction and reinvigorate the old nation at the unworthiness of his impu- tural feelings that the contemplation .



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Catholic religion does not in the least surprise me. It would have been more ago. I have been looking for it for INTERCOLONIAL several years. I suppose the authorities in the Church are wiser and more prudent than I am in such cases. They fear to precipitate matters and live in the hope that better councils REPORTS FROM ALL THE suppose they know best. opportunities

"The Rev. J. R. Slattery's

ciation of his priesthood and of the

of the Jesuit kite.

'Ppeak out or clear out.' 'You want my appreciation of Mr

though the Northern papers applaud- ing surprise. This report was writed it to the echo. Since that he has ten by Alexander Graham Bell, the not been much in Baltimore, where he inventor of the telephone, who is well was no longer esteemed as he had known as an expert on all matters been. relating to the deaf, and whose in

"It was in line with his overbear- vestigations into the status of the ing manner that he undertook to blind in this country, and the causes enarge the priests and the people of of blindness, as embodied in the pres the South with discouraging his la- ent report add very much to our bors for the colored people. One knowledge and stamp his work as would have thought that nothing had some of the best accomplished in re would have thought that nothing had cent statistical science.

ever been done for them until he came As the work will not be readily to the front. Because they did not available to all, though most public drop all the work in which they were libraries will have or can obtaib cop engaged and which was, after all, ies of this census report, we have pretheir first concern, and take up his ferred to abstract certain passages ideas with enthusiasm, he charged which show very clearly the influthem with indifference and coldness ence of consanguinity in producing toward him. I remember when the congenitally blind and deaf children Jesuit Fathers at Loyola College first A certain number of children are born undertook the establishment of a sep-blind every year. Of these, four times arate church for the colored people. as many have parents who are cousing They sent out one of their most by blood as of those whose parents earned and efficient men-Father O'- were not so related. These statis onnor-who had resigned the See of tics are not made wit' reference to Pittsburg to become an humble mem- only a few cases, but include altober of their society. He preached all gether nearly sixty thousand instan over the country in aid of the work ces, so that there seems to be no and with the money the Universalist doubt that the rule deducid can be Church on Calaert street was pur- considered as representing no mere co chased. It is the present Church of incidence, but an actual relation of St. Francis Xavier cause and effect. We quote Dr. Ecll's

"This was several year; before the exact words in this matter; advent of the Mill Fill Fathers from "The most significant fact to be England. I remember, also, how derived from these figures given in tavery distasteful the move was to the ble XIX, is found in the showing that people, who had been of the 2,537 blind whose parents were old colored baptized and brought up in the Cath- cousins, 632 or 25 per cent. are con edral parish and in the old chapel genitally blind, of whom 350 or 55.4 of St. Mary's Seminary. More room per cent. also have blind relatives was needed in the Cathedral. St. of the classes specified, while among Mary's was closed to the laity, and the 55,980 who were not so related there was nothing to do but to have the number of congenitally blind is separate churches. Every Catholic but 6.8 per cent., and of these only church in Baltimore and Washington 1.023 per cent. have blind relatives." had, and has still, its large contin- With regard to congenital deafness gent of colored people, and there has the case is almost, though fortunate always been the best feeling between ly not quite, as bad as regards Llindthem and their white coreligionists, ness. Dr. Bell says: "The most Any allegation, therefore, of indiffer- striking feature seems to be the large

clergy of the country will think ver little more about him. He says 'one must bear them in silence,' and, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminahonest, however, had he done so long of printer's ink. Requiseat. tor has the largest sale of any simi-

Consangunity and Heredity.

(Catholic Messenger.)

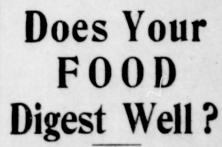
will prevail and hold their hands off. There are not a few people who when to my less powerful view, they think that some of the church recould subserve the interests of reli- strictions with regard to marriage gion better by making a man show among relatives by blood are founded his hand. My way of dealing with on something a little better than old such cases would be to say to him : fogy notions with regard to the pos-Stiil. I sible danger to the offspring of such marriages that has no definite basis in scientific investigation. Not a few Slattery's character. As far as I had are very ready to say that they had observe him and seen the marriage of first cousins in from things I have heard from those a number of cases result in no detriwho worked with him, he was a man ment to the children, and while they of "xcessively imperious and master- are ready to admit that very elses ful manner. He had very little re- blood relationship may have many spect for the opinion of others and moral and natural objections within would brook no contradiction of his the second degree, there is no physiown views. I have it from the lips of cal reason for the prohibitions that his own men that they hardly dared exist." For people that have any such venture an opinion upon any subject. mistaken notions as this a little at-His loud, scornful laugh effectually tention to the recent volume issued put them out of count. Some years by the Bureau of the United States ago he delivered a scandalous haran- Census on the Elind and the Deaf, gue at St. Francis Xavier's Church which was published by the Governwhich excited the indignation of all ment Printing Office during the pres classes of society here in Baltimore, ent year, will doubtless prove a start



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