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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION Apostolic Delegation Mr. Thomas Coffey Ottaws, June 13th, 1905. My Dear Sir-Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satis-interaction that it is directed with intelligence and ability, and, above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit. It strenuously detends Cath-olic principles and rights, and stands firmly by the beachings double best interests of the country. Following these lines it has done a great deal of good for the welfare or religion and country, and it will do more and more, as its wholesome influence mathy recommend it to Catholic families. With my blessing on your work, and best wishes for its con-lands success.

Yours very sincerely in Christ, DONATUS, Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostoluc Delegat

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA. Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1900.

Thomas Coffey: ar Sir: For some time past I have read your mable paper the CATHOLIC RECORD, and congra-te you upon the manner in which it is published matter and form are both good; and a truly holic spirit pervades the whole. Therefore, with sure, I can recommend it to the faithful. Bless you and wishing, you success, believe me to re-n. Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ. † D. FALCONIO, Arch. of Larissa, Apos. Deleg.

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THE CATHOLIC RECORD AND THE CATHOLIC PEOPLE

II

We have given some of the reasons why it would be unfair to expect an independent Catholic weekly to be produced at the cost of the weekly or semi-weekly reprints of the dailies. There is another very serious one. The constituency of the English Catholic paper is no greater than the English speaking Catholic people; perhaps one-fifth of the number to which the secular paper appeals. A large circulation entails a correspondingly large expense for distribution and collection.

A widely circulated paper like the RECORD has, at times, to meet other objections.

appealed to the best and highest in-"There is no local news." No, stincts of British justice. The Star local news, unless it be of general Chamber excites no enthusiastic adinterest, cannot be admitted. There miration. British justice is supposed are large Catholic populations in to be no respecter of persons. Yet, under cover of respect for public some American cities. Local news of the different parishes may be of decency, things have been done that interest to readers of a paper whose reflect no credit on the much vaunted circulation is limited to the city and British administration of justice. The circulation of the vicinity. A few years ago the Crown jewels CATHOLIC RECORD is much larger in were stolen from Dublin Castle. St. John's, Newfoundland, than in One solitary Irish member, untram-London, Ontario. The purely local melled by political considerations, happenings anywhere interests not has endeavored to have this mystery one reader in a thousand. A little cleared up. The last time he consideration of this fact would obvibrought the matter up in the House ate the necessity of explaining to of Commons, he made certain definite hundreds of people that the CATHcharges, but it was discovered just in OLIC RECORD is not and cannot time that there was no quorum. be the medium for making Both sides of the House apparently public the happenings of purely local desired that no light be thrown on interest. this particular mystery. The CATHOLIC RECORD bids fair to become the national Catholic weekly of Canada, if, indeed, it has not already attained that standing. That is our aim. That explains our point of view. That is why we must refuse to give space to local news which has no general interest. Really, the farmer who objects that the RECORD does not publish the local markets has about as much ground for complaint as the parish priest who would like to see recorded the doings of his particular par-Nevertheless, parish priests ish. the firmest, most loyal, are and most enthusiastic friends of the CATHOLIC RECORD. They realize that the CATHOLIC RECORD fills an essential need in the life of their parishioners. The secular press, which is read practically by everybody, is not anti-Catholic. But it is nonetheless non-Catholic and un-Catholic. Take, for example, the Tremblay. Depatie marriage case. Without any intention of deliberately misrepresenting the facts or ignoring the underlying principles, the newspaper accounts so completely misrepresented the Catholic position as to Christian marriage that the ordinary Catholic reader desired an intelligent statement of the Catholic side of the question. Not a single newspaper, no matter how fair-minded it wished to be, presented the facts and principles of the case fairly. The intelligent Catholic looked with confidence for this to the CATHOLIC RECORD. He was not disappointed. This is one case. Another was the Belgian strike. If every secular paper desired to be unfair and prejudiced, it could not be more anti-Catholic if it tried. That another side of the question existed at all is due to the Catholic press.

On every question, and all the time. there is something to be said that other question and without questioning the sincerity of Mr. Rowell in the will put the Catholic side of any premises, is it not too much to ask question in a fair and unprejudiced that the ordinary voter should make light. The existence of the Catholic an act of faith in the temperance press lessens, to a considerable desincerity of the Liberal party? Was gree, the necessity of plainly stating it purely for the good of the province the Catholic position. Nevertheless that the Liberal party tied itself to the occasion arises frequently to corthe tail of the Dominion Alliance rect the false impressions created kite? If the average voter suspects nonestly enough, by the secular press. Nine-tenths of our readers read also that this is a political move to get secular papers. The intelligent Caththe temperance vote, is he to be blamed if he hesitates to break with olic knows that there is something to his party on this question? be said on the Catholic side. This the CATHOLIC RECORD considers it its duty to say. Misrepresentation, wil-

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OPEN COURT

Not long ago it was decided by the

every case must be tried in open

court. In this country it has been

the custom to hear certain cases in

camera. But the decision of the

highest tribunal in the Empire that

every case should be openly tried

question. Local option has had and still has our unqualified support ful or otherwise, is going on all the time. The CATHOLIC RECORD is the But should the back townships de antidote to such misrepresentation. cide whether or not Toronto should There is nothing new in this falsifyor should not sell liquor? There is ing of the position and principles of here a question of great moral and political significance. We should the Catholic Church. It began while Christ was still living in the flesh. ike very much to see all Ontario decide to forbid liquor selling. But It will continue until the end of time. our respect for the principles of Therefore the Catholic press will al-Home Rule prevents us from acceptways have a duty to perform, a mising, without qualification, Mr. Rowsion to fulfill. That duty and that ell's temperance political programme mission the CATHOLIC RECORD under-Some time ago we defended ourtakes to discharge for the Catholics elves against an attack, based on of Canada. The constantly increasing subscription list indicates that Catholic principles, against Local

its efforts in the cause of Catholic Option. Local Option, in our opintruth are appreciated. That it costs on, is all right. But the principle of provincial con 3 cents a week instead of 2 does not trouble the conscience of most of its trol of the liquor traffic violates some of the essential principles of subscribers. Again and yet again, we are asked to take up certain ques-Home Rule.

We might consider the question of tions that are purely of local interest. We have refused. Intelligent readers keeping the Temperance cause out will recognize that, looked at from of politics. Mr. Rowell is so evidently sincere

Without taking sides on this or any

Then there is another aspect of the

the point of view of a national Caththat we feel somewhat guilty in askolic weekly, we can treat only of ing him to consider the average questions that involve general prinvoter's conscience in this matter. ciples, and are of interest to all our readers whose addresses include The Globe-"Mr. Rowell, as leader nearly every post-office recorded in in the Province, leaves no doubt as to

his own position and the pledged position of his followers in the Legisla-The abolition of the bar-room ture. will be the capital question in the next Provincial elections. On that uestion the electors will be asked to vote. highest court in the Empire that

Yes, they will be asked to vote on the general conclusion after considering many other questions.

ROMANTIC MARRIAGES

Almost every day items reach us which prove beyond question the eminent wisdom of Our HolyFather in proclaiming the Ne Temere decree and the unwisdom of many of the clergy of the sects in their methods of per forming the marriage ceremony Cobourg, Ontario, is a favorite summer resort, and many people go there not only from Canadian cities but from places in the American republic. We are told in a despatch published in the Globe, dated July 27, that a young man from St. Louis spent his vacation at one of the hotels there. He paid a good deal of attention to a pretty society girl of Toronto who happened to be visiting Cobourg at the same time. The young people became lovers and straightway proceeded to do something romantic.

An automobile was of course requisiioned to play a prominent part and

ever in the mind of the priest. Every Christian should consider this of much greater importance. It is story: the priest's business to always find out if the parties are eligi ble. This takes time, and much care is exercised. Indeed, it may entail a correspondence extending over months. We are supposing of course that the parties are Catholics. Our separated brethren must surely recognize the great prudence of the Church toward the sacrament of matrimony

and now that the Ne Temere storm has blown over such occurrences as above related prove that there was abundant cause for its enactment. Since the above was written fur ther information regarding the young man in the case has come to hand. He has been committed to jail for giving a worthless cheque to the hotel proprietor for his board.

BECOMING MORE ENLIGHT. ENED

Even some of our friends of the Orange Order are now realizing that they have for long been imposed upon by the purveyors of vicious literature printed by soulless knaves with the object of bringing the Catholic Church into disrepute in the minds of the non-Catholic people and incidentally filling their pockets with ill-gotten coin. They are beginning to turn their minds from the untruthful and ridiculous stories put in the market by such papers as the Menace in the United States and the official organ of the Orange Association in Canada. This is welcome news. We have often expressed the conviction that the school-master would be abroad some day. An Orange convention was held in St John's, Nfld., on the 29th of July An incident which occurred during the sittings is very significant. A

press despatch tells us that " an attempt of an itinerant peddler to arose hostility through the circulation of inflammatory literature was this question. But they will vote on put to an end by the prompt action of Grand Master Squires and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge,

> who closed the doors." We take it that this has reference to the papers above mentioned as well as to the socalled Jesuits' oath and Knights of Columbus oath. Let the good work go on. When the schoolmaster has completed his task there will be an end to Orangeism. It is kept alive solely to serve the purposes of the political boss. In this connection it is worth while to draw attention once more to the circula tion of vicious anti-Catholic liter ature in St. Mary's, Ont., on the 12th of July, and we are informed that a minister of the gospel read from his pulpit that ridiculous forgery called the Knights of Columbus oath. Have the Knights of Columbus taken any steps in the matter? Meantime thousands of our Protestant fellow citizens are under the impression that the document is genuine and that their Catholic neighbors are very undesirable citizens.

of the London Tablet contains the following reference to this ridiculous

"No notice whatever need be taken of a story of 'mutiny among the Swiss Guards at the Vatican,' which is related by a certain Roman news paper and may find its way abroad It is of exactly the same class as the infamous invention about the pries at Cefalu, which the said l newspaper was obliged to confess to be completely untrue, and with an careful as this Agnostic not to scandalize our brother ? other story that the Roman law courts have just characterized as scandalous invention. The area paper in question has a space rewhich must, of course, be scandals,' filled, and will be filled as long as the electoral campaign continues poorish means of peopling the Parliament House on Montecitorio with enemies of the Church next October

A CASE OF BIGOTRY

How far it and similar methods will

be effective remains to be seen.'

In Chatham, N. B., there is a paper called The World, published by Mr. J. L. Stewart. In the issue of the 26th July he made reference to a case of disorderly conduct on the part of some young people in Montreal. A Seventh Day Adventist preacher set up a tent in a back yard in a French district with the purpose of proclaiming the peculiar doctrines of that peculiar sect. His meetings were interfered with by some young people in the neighborhood. Interruptions were frequent

and finally the tent was torn down but nobody was hurt. We offer no apology for the rowdies, for rowdies they were and they should be punished in the usual manner by the authorities. Savs Editor Stewart referring to this matter :

"It is not possible that any man of there is nothing either in his temcommon sense, if left to be guided perament, or the character of the by his own reason, would bother his head about the religious belief or verses, to warrant the association. ceremonies of anyone else : but when Besides, it has been stated on the the leaders are crying out for the ex highest authority that the particular tirpation of all religions except their instalment of the "Noctes" in which own, the ignorant common peopl very naturally resort to brute force the song appeared was not written to supplement the prayers that are by Wilson, but by Lockhart, which enjoined. If ecclesiastics would be fact, being established, would discontent to enjoy their religion, conpose of any claim which might fine their missionary efforts to the heathen, and mind their own busiotherwise be made in the former's ness in respect to other Christians behalf. As to Lockhart, it has never of equal enlightenment and intelli been seriously suggested that he was gence with themselves, there would the author of the song, though tem be more peace and harmony in the peramentally he was the more likely civilized world.'

of the two. There is here an insinuation that the disturbers of the peace above re-

IN BEHALF of the Lord Eglinton ferred to were either directly or inwhole volume has been recently pub directly acting under instructions lished entitled "The Canadian Boat from the ecclesiastical authories of Song," in which the authorship of the Catholic Church. What ground the poem is searchingly investigated. has Editor Stewart for making the Mr. Newbigging, the author, after assertion that ecclesiastics had any disposing of Prof. Wilson's claim. thing to do with this matter? It is such unwarranted assertions, the comes to the conclusion that the real outcome of the meanest kind of bigauthor is none other than Eglinton, and bases this verdict upon the cirotry, that help to keep alive feelings of distrust and dislike between Procumstance that the poem appeared in Tait's Magazine in June, 1849, as, testant and Catholic neighbors. If in Editor Stewart's own town some From internal evidence he also rowdies were to attack a meeting argues that the poem must have been held by Catholics would he hold the written before the Act of 1747, pro-Protestant ministers responsible ? scribing the wear of the Highland He certainly would not, although it s notorious that in many cases, not-

breakfast. "Father." said the eld gentleman, "we would not shake that boy's faith for all the money in Chicago. We went for his sake to encourage him." We have headed this article

story with a moral." We think it is hardly necessary to point it out to our readers. Instead, we will ask them a question. Are we always as

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Boat Song," that exquisite expression in verse of the exile's longing for his "ain countrie." which has been so variously allotted within the past eighty years, has recently had two fresh claimants for the honor in the persons of the late Earl of Eglinton, and one whose name is, or should be familiar to Canadians, John Galt, the author of "The Annals of the Parish," and a dozen or so other novels which are not so well-known as they deserve to be. The subject seems to us of sufficient interest to give it some consideration here. The controversy certainly is not at an end, and like the " Letters of Junius," the authorship may never be settled beyond dispute, but it will always excite interest in literary the author of the "Canadian Boat circles, and who have more right to share in that interest than true-born Canadians?

COLUMBA.

Song." The weak point in his case is that Galt was a Greenock man, and not especially intimate with the Highland character, or steeped in OWING TO the song's first appear. Highland sentiment. His novels all ance in Blackwood's Magazine (1829) relate to West Country Doric life, in in the famous "Noctes Ambrosianæ." the delineation of which he has no its authorship is often attributed to rival. But, it is not easy to conceive Professor Wilson (Christopher North) of him as the author of so typically but beyond the fact that Wilson was Highland a lament as the "Boat a regular contributer to Blackwood's, Song."

> WE HAVE OFTEN wondered if a case could not be made out for William Peter Macdonald, Vicar General of the dioceses of Kingston and Toronto, and editor of our first Upper Canadian Catholic periodical, as author of this much discussed song. Father Macdonald came to Canada at the solicitation of Bishop Macdonell in 1826. He was a theologian. an editor and a poet of distinction, and was quite capable, we should say, of writing such a song or ballad as the "Canadain Boat Song." Before coming to Canada he published (1818) a volume of poems which was

dedicated by permission to the Duke of Kent, and his periodical, " The Catholic," published first at Kingston in 1830, contains numerous poetical effusions from his pen. He is said to have collected and published a number of these in a separate volume, but we have never met with it. Two of his prose publications we have before us, and they bear every evidence of talent and scholarship. That such a man, instinct as he was From the papers of the late Earl." with the spirit of the Gael, might have written the famous song, is quite credible, and, as before remarked, the possibility has often occurred to. us. "He was." savs the late Chevalier Macdonell, in his delightful little

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too, some of which my friend noted down, both words and music. He has sent me a translation of one of their ditties-shall I try how it will croon?" Then follows the now famous song.

MR. MCPHERSON supports this

presumptive evidence with an ex-

tract from a recently unearthed letter

of Galt's, written to his friend Dr.

Moir, author of "Mansie Wauch"

in which he describes just such an

expedition down the St. Lawrence.

This was in 1829. Galt's residence The authorship of the "Canadian in Canada extended over several years. It was in 1827 that he founded Guelph as the headquarters of the Canada Company, and his business as Commissioner of that institution took him frequently up and down the St. Lawrence to and from Quebec and Montreal. He was therefore familiar with the country and the ways and folk lore of its inhabitants. Besides, he was a literary man, wrote plays and verses him self, and, as any reader of his "Autobiography" will know, had an ear always for music and poetry in others. Also, he was intimate with the Blackwood group, and a contributor to the magazine of that name. All of which goes to substantiate Mr. Macpherson's claims in his behalf as

Mr. Lawrence Ginnell, been foiled, one way or another, every time he has tried to ventilate the question in the House of Commons. Sir Arthur Vicars, who was responsible for the custody of the jewels at the time they were stolen, has time and time again demanded an investigation. He has even demanded police protection, as he considered his life in danger. Now he declares that the vice-regal investigation into the mystery of the disappearance of the Crown jewels was a farce; and he demands a real inquiry into the mystery. Will he get it ? In spite of our genuine admiration for the fair and unbiassed administration of British justice, we feel quite satisfied that no real investigation will be held. While we must be free to boast that the poorest and least influential subject of

His Majesty has equal rights with the most powerful and influential, we must, in practice, be prepared to see such anomalies as that of the disappearance of the Irish Crown jewels without any real investigation into the facts of the case.

POLITICS AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

The Globe-"It is ignorant and foolish to talk about keeping the temperance question out of politics." Is this true? A consistent temper ance voter may consider that the paramount issue is the bilingual school question. One party thrusts on him the temperance question. Is he recreant to his duty if he decides to vote on what he considers the paramount issue in the election? There are many other issues. Is it wise to thrust the temperance land makes the transaction legal, but It related to the Swiss Guard at the question into politics?

the young people were rapidly driven to the Methodist parsonage. The license was duly presented and the minister married the couple in the presence of a friend and the minister's wife. The outcome is told in the following press despatch :

" On coming out of the parsonage the pair re-enterod the car, which was headed for Port Hope to catch the train there, but the light-hearted bride, seeing a girl friend passing at the moment could not resist the temptation to call out to her the excited words: 'We are married!' Feminine intuition directed the

girl friend hurriedly to the nearest telephone and the lady with whom the bride had been staying was informed of the facts. A young friend was astride his motorcycle in a trice and, having the advantage of living on the road leading out of Cobourg to Port Hope, went full speed ahead and waited for the happy couple half. way up a hill with his revolver ready. Four minutes elapsed ere the lopers hove in sight. Turn back, you dog, else I'll shoot

you," the young man with the gun threatened in a very convincing manner. The auto slowed up, the girl screamed and the episode came to a udden termination Friends took possession of the

bride and accompanied her back to Toronto to her family, who may have yet some share in the decision as to

what shall be the outcome of ten lays' romance by the lakeside." It would be well for society and well for the country if the clergymen of our separated brethren were to use the same discretion in these matters as the authorities of the Catholic Church. Under the circumstances related above there is no priest in Canada who would perform such a marriage ceremony. True, the license allowed by the law of the

SLANDERS ON THE CHURCH Judging by the number of clippings

from the Montreal Star sent us by subscribers, having reference to the Pope and doings in Rome, we should judge that its London correspondent

needs a curtain lecture from Sir Hugh Graham. Under date of July 23rd that paper contained a cable gram from London to the effect that the Pope on the previous day had relieved from the functions of the

priesthood a secular priest who had been performing his sacred duties for twelve years. To give a novelistic and romantic coloring to this ridiculous canard the despatch goes on to relate how the priest was forced to take sacred orders by his parents. The outcome furnishes that same degree of attractiveness which is so agreeable to the novel

reader. The Pope pronounces the a Catholic. It was in no boastful ordination null and tells the former spirit the older gentleman confessed priest that now he may go and get his want of any definite faith. It married. A very pretty piece of was something of which he often news indeed. The ex-priest and his felt the need, he admitted, and he bride will "live happy ever afterfelt drawn towards Catholicism, he wards." The story is ridiculous in

ism had extinguished in him all be the extreme, but of course the point aimed at by haters of the Church will lief in the supernatural. be attained. The contradiction will

never reach the many thousands of people in this country who have read the despatch in the Star.

Here is another illustration of how the people in this country are misled by the misrepresentations of Christhaters and Church haters on the continent. Last week nearly all the papers on this side of the water published a despatch from Rome which was termed "A Clerical Scandal."

faith by the editor of The Semi-Weekly World. A STORY WITH A MORAL

ably on 12th of July celebrations,

some of them give vent to very in-

flammatory harangues. We hope

the Catholics of Chatham will resent

We were sitting at dinner in the dining-room of one of the summer hotels on the beautiful Muskoka Lakes one evening recently, when plainly in 1829 that the song came two gentlemen and a lady entered and took seats at the table, and presently, without much ceremony, we were engaged in conversation during the course of which I learned that the lady and gentleman, both

ton, whose sojourn in Canada was as already stated, in 1782. He, thereprominent residents of a big Amfore, was not the "friend in Upper erican city, belonged to the great Canada" the "Noctes" refers to army of Agnostics, whereas the

younger man, their adopted son, was WRITING IN THE Dundee Advertiser. and commenting upon Mr. New bigging's book, Mr. Hector Mac-Pherson puts forward John Galt's name as the only legitimate claimant to the authorship of the "Song." And he certainly makes out a strong said, but the vagaries of Protestantthough not impregnable case. His strongest argument is based on the

'Noctes" itself, from which he quotes Next morning we said Mass at this significant sentence: "By the 6 o'clock in the little tourist chapel by, I have a letter this morning from and were naturally surprised to find our Agnostic friends amongst the a friend of mine now in Upper Canada. He was rowed down the St. congregation. We took it as a Lawrence lately, for several days

matter of course that the Catholic tourists, not being able to hear Mass fellows, all born in that country, and on Sunday, should rise in the small hours of a week day morning to yet hardly one of whom could speak a word of any tongue but the Gaelic. assist at the Holy Sacrifice, but that an unbeliever should deprive himself They sung heaps of our old Highland of a certain amount of sleep to do so oar songs, he says, and capitally well, we considered so remarkable that we in the true Hebridean fashion; and there is regard for the law of God Vatican. The Roman correspondent alluded to it when we met again at they had others of their own, Gaelic, his admirers, has made for himself a

dress, was repealed in 1782, and that as Lord Eglinton was in Canada in 1782, the poem was probably written by him before intelligence reached him of the Act's repeal, and the Highthis gross insult cast upon their landers were still smarting under its harsh and useless provisions. Indeed, he very truly argues, it is hard to believe that the song was not written by one familiar with the features of the Canadian landscape. That being, said however, the Earl's claim is practically disposed of. The "Noctes Ambrosiane," states

volume of 'Reminiscences' (1890) " a thorough scholar and polished gentleman. Possessed of a refined poetic taste, he left many pleasing productions of his pious muse, most of which are still in manuscript. Universally regretted, he died at St. Michael's Palace, Toronto, on Good Friday, April 2nd, 1847, and was buried in the cathedral on the Gospel side of the choir."

From the lone shieling of the misty

island, Mountains divide us, and the waste from a friend in Upper Canada. Pro- of seas ; fessor Wilson was born in 1785, and Yet still the blood is strong, the

heart is Highland, And we in dreams behold the He-Lockhart in 1794, so that neither was

contemporary with the Earl of Eglin. brides."

IT IS WORTHY of remark that of contemporary novelists who have the most understanding audience in Great Britain four are Catholic priests, viz., Canon William Barry, Mgr. Bickerstaffe - Drew ("John Ayscough") Mgr. Robert Hugh Benson and Canon P. A. Sheehan. Dr. Barry enjoys fame as an historian, essavist and philosopher, but is also the author of half a dozen novels, one of which, "The New Antigone," first published anonymously, was one of the most talked about books of the hour. Of the others, "the Wizard's Knot" and "The Dayspring," have few superiors among current fiction. Mgr. Drew, who, for reasons unexplained, still maintains a non-deon end, by a set of strapping plume (though "John Ayscough" is known now by everybody), is with each succeeding production of his

pen increasing his hold upon the in-

tellectual public. Mgr. Benson, whose

prolificness in more than one depart-

ment of literature is the marvel of