

THE TERM "CLERICAL"

ONE OF THE TRICKS OF THE MASONIC TRADE TO THROW DUST INTO THE EYES OF THE SIMPLE

We have often insisted in these columns upon the fact that the words "anti-clerical" and "clerical," as used by opponents of the Catholic Church...

Their terms were a being dupes. Their terms were a studied rhetorical device for cheating superficial minds into the belief that it was not the Catholic Church that was being attacked...

EXPLANATION

To the editor of the Peterboro Review: Dear Sir,—The following quotation is taken from a report of my speech at a meeting of our Ladies' Literary Society, December 2nd:

There was a very forcible sentence in Miss Holland's address. She told them the voice of the people was not always the voice of God. This was undoubtedly true, and otherwise lay the danger of unrestrained democracy.

When referring to the right kind of democracy I had in mind the democracy of Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States, in all of which we have government influenced by Christian principles, or the divine ideal of right and wrong.

(Rev.) W. J. McColl, Peterboro, Dec. 14, 1910

THE MISSION OF CHRIST

(From "Seedlings" by the Right Rev. Charles H. Colton, D.D.)

Our Lord's mission on earth was to preach—by entering one day into the synagogue, as was His wont, the word of that requirements of the old law which He was pleased to observe...

The world had long since been without the instruction and consolation of the all-saying word of God; the prophets were dead, and the people had wandered away from the lessons and exhortations of Moses the lawgiver; and so God the Father determined to send to men His own Divine Son, that they might hear His doctrines, and copy His life and avail themselves of His miraculous power.

In a world, our Lord preached the folly of looking to creatures and things created for consolation, for only one thing could console us, and that was a knowledge of God and the possession of His love. And this is what the Church has preached constantly ever since.

Oh, who can realize all that meant! Sacrifices untold had been offered, victims without number had been slain, and yet still stood between earth and heaven, between man and his Creator, and it would never have been taken away, unless Christ the Lamb of God had been slain by His precious blood made atonement for sin.

It is the same to-day. The Church, the bride of Christ, is filled with the spirit of her Founder and is clothed with His power. And so she invites all to come and partake of the divine mercy, and a ready to heal and raise up the sinner, if he or she be only contrite of heart.

Miss Elizabeth Angela Henry Entertains Her Alma Mater The teachers and pupils of St. Joseph's Academy, Toronto, were afforded a rare delight on Tuesday, the 13th inst., when the brilliant Buffalo journalist, Miss Elizabeth Angela Henry, a former pupil of the academy, gave, with magnificent illustrations, a description of the Passion Play as presented at Oberammergau, Miss Henry, who has recently returned from a long tour in Palestine and the remote corners of Europe, had the good fortune to witness the Passion Play performed at the world-famed village, and her introductory paragraphs, descriptive of the simple peasant-folk who take part in the great tragedy, with more than the consummate skill of renowned artists, was heart-touching. The splendid views did much to aid the realism of the narration; but one needs to see and hear for oneself the representation and the description of the soul-searching drama as presented by Miss Henry.

Throughout the whole recital, the tender piety of the ardent narrator, whose own soul seems to be filled with the deep religious enthusiasm of the Oberammergau peasants, is vividly apparent.

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When the beautiful performance had ended, Miss Henry was presented with a lovely sheaf of St. Joseph lilies, accompanied by words of tenderness from the young lady who offered the flowers "with the love and gratitude of Alma Mater, as a slight appreciation of one whose affectionate loyalty to her old convent school, its teachers and its teachings, had never wavered."

Miss Margaret Lellis Hart, that splendid and well-known Canadian writer, accompanied Miss Henry. She also was the Academy colors, was deeply touched by the Pupils' greeting, and in a few grateful, graceful words told them how proud she ever was that her name was enrolled upon St. Joseph's registers.

In her intervals of journalistic labor, this gifted lady is much sought after as lecturer by Societies, Clubs, Teacher Associations, etc.

ST. FRANCIS' CHRISTMAS

At the Christmas of 1223, when much anxious discussion as to the future of his order had ended not altogether according to the mind of the Blessed Francis, a great desire was formed within him to celebrate the festival among the poor in a way which would appeal to the hearts of all.

He told his mind to a devout and wealthy knight, John of Greccio, and the knight undertook that all necessary preparations should be made for a unique service. All the inhabitants of the surrounding country, with the religious and the clergy, were invited to hear mid night Mass on Christmas eve in the heart of the Forest of Greccio, Christmas eve came, and as the hour drew on lights were seen and music was heard far down the forest glades, as from all points the faithful headed by their clergy, the men carrying torches and singing the Christmas hymns, made their way to the festival.

At the appointed spot, and behold they were at Bethlehem. Here in the heart of the forest was a poor stable, and within it a manger in the manger lay a bambino swaddled carefully from the cold. The people greatly rejoiced to behold this sight. They stood round the little hut a great encircling company, the ring of torches turned the night to day, and once more they lustily sang their hymns. Then when the joy had grown quiet, Father Lais reverently intoned. Hard by the manger stood an altar now adorned with lights, hither presently came a celebrant with his attendants. Francis was deacon and a great hush fell on the assemblage as his voice was heard singing the gospel. Then Francis preached—with such a

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A Splendid Number The Farmers' Advocate of London, Ont., Canada's oldest and best paper devoted to the interests of farmers, has published a Christmas number which gives evidence of the prosperity which it richly deserves.

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sweetness and conviction that the story of long ago seemed re-enacted before the people's eyes—there were some who said that as he preached they saw the Holy Child Himself lying in the Deacon's arms against the white and gold of his dalmatic. So they sang the Christmas Mass that year in the forest of Greccio.—Selected.

SPIRIT OF LOVE

WHAT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON TYPIFIES

By John P. Leahy In the Catholic Church which for twenty centuries has celebrated Christmas as one of its greatest festivals, the full meaning of the day is expressed in the words:

"Glory to God on high And on earth peace to men of good will." Many Christmas days have passed since first the star of Bethlehem lighted the paths of the wise men of the east, and each one has spread its influence for the cause of eternal peace and brotherly love.

Of all the days of the year this one is the most narrowest of our lives, and yet it is a contemplation of the comfort and happiness of our kin. The Christmas spirit is to-day typical of the spirit of generosity, self-sacrifice and love. The nineteenth century of the Christian era has seen the festival grow from one of a purely religious character to an international holy day observed by the entire civilized world.

May the influence of Christmas in the twentieth century be even stronger. May it become at each succeeding annual the birthday of a year of hope, of promise and good cheer to man and of peace and prosperity to the nations.

Observatory

Rome, Dec. 15.—The new observatory at the Vatican was formally opened to-day. The Pope was not able to attend the ceremonies. Cardinal Maffi, the president of the observatory, in his address to the Pope mentioned briefly the different tasks of the members of the staff.

The vice-director, Father Lais is engaged in measuring the distances between the stars included in the so-called Vatican zone, and he is aided in his calculations by three Sisters of Charity, who in the seclusion of their convent are engaged in making the necessary mathematical computations. Father Stein is making researches about variable and double stars; in a special monography he proved the falsity of the legend that Pope Calixtus III, excommunicated Halley's comet.

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To a CORRESPONDENT—Some weeks ago we received a letter from a Newfoundland correspondent enquiring about an Italian Franciscan. Will our friend please send us his address as we propose to write him privately upon the subject, which is of no public interest.

DIED—In St. John's, N.B., December 8th, 1910, Mary Blaine, aged nineteen years and seven months. May her soul rest in peace!

FAVORS RECEIVED A subscriber wishes to acknowledge with gratitude a favor received through the intervention of our Blessed Lady and St. Gerard Majella. Another subscriber wishes also to return thanks for a favor received after prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and the Souls Purgatory.

A merry Christmas spoken in the words of Christ is the greatest gift man gives to man.

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NORMAL TRAINED TEACHER FOR SENIOR room R. C. S. S. No. 3 and 8 Sandwith Street, Hamilton. Duties to commence Jan. 3rd, 1911. Salary \$200. School closed to church P. O., Steam and Electric R.R. Applying giving qualifications, experience and references to John J. Costigan, Sec. Treas. Hamilton, Ont. 1910-11.

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WANTED CATHOLIC TEACHER ABLE TO teach English and French separate, for R. C. S. S. No. 10, Hamilton, Ontario. Salary \$200 per annum. Apply to Wm. Eckart, Manly P. O., Ont. 1910-11.

WANTED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL, MARKHAM, a teacher holding second class certificate. Duties to commence Jan. 3rd, 1911. Salary \$180 per annum. Address D. J. Finlan, Sec. Treas. Markham, Ont. 1910-11.

WANTED ASSISTANT TEACHER FOR French and English, Salary \$132. Apply to Rev. T. H. Trainor, Sec. Treas. Box 5, Canby, Ont. 1910-11.

TEACHER WANTED, FEMALE (CATHOLIC) second class professional, for the primary class of the Pennington school, Pennington, Ontario. Apply to W. W. Parker, Sec. Pennington, Ontario. 1910-11.

A TEACHER HOLDING A SECOND CLASS professional certificate for S. S. No. 19, Apply to the principal, Lawrence D. Healy, Sec. Treas. S. S. No. 19, Humberford, London, Ont. 1910-11.

TEACHER WANTED, MALE OR FEMALE, first or second class professional certificate, holding first or second class professional certificate, \$100 per annum. Duties to commence January 1st, 1911. Apply to Wm. Eckart, Manly P. O., Ont. 1910-11.

WANTED FOR S.S. NO. 21, HUNGERFORD, a teacher holding 2nd class professional certificate. Apply to J. G. Larabee, Parkhurst, Ontario. 1910-11.

TEACHER WANTED FOR R. C. S. S. NO. 4 and 4, Woodville, Ont. Teacher having 2nd class professional certificate. Salary \$225 per annum. Duties to commence Jan. 3rd, 1911. Experience, testimonials and salary preferred. Address: Denis Farmer, Sec. Centralia, Ont. 1910-11.

CATHOLIC NORMAL TRAINED TEACHER wanted for senior room of S. S. No. 6, Ellice and Logan, holding a second class professional certificate. Duties to commence January 3rd, 1911. Apply to Joseph E. Walsh, Royal Mail, Humberford, London, Ontario. 1910-11.

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TEACHER WANTED FOR SECTION No. 7, Tilbury, Ont. One capable of teaching French and English. Good locality. Salary \$180 per annum. Duties to commence Jan. 3rd, 1911. Apply to J. H. O'Neil, Sec. Treas. R. C. S. S. No. 9, Keswary, Ont. 1910-11.

WANTED A NORMAL TRAINED TEACHER for senior room of R. C. S. S. No. 17, Richmond, Ontario. Salary \$200 per annum. Duties to commence Jan. 3rd, 1911. Apply to Wm. Eckart, Manly P. O., Ont. 1910-11.

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