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WONDERFUL POPE LEO

Approaching the End of his 93rd Year He Proves His Marvellous Strength.

Rome, Jan. 4.—Replying yesterday to the congratulatory address read by His Eminence Cardinal di Sante Stefano, Dean of the Sacred College, Pope Leo XIII., who is now approaching the end of his 93rd year, as well as the completion of his Pontifical Jubilee, showed how well he retains his vigorous and marvellously clear intellect and physical strength. The Pontiff's discourse dealt with the Democratic idea as the Church understands it and was as follows:

"We will not use many words, Venerable Brethren, in expressing to you Our grateful feeling for the affectionate words expressed in the name of all by the venerated Cardinal Dean of your College. We will not, however, pass over in silence that today, more than ever, we rest with confidence on your unanimous devotedness. Meritorious co-operators for so long a time, you will accompany us still, even amidst the increasing roughness of the road, with your unfailing assistance.

"The Jubilee year, the theme of your courteous congratulations, and of the uninterrupted demonstrations of the affection of the Catholic world, is passing away embittered, as you see, by social contingencies too sorrowful for the heart of the Pope. The rights of the Church and of the Catholic name have been violated in a hundred ways, and now behold further advancement is made in the same path, even to the legal subversion of sacred Christian institutions. But are not they a portion, and the choicest, of the inheritance left by Christ to the nations redeemed, and ordained expressly for the custody and safeguarding of supreme moral benefits—the primary root of all well-being for human society? Ah, it is not a sincere love of public prosperity or of civil advantages which moves the artificers of such woeful deeds. What is desired and sought after is the upsetting of the Christian order and the reconstruction of States upon the basis of Pagan naturalism. If it be written in Heaven that Our last days should be extinguished in the midst of such bitterness, We will close Our weary eyes in resignation, blessing the Lord, but with the firmest persuasion in Our heart that, the hour of mercy having dawned, He Himself will arise for the salvation of the nations, signed for the heritage of the only begotten Son of God.

"Your final words, Lord Cardinal, allude to the Christian Democratic action, which is from this day forward, as you will understand, a fact of no light importance. To this action, according to the tendency of the time and the needs which excite it, We gave Our sanction and impulse, marking out of it, however, sufficiently clearly the scope, the manner and the limits; so that if in this matter it should happen to any one to go astray, it would not assuredly happen for want of authoritative guidance. But speaking in general for those who have set themselves to do this work, Italians and strangers, it is undoubtedly that they are laboring with good zeal and notable fruit. Nor should the useful contribution to it which hundreds of valourous young men bring be passed by without observation. We have also urged the clergy to enter with certain regard into this same camp of action, for to say the truth, there is no undertaking of sincere, judicious and of worthy charity, to

which the voice of the Catholic priesthood is not interested to apply oneself with diligent and arduous conditions and the material destiny of the multitude? The maternal love of the Church towards mankind is universal as is the paterfamilias of God; but, nevertheless, faithful to its origins and mindful of the Divine examples, it was at all times habituated to approach the humble with a sense of predilection—those who suffer, and who are rejected by fortune. Christian Democracy when it is sincerely and continuously informed by the spirit of this universal Mother of the nations, may well be trusted not to fail in its scope, and no one will take offence at the name when it is known that the thing is itself so good. Understood as the Church understands it, the Democratic idea not only accords marvellously with the revealed word and the religious belief, but also sprung forth in and was educated by Christianity, and it is the preaching of the Gospel which spread it amongst the nations. It was unknown to Athens and Rome, until they had heard the Divine Voice, which had said to mankind, 'Be ye all brethren, and your common Father is in Heaven.'

"Outside of this Democracy, which is denominated Christian and which is, so there advances, with other ideals, and by other paths, the seditious and Godless Democratic movement. Bitter are the days that it is preparing for the civil States, for they are even hatching it and caressing it in their bosoms. Now, the popular Christian action, applying itself to the same theme, is a rival force which is interposed against the success of the former, and prevails in many cases to pre-occupy its fields of operations. If it should achieve nothing else than to dispute the ground with the Socialistic Democracy and circumscribe its pernicious influences, it will by that alone have rendered a very considerable service to civil order and to Christian civilization.

"In affectionate exchange of good wishes, We implore from Heaven the choicest blessings on the Sacred College, and as a pledge We from the fulness of Our heart impart them to this College, extending them to the Bishops, to the various Prelates and to all who form, as it were, a welcome crown around Us."

Sacred Heart Orphanage

The Sisters in charge of the Sacred Heart Orphanage gratefully acknowledge the following Christmas gifts:

Rev. P. Whitney, \$5; Rev. E. Murray, \$2; A Friend, \$1; L. J. Cosgrave, \$10; T. Long, \$10; A Friend, \$50; Mrs. John Foy, \$10; Mr. Elmsley, \$5; Mr. Walbridge, \$2; Mr. Langley, \$1; A Friend, \$10; Mr. McManus, \$10; Mrs. Coffey, \$5; Mr. Sansone, \$1; Messrs. Anglin & Mallon, \$5; Santa Claus, \$5; J. H., \$25; J. G. Brown, \$12.50; Mr. Gannon, \$10; Mrs. Halley, \$3; A Friend, \$1; Dr. A. J. McDonagh, \$5; Mrs. Smyth, \$2; Mrs. Driscoll, \$2; Mrs. Hammall, \$5; Mrs. Sloan, 50 cents; P. Burns & Co., \$10; Mr. W. O'Connor, \$4; Mr. Langlois, \$2; Mr. P. Henry, \$2; Mr. Myers, \$1; Mrs. Lamb, \$5; Mr. Barry, \$2; A Friend, \$1; A Friend, \$3; Miss O'Brien, \$1; A Friend, \$1; Mrs. Lockhart, \$5; F. X. Cousineau, \$5; Detective Murray, \$2; A Friend, \$1; J. F. Connolly, \$5; Very Rev. J. J. McCann, three pairs of chickens; Rev. Jas. Walsh, a turkey; Rev. F. Reuber, a turkey; Rev. J. P. Treacy, candy; Rev. L. Minahan, nuts, candy and oranges; Dr. C. McKenna, books, toys, oranges; Miss Teely, toys; John McDonald & Co., three bolts of ribbon; Wm. Croft & Son, a quantity of notions; Miss R. Wilson, a carving set; Miss Moran, three boxes of candy; Miss Gillespie, one box of candy; Elliot & Co., perfume; A Friend, a doll and cart; Mrs. John Ryan, dolls and toys; Mrs. J. J. Foy, toys; Miss Smith, a case of oranges; John Sloan & Co., raisins, figs, nuts, pickles and olives; Mrs. O'Toole, books and toys; Richard Simpson & Co., a sled; Miss Foy, 25 pounds of candy; F. Robertson & Co., fancy goods; V. Russell, toys; J. H. Butty, perfume, combs, etc.; E. G. Lemaitre, two boxes of candy; Watson & Co., three boxes of candy; Copp, Clark & Co., books and games; Rice, Lewis & Son, 12 pairs of skates and one dozen hockey sticks; Mrs. P. Hughes, white sugar; Miss O'Connell, candy; Mrs. Falconbridge, a turkey; The Russell Co., sleds and carts; Mrs. G. J. Foy, a turkey, candy and toys; Mrs. Roach, three geese and one barrel of porkers; the Misses Mallon, candy; A Friend, oranges; Mrs. Brown dolls; Mr. Manson, one box of candy; Mr. Bradshaw, popcorn; Mrs. S. Halligan, books; T. Eaton Co., a case of toys; E. O'Keefe, a quarter of beef; Mr. Magann, a barrel of apples; Mrs. C. Flanagan, two turkeys; L. Coffee & Co., 10 bags of flour; Mrs. M. E. Kelly, a turkey; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lee, a turkey; Mrs. Sullivan, candy, nuts and oranges; Mr. S. Halligan, a quarter of beef; Mrs. Jas.

Hendry, a goose; Mr. Algie, Alton, Ont., 12 dozen woolen underwear; Mrs. J. Kenny, jam and apples; Mr. Thos. Mulvey, candy; Mr. Cosgrave, a turkey; Miss Herbert, nuts, candy and oranges; Mrs. J. P. Hynes, dolls; Mrs. Ingles, sleds, games and toys; pupils of Loretta Abbey, dolls, toys, candy and wearing apparel; Mrs. Boland, books; Mr. A. Cottam, two turkeys; United Factories, brooms and whisks; Mrs. Jas. McLaughlin, a crate of oranges; Mrs. J. Stock, a sheep; H. T. Kelly, a crate of oranges; Mrs. Hoar, a goose, cocoanuts and wearing apparel; Gallagher Co., a case of oranges; Mrs. Jas. Carolin, oranges; Mrs. Bruce McDonald, candy, oranges and toys; Mrs. Ross, a turkey and toys; Mr. P. McQuillan, a turkey, dates, nuts and candy; Mr. Frank Lee, two pairs of candy; Mrs. L. V. McBrady, hair ribbon and caps; A Friend, a foot ball; Tait-Bredin Co., 100 loaves of currant bread; Mr. H. Henry, apples; Park & Davis, sausages; Mrs. McDonald, candy; Mrs. O'Neill, candy; Mr. B. McQuillan, pickled beef; Mrs. Madden, a turkey; Mrs. Brown, a rocking horse; Mr. Malone, oranges, candy and game; Christie, Brown & Co., two barrels of fancy biscuits; Mrs. Laxton, candy, nuts and raisins; Mrs. Nolan, a turkey; J. G. Brown, a quarter of beef.

St. Vincent de Paul Children's Aid

A meeting of St. Vincent de Paul Children's Aid Society was held on Monday evening, the president, M. O'Connor, occupying the chair and quite a number of members being in attendance. It was shown by the report of P. Hynes, agent, that during the quarter past 118 cases had been attended, of which 49 were private cases and 49 had come before the magistrate in the police court; four were made wards of the society and the condition of the remainder had been materially improved by the good offices of the society.

Dr. Miller, treasurer, read the financial statement showing a fair balance on hand. The cases attended to by the society number somewhat more than during the corresponding period of last year. The officers, however, do not take this as indicating that there are more cases requiring attention than formerly, but it is thought to be due to the good work of the society being more generally known.

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THE ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF THE ST. GABRIEL'S T.A.S.

(Written for The Register.)
The annual celebration of the St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society took place on Tuesday evening, the Feast of the Epiphany, at St. Gabriel's Church, and was one of the most successful in the history of the Society. The church was well filled with a devout congregation, many being there from other parishes. At 7.30 the officers and members of the St. Gabriel's and St. Ann's Temperance Societies, marched in procession from the Sacristy to the middle aisle of the church, where special seats had arranged for them. A few moments afterwards, Rev. Father Thos. Heffernan, of St. Anthony's Church, ascended the pulpit and delivered an eloquent sermon. He took for his text the following: "Woe to you that rise up early in the morning to follow drunkenness, and to drink till the evening, to be inflamed with wine" (Isaiah, chap. v., 11 verse.)

The reverend gentleman's discourse may be divided into four points:
(1) The Apostleship of the Laity.
(2) The cowardice of many men.
(3) The abuse of Grace.
(4) The co-operation with Grace.

Here are a few extracts from his timely discourse: "Each recurring year, dear friends, it is the custom of the church to commemorate her love for her children by calling them together for the purpose of having a religious celebration. This year in giving response to address you hastily, I was at a loss to know what subject to choose, but the subject of temperance has been ably dealt with by orators, lecturers, great writers, and spiritual guides, it will not be out of place to say a few words on the same subject. The great intention of the League of the Sacred Heart blessed by His Holiness the Pope for this month, the Apostleship of the Laity, calls forth at this time, a strong and urgent work for us all. Let us take in the first place the abuse of alcoholism. We know that the old theme is, that the drunkard is false to his God, false to himself, false to his country. In the vast community of a large city, if there were one hundred out of every ten thousand, who would have fallen a prey to the uses of drink, yet we know, 'That there is more joy over the conversion of one sinner, than that of ninety-nine just who need not penance.' Temperance is good, but total abstinence is better.

Before I came in this pulpit this evening I asked your Rev. Pastor how many members there were in the St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence Society, and he told me forty-five out of nearly nine hundred families. I ask, have you been faithful to the call of Grace? You walk in the shadow of death, and yet you are satisfied. 'Let your light shine before men that they may glorify God Who is in Heaven.'

The priest and the people must be one. Have you done your duty in this respect? Out of the many thousands who saw the Star of Bethlehem, only three were able to follow its significance. Pride and a false conception of things lead you astray. Are you forgetful of our Saviour's words, 'He that thinketh himself to stand let him take heed lest he fall.' Are you to fill a drunkard's grave? We are children of Adam, children of corruption. Young men, the bone and sinew of the Catholic Church cannot join such a society. It is not all those who say 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.' It is our common interest to work for such a good cause. The sound of warning goes out, it comes to us. 'This people honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.'

It is human to err, for we are children of Adam, children of corruption. Often does a man say: 'If I had listened to the voice of my Guardian Angel, the devil would not have led me astray.' By taste the devil leads many astray. There are more temptations by the taste than by any other sense. Christian Catholic gentlemen make for yourselves a level road, break down the mountains which rise up in your way. It is no use to condemn the men who sell intoxicants, for they would not sell them if there were no persons to buy them. Make it a point of business before God to encourage the cause of temperance by joining the St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society. Let the wives and mothers encourage their husbands and children to join the good cause. Let the young, the middle-aged and the old before God make it a parochial duty, and God will bless them, and the Star followed will be the gold of a pure heart, the frankness of a sweet determination, and the myrrh of having at all times done your duty before God and man.

Solemn benediction was then imparted. The high altar was resplendent with lights, the electric lights above the altar shedding their lustre around the Sanctuary. The Crib also was a blaze of colored lights, and added greatly to the scene. The music was of high order. The choir, under the direction of Prof. J. J. Shea, jr., rendered the following programme:
(1) "Entre Hosanna," Wachs; (2) "Cor Jesu," Plain Chant; (3) "Adeste Fidelis," Novello, soloists, Messrs. V. Cox, J. Deegan and John Holland; (4) Ave Maria Stella, Donizetti, trio, Messrs. J. J. Shea, sr., J. J. Shea, jr., and J. Russell; (5) Tantum Ergo, Remis, choir; (6) Laudate Dominum, plain chant, choir; (7) Sortie, march, Boellman.

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Montreal, Jan. 9, 1903.

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At a regular meeting of Branch 15, C. M. B. A., Toronto, held on Friday, Dec. 19th, 1902, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Whereas, it has pleased God to call to his eternal reward our highly esteemed Late Recording Secretary Bro. James Callaghan, who during his membership of eighteen years was a regular attendant at our meetings, always taking an active part in promoting the best interests of the Association. Resolved, That we have a Requiem Mass offered for the happy repose of his soul in St. Patrick's Church on the 14th of January, 1903. Resolved, That we tender our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Callaghan and family in their sad bereavement, and be it further resolved that our charter be draped in mourning for thirty days, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to The Catholic Register, Catholic Record and Canadian.

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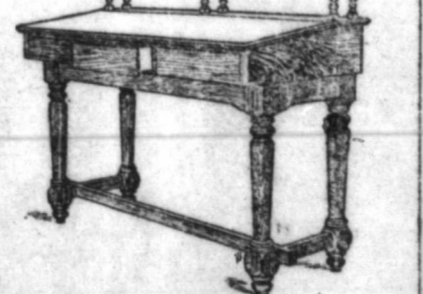
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A JOURNALISTIC ENIGMA

(Written for The Catholic Register.)

They tell us that Sphinx of Egypt, the great one that stands near the Pyramid of Gizeh, is becoming the worse for the wear, that the change in climate is affecting that monument, which has looked silently out on the desert, for over four thousand years. You remember the enigma of the Sphinx—which the famed and unhappy Aedipus solved: "What creature is it that walks on four legs in the morning, on two at noon, and on three in evening?" The poor, old King, sightless and at the mercy of the elements, discovered that this creature was man—he creeps on all fours in the morning of youth, he walks on two legs at the middle of manhood, and he uses a cane, as a third leg, in the decline of old age. Even should the Sphinx pass away, and the story of its enigma be forgotten, modern journalism in Canada has produced as mysterious a being as ever was the carved figure of the days of Cheops. And this journalistic Sphinx is, in the domain of politics, as unsolvable to the general of men, as was the enigma of old—rather does his career illustrate that ancient puzzle. In the morning of his life—during the earlier years of his career—he crept on four legs; in the zenith of his public life he moved solidly on two; and in the evening he totters with the aid of a stick.

No end of interest has been created in political circles, especially in the Province of Quebec, by the recent misunderstanding between the leaders of the Liberal Party in Montreal, and the ex-Minister of Public Works, over the proprietorship or direction, or both, of La Patrie. There seems to have been a tremendous amount of mystery about the whole affair. All the correspondence that has been published was calculated to confuse the public mind, and to leave those interested in such matters in a state of doubt or uncertainty in regard to the whole matter. On the one hand Mr. Tarte had been requested to state whether or not he would leave the control, or rather political direction, of the paper to the Liberal Party; on the other hand he made reply that he would not—and in so doing claimed that he would not sacrifice his independence, alleging, at the same time, all the services that he had rendered that party. There the matter stood; what was the public to think? At first sight it would appear that the Party, from whose Government the ex-Minister had recently withdrawn, was attempting to coerce him and to fetter his freedom of thought and action. This impression seemed to prevail amongst a few; others did not profess to know anything positive about the affair; and on the whole, it became a politico-journalistic enigma.

If it were true that the Liberal Party, or any other party, were attempting to deprive a free-born journalist of his inalienable right to hold and express whatever views he thought proper and most beneficial for the country, that party would deserve to be castigated without mercy. No political party has the right to enforce its principles upon any citizen by such means, and no party could ever expect success or confidence that would adopt such methods. Therefore, it is a matter of no passing importance to properly solve that mystery. I believe that I have been placed in possession of the real facts of the case. In laying them before the readers I do so merely to illustrate how difficult it sometimes is to arrive at a just conclusion and how prone we are, at other times, to judge rashly of circumstances.

In the then approaching struggle, which ended in the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government to power, the Liberal Party, in the large district of Montreal, felt the need of an organ. By that we understand a reliable organ, one in perfect sympathy with the party, its traditions, principles, aims and policy. Mr. Beaugrand owned La Patrie, and (as he declared the other day in an interview in the United States) he sold his paper to the Liberal Party—retiring himself, principally on account of his health, from active journalism. Shortly afterwards, on the floor of the House of Commons, Mr. Tarte declared that he was not the owner of the paper in question, but that it had been purchased by the Party, to which he was then giving his initial support. Being called to the Ministry very naturally he continued to exercise his influence over a paper that was published and edited by members of his own family; and very naturally the Government to which he belonged and the Party that had acquired the paper, felt entire confidence in it, as a representative party organ.

Subsequently came the retirement of Mr. Tarte from the Ministry, after a long series of clashings with the principles and the policy that he was supposed to support. With his passing

from the Cabinet went out the confidence of the Party in that organ—especially as it was manifestly out of sympathy with those it had engaged to support.

Sofar, it is a mere question of fact that is to be decided. Did the organ belong to Mr. Tarte, as an individual, or to the Party that claims to have advanced the money for its purchase. On this it is not my province to decide. But I take the principal declarations of Mr. Tarte in connection with the matter. They are three in number.

Firstly, he stated in the House some years ago that the paper was bought by the Party, and was not his personal organ.

Secondly, he declared in his letter, in reply to the one sent him by the committee of the Party appointed to ascertain his views and intentions, that he was not the owner, but the political director of the paper.

Thirdly, he asserted, in a speech delivered at Worcester, Mass., fifty days ago, that he belonged to no political party in Canada.

Now, here is the enigma, or rather the dilemma. Let us take either horn. If the claim of the Liberal Party, regarding the ownership and purchase of the paper, be not well founded, Mr. Tarte must have been mistaken when he denied the ownership thereof, and asserted that it was the Party's organ, and equally mistaken when he again disclaimed the proprietorship of the paper.

If the claim of the Liberal Party be well founded, then it has a right to receive some guarantee of the co-operation of the political director of the organ.

Now, the self-declared political director states that he belongs to no political party. Consequently he must constitute a third party in himself, in other words, he must be out of harmony with both parties. Then the paper, if he is its political director, must be a personal organ. As a personal organ, unless he has some financial interest therein, he cannot be very well justified in making use of it. In other words, he says what amounts to this: "I did not purchase the paper (the Liberal Party did so); I have still no financial interest in it; I am not its editor nor proprietor; I am the director of its political course; and I belong to no political party; yet I decline to admit the claims of a Party that has every reason to expect sympathy and support from the paper which I direct."

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If the claim of the Liberal Party, regarding the ownership and purchase of the paper, be not well founded, Mr. Tarte must have been mistaken when he denied the ownership thereof, and asserted that it was the Party's organ, and equally mistaken when he again disclaimed the proprietorship of the paper.

If the claim of the Liberal Party be well founded, then it has a right to receive some guarantee of the co-operation of the political director of the organ.

Now, the self-declared political director states that he belongs to no political party. Consequently he must constitute a third party in himself, in other words, he must be out of harmony with both parties. Then the paper, if he is its political director, must be a personal organ. As a personal organ, unless he has some financial interest therein, he cannot be very well justified in making use of it. In other words, he says what amounts to this: "I did not purchase the paper (the Liberal Party did so); I have still no financial interest in it; I am not its editor nor proprietor; I am the director of its political course; and I belong to no political party; yet I decline to admit the claims of a Party that has every reason to expect sympathy and support from the paper which I direct."

In the days of Le Canadien, our journalistic enigma strained every nerve in supporting the Conservative Party; at a given moment he turned around and tore down, with his own hands, that which he had spent the third of a lifetime in assisting to construct. In the days of La Patrie, the same enigma supported and aided the Liberal Party, at a given moment, turned around in an effort to repeat the Warwick-like feat of knocking the sceptre of power from the hand into which he had helped placing it. And in the end he very properly declares that he is neither in sympathy with his first political love, which he had jilted, nor yet with his second one, which he would apparently serve in the same fashion. Now, what is the public to conclude from all this? Simply that the Nile of politics will continue to rise and fall, while the Sphinx will be left alone to undergo the wearing-out process that the hand of time has visibly commenced.

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