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BETWEEN CANADA & UNITED STATES

At a conference recently held at Washington between postal representatives of the United States and Canada, the postage on newspapers passing from Canada to the States was not only increased to sixteen times the former rate, but it was decided to make Canadian publishers affix stamps to the papers instead of paying on bulk weight as formerly. This necessitates an increase in the subscription price of THE TRUE WITNESS to subscribers in the United States to \$1.50 instead of \$1.00 per year, as at present.

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THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART.

Besides the Indulgences already granted 'on May 30, 1902, by Pope Leo XIII. for those who celebrate the month of the Sacred Heart, his present Holiness, Pius X, has granted new and wonderful privileges to those who make the exercises of that month, in any church where this devotion is solemnly observed. That is to say, in any church where any public prayers are said, or any service held in honor of the adorable Heart. These indulgences may be briefly stated thus:

First, an extraordinary one, almost unequalled in the church's history. This gives to everyone who attends any public exercises during the whole month, or the greater part of it, a plenary indulgence to be gained on June 30th, "toties quoties," or every time that any one enters a church where the devotions of the month have been solemnly held and prays for the intentions of the Pope. And these indulgences, similar to those of the Portiuncula, are applicable to the dead. What a treasure to be gained for them upon that day, and how many ransomed souls will fly to heaven.

A second indulgence concerns priests. The privilege of the Gregorian altar is granted ad instar to all preachers of the month of the Sacred Heart, and rector of the churches where the month has been solemnly observed.

The third indulgence is of 500 days and may also be gained, during June, for every one who shall strive to spread the devotion by assisting at the exercises or inducing others to do so, and a plenary indulgence for every communion made during the specified time.

A GOOD OMEN.

It is a good omen when we see the forces for righteousness, irrespective of creed, conferring to the end that better conditions may obtain

with regard to the deadly misuse of intoxicants.

The agitation for the better regulation of the traffic is as old as the hills. Statutory enactments when enforced have done much to ameliorate the evil, but the keynote for dismantling the foe was struck by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi in his address before the Women's Temperance Union the other evening, when he said he would strongly urge that the efforts of good temperance workers be concentrated in the moral suasion of the young.

"Teach the little girls and little boys on the benches of the country and city schools that it is degrading to acquire the habit of drinking strong liquors and these children will grow up temperance men and women and temperance fathers and mothers," said His Grace.

Here is a double weapon with which to fight the foe. The law and honest officials to keep the traffic within bounds, and the minds of the young to abhor it.

Conscientious officials can effect the former and right-minded parents and teachers the latter.

There is surely a rising tide of opposition to the saloon generally now spreading throughout the country, and we would warn those who are engaged in the dangerous business to accept and abide by reasonable limitations to it.

They may find out too late that they have awakened a sleeping giant, who will brush them ruthlessly aside.

MOUNT ST. LOUIS CADETS.

Mount St. Louis is rapidly perfecting herself as a military college of the first rank.

The efficiency of the cadets of this school is receiving the unstinted praise of the highest military officers of the Dominion, and the directors of Mount St. Louis in thus inculcating so successfully this discipline is right in line with the most modern and successful institutions of Canada and the United States.

Nothing makes for mental and physical strength in our young students so well as military training and discipline.

The recent manoeuvres of these young soldiers in this city and their magnificent performance and reception in the Ancient Capital, of which our news column speaks, stamp them at once as among the finest drilled cadets in Canada, and the reverend director and his corps of signally efficient teachers are to be highly complimented for their untiring zeal to make Mount St. Louis second to none.

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENGLISH.

"Why do the public school children speak and write such wretched English?"

In answering this question the New York Sun says:

"Since Jan. 1, the teachers employed by the city have been answering this question, unconsciously but none the less completely, in the letters they have been sending to the newspapers. These communications have revealed the fact that many of the instructors in the employ of the department of education are themselves grossly ignorant of the first principles of composition and careless in their use of words.

"Of the several hundreds of letters from teachers received by the Sun, very many have been unfit for publication without being practically rewritten. In some cases it has been actually impossible to find out what the writers were trying to say. Whole pages of manuscript have been absolutely meaningless. Dozens if not scores of teachers have sent to this paper communications which a properly instructed child of ten would blush to own. The letters of this description have been so numerous as to make us wonder if the majority of teachers, men and women, regard the accepted rules of capitalization and punctuation and grammatical construction as oppressive, to be resisted at any cost."

From such instructors, a child cannot learn the English language.

Undoubtedly the carelessness and ignorance displayed in these letters is shown by their authors in conversation in the classroom and outside. How can the pupils acquire anything else than bad forms of English.

ROOSEVELT AND IRISH POETS.

The editor of the Syracuse Catholic Sun thinks that President Roosevelt has some grudge against Irish-American poets. He says:

Once upon a time Dominick Murphy, at Washington, wrote a poem—something about bats flying in the twilight and red sunshine smouldering in the West. Roosevelt came into power and fixed him so he'd never do it again. He made him Consul General at Bordeaux and hustled him out of the country.

St. John Gaffney also wrote a poem once and soon as the President heard of him he put his mighty finger upon him and pushed him out of his native land into a consulship abroad.

Then there was James Jeffrey Roche whom we used to love. He was author of several volumes of poetry and the country was beginning to wake up to him. There's no telling how long he would have gone on bringing glory upon the Irish race in America, yet suddenly the President rose and in his might exiled him to Genoa as consul. He has since transferred him to Berne, in Switzerland, although Roche doesn't speak German enough to buy two glasses of lager.

For years Maurice Francis Egan, Professor of English Literature at the Catholic University, has ranked as one of the few real poets of the country. Catholics generally were proud of him, especially whenever they saw his name in the big magazines, which they did pretty often. Now he is done for, too. In an unhappy hour the President became aware that he wrote poetry—an offense that cannot be tolerated, apparently. He has just made Egan Minister to Denmark, where he'll have to speak Danish, of which he doesn't know a word.

Consider for a moment the far-reaching, inexplicable and undying hatred entertained by the President of the United States for the whole tribe of poets. Wherever he finds one of Irish birth or descent he makes him consul, or minister, or something similar, and sends him out of the country at once. A few weeks ago James Ryder Randall admitted that he had Irish blood in his veins. Almost any day, now, he is liable to find himself appointed ambassador to the Land of Dreams, Judge Donahoe, of Connecticut, is getting so prominent that he is apt to be stricken by diplomatic lightning at any moment. It is becoming clearly obvious that the President does not mean to leave an Irish Catholic poet in the country.

We don't know what the poets have done to incur his ill-will, but we certainly would not advise appointing a delegation to go and see. The whole batch would probably find itself appointed to Chowchow, Hangchow, Hownow and other Chinese cities inside of an hour. There's nothing to do except bear it; but it is awful.

"Teddy" has the weakness of knowing a good thing when he sees it. We would advise brother O'Malley to keep well under cover or he may go the way of the others.

THE RED FLAG.

There is to be decided shortly in New York an interesting case involving the right of Socialists to wave the red flag upon the streets.

City Magistrate Crane has placed the well-known agitator, Feldman, under bail to keep the peace. Feldman was arrested the other day for preaching the doctrines of socialists and waving a red flag at the Crowd. He was arrested because he had no permit to speak in the public streets, and placed under bonds to keep the peace. The Court said: "This man is not charged with preaching socialism. The Constitution of the United States gives every man the free right of speech and the right to express his own opinions, provided he does not overstep the bounds of law and order. The use of a red flag in public halls or upon the highways tends towards breaches of the peace. It incites disorder and creates feelings of antagonism towards the Government. This will not be tolerated in this city or this country."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Fathers of the Sacred Heart, the order to which Father Damien, who gave his life for the lepers of Molokai, belonged, have established a foundation at Fairhaven, Mass., in

the diocese of Fall River.

Leprosy is not entirely unknown in this country, but how many people are aware that we have actually a leper colony so near Canada? Such is, nevertheless, the fact. A few people afflicted with this most loathsome disease are sequestered on Penikese Island, one of the Elizabeth group, about ten miles from Fairhaven. There are only five lepers isolated there—two Portuguese, two Chinese and one woman, who is almost cured.

In advocating the total abstinence pledge for the First Communion class, we are aiming to promote the social uplift of our people. At Boston, last week, Bishop McQuaid told of a young man whom he had confirmed and who had taken at his hands the total abstinence pledge till his majority. He had never broken it, said the bishop; and he added that this young man now fills the office of secretary of the great State of New York. He wished to see Catholics of this stamp rise to high positions in the public service, in business and in the professions.

From the beginning of the Tractarian movement to 1899, there have been received into the Catholic Church in England, 446 clergymen, 417 members of Parliament, 205 officers of the army, 162 authors, poets and journalists, 129 lawyers, 60 doctors, 39 naval officers, 39 Barons, 27 Peers. Total 1517.

From these conversions 158 have become priests in the various religious orders, while 290 have joined the secular priesthood.

445 of these converts came from Oxford, while Cambridge University gave the Church 218.

Says the Toronto Globe:—To those of us who believe that full home rule must come, the Birrell bill does not appeal very strongly. Mr. O'Callaghan's point, that the home rule which was denied to Irishmen had been given to the Boers, is one that must have struck everybody when it was announced that the Transvaal had been granted a constitution. When Home Rule was granted the

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Boers the British people, in refusing the boon to Ireland, have not left themselves a logical leg to stand upon.

When the compositors of an Italian paper struck, the proprietor, at his wife's end, went to the prioress of the convent. She was a woman of resource and suggested that her nuns should go to the printing office and do the work. And they did. In a few days they had become fairly expert, and the paper appeared only one day late. The nuns made one characteristic stipulation, that the money they earned should go to the support of the strikers' families.

Ottawa Free Press:—There is nothing too good for the Irish in the constituency of Nicolet. Only last December the county elected Mr. C. R. Devlin as its representative in the House of Commons at Ottawa—now the town of Nicolet has chosen Mr. O'Shaughnessy as its next Mayor. And the beauty of it is that while they are both Irish they are also both French—and better than all, both are thoroughly Canadian gentlemen.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was once on an election tour in Ontario, and as the elections were bitterly contested, every effort was made to stir up race and religious prejudice. One day in Quebec a Liberal sent this telegram to Sir Wilfrid: "Report in circulation in this county that your children have not been baptized. Telegraph denial." To this the Premier replied: "Sorry to say report is correct. I have no children."

Some 10,000 persons attended the field military mass celebrated last Sunday on the parade ground in front of the marine barracks in the Brooklyn navy yard, in memory of the soldiers and sailors who have died in the service of the country. The custom of having an annual open-air military field mass was revived about five years ago by the veterans of the Spanish war.

Since the inception of the non-Catholic mission movement as it is now organized about the Apostolic Mission House, there have been given 1008 missions to Catholics; 1,456, 785 confessions were heard; 1468 missions to non-Catholics; 6257 converts received into the Church, 62,500 placed under instruction, to be received later by the parochial clergy.

BROTHER'S NOVITIATE.

(Notre Dame, Indiana.)
"Why can't thou hither, Bernard?" reads the scroll.

Writ large in letters bronze above the gate

That bars the world from the Novitiate,
Where dwell the Knights that Holy Cross enroll;

Each novice thus interrogates his soul

The passing hour, and with a heart elate

Resolves, in Jesus' strength, to meditate

A higher, holier plane to reach the goal.

There is a claim within this halcyon home

Surpassing in its wealth all earthly joy;

And here beneath the shelter of this dome,

Is plenitude of peace for which you sigh.

Nor should the unworthy past forbid you plead,

For Jesus ne'er will crush the bruised reed.

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