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neither time nor disposition to go to London to search its columns for the last fifty years or so to find out all about it

We know, however, that the Roman correspondents of the Daily News have often curious flights of fancy, and that they are accustomed to invent strange tales with regard to the doings of the Church in Rome. So frequently is this the case that absolutely they deserve no credit whatsoever when dealing with this subject. The whole story is evidently a myth for the purpose of pleasing the fancy of the no-Popery associations of Great Britain and this continent. Still we have our serious doubs about the accuracy of Mr. Smith's quetations.

While treating of this subject, it is but fair we should give due credit to Mr. J. D. Edgar, M. P. for West Ontario, for his fearless and honest exposure of the hurtful tactics of the P. P. A. in a letter which appeared in the Mail and Globe on the 8th inst. The liberal treatment of Protestants by Catholics in Canada is dwelt upon in contrast with the oath taken by members of the P. P. A., not " for the conversion of Papists, or the saving of their souls," but "to accomplish rather the temporal injury than the spiritual good of the two millions of members of that Church among us." . . Seeking "to keep them out of employment in business, and to disqualify them from being eligible for any political positions.

Mr. Edgar remarks :

"Surely such a declaration of war could only be approved by those who felt that the political rights of Protes-tant citizens were being trampled upon Roman Catholics wherever these have a majority. I can show that, on the contrary, the political treatment of Protestants where the Catholics have a clear majority is far more generous than the latter receive from Protestants who have control. Take up the last census again, and the Parliamentary returns and we will find that in Ontario four constituencies with large Catholic majorities send Protestants to the House of Commons, and that only one Roman Catholic is elected by any riding with a Protestant majority. Then take Quebec, and we find that while Then seven Catholic ridings elect Protestant M. P's., not one riding with a Protestant majority sends a Roman Catholic to Parliament. Would it not be fair to tell these honest truths to a candidate (to A. P. A. ship) before asking him to take so shocking and un-Christian an oath? I am sorry to say that it looks as if to day the Protestant majorities are far less generous in their treatment of Roman Catholic candidates than they should be."

Mr. Edgar concludes that the P. P. A. members are the dupes and tools of a foreign political conspiracy which desires to drive Quebec out of the Canadian Confederacy through sheer disgust at Ontario bigotry. Such tactics would break up the Dominion, and leave it an easy prey to any power desiring to feed upon it, for Quebec is the pivotal Province owing to its geographical position, and if it abandoned the Confederation nothing could preserve Canada on the map of the world. The P. P. A. are therefore the tools

traitors, if they are no worse. As a

that journal really says ; but we have Father Doyle, of New York, lately had ber altogether about 6,000, a discussion with another clerical misfit like Mr. Hobbs. His name is Rev. Dr. McArthur. The subject discussed was the A. P. A. of the United States. The words of the Catholic clergyman are so peculiarly applicable to the conduct of the Brantford preacher that we cannot help reproducing them :--"Will the future of America, the latest and best evidence of Christianity, be a blessing or a curse? Two things must be feared for its moral welfare, the infidel and the religious bigot-a firebrand like him who, on a day when we are supposed to thank God for the blessings we have received, will go out of his way to stir up hatred and animosity among Americans. When that reverend gentleman said that one can't be a good Roman Catholic and a

good citizen at the same time he made a mis-statement. He threatens the Catholic Church with the American Protective Association, which is the putrid matter exuded by the body politic like the poison leaving the human body in change of seasons, but this minister sticks his tongue into this putrid matter and then tells his congregation how sweet it is.

UP TO within eight or ten years ago the Catholics of Ontario were very fairly divided in their allegiance to the two political parties, but the unreasonable attacks made upon their Church by Mr. Meredith and his followers quite naturally created a different state of things, and the great majority of the Catholic voters gave their allegiance to Sir Oliver Mowat. It is to be regretted that so many of our Protestant fellow-citizens have a

peculiar method of reasoning where Catholics or the Catholic Church are concerned. We would ask them in all seriousness to consider what would be their line of conduct, if, as Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, etc., they had been attacked in like manner? Would they not likewise form a solid column in defence of their rights?

BUT, without any special cause, is it not a fact that the Presbyterians of the Province form a solid column in the Liberal ranks, and the adherents of the Church of England an equally solid body in the Conservative party. Why, then, are not these denominations called to account equally with the Catholics? Because, as we have said, certain people have a very liberal measure of justice for Protestants, and a very stinted one for Catholics.

BE IT remembered that Catholics are under no special obligations to the Ontario Government. What bigots look upon as privileges are in reality only rights, and, no matter what party rules, these rights will have to be conceded so long as the Confederation flag floats over us. We do not believe that the most demented P. P. A. fanatic has any hope that the present status of Catholics can be changed if his party gain control of the Government. A little show of persecution may be made at the beginning, but, were it necessary to retain office by so doing, we firmly believe the loud Protestant warwhoop new heard would fade away entirely. Office ! Office ! Boodle ! Boodle ! is the real motive. The Pope

whom little over 300 are Roman Cath olics, and the P. P. A.'s at once entered on the contest with a bitterness and vindictiveness never equalled in an ordinary political campaign, and an utter disregard of the rights and feelings of the small minority, which can only be characterized as cowardly in the extreme. Had we not been present throughout the contest and heard the inflammatory utterances from the platform, night after night, no one could have persuaded us that, in any intelligent community, there could have been found such a number of Protestants so intolerant and so forgetful of the principles of religious liberty, as to applaud the bigoted utterances of those who spoke for Mc-Callum. Among these speakers were Mayor Essery of London, Mayor Fleming of Windsor, Ald. Coo of London, J. H. McConnell of Windsor, and H. Macklin, London."

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THE Rev. Dr. Paxton, a fashionable New York preacher, has left his charge on account of an accusation made against him that his preaching is inferior to what it was previously. To a reporter who interviewed him he explained the matter thus :

explained the matter thus: "Whoever said I was not preaching as good sermons as formerly war right. I was not. One can't lead the life I leve and go on forever. It is the pace that kills. I lot the procession there in New York-kept at the head of the column for years and the pace is telling on me. I wanted to stop and ask myself where I stood. I had been looking after other people's souls so long, I wanted to some leisure to look after my own soul."

It appears to be the doctor's opinion that a preacher cannot save his soul being pastor of a fashionable congregation.

By the census of India for 1891, which has been recently published, the Christians in that Empire number 2,-218,380, being an advance of nearly 22 per cent. in ten years. The Catholics are returned at 571 per cent. of the whole number of Christians ; but to this percentage must be added 83 per cent. who are returned as Syrian Christians, who are also Catholics, with the exception of a very small fraction who are still Nestorians. Omitting the fraction, there will be over 651 per cent. of the whole number of Christians, Catholics, and 341 per cent. Protestant and Nestorian. The Church of England has 15 per cent. out of this number, and British non-conformists 171 per cent. These figures include the British traders and the garrison, so that the Catholic Church is far ahead in the conversion of the native

population.

In nearly all the Protestant cities of the world the number of persons attending Church is woefully small. In Christiana, Norway, there is a population of 13,000 for each church and in Copenhagen 28,000. In Berlin there is a great falling off in church attendance from year to year, and in Glasgow, the Rev. Dr. Howie, a Presbyterian minister, estimates the nonchurch-going population at 360,000.

SIR STUART KNILL related in a recent address that during his occupation of the Lord Mayor's seat he had many experiences of the intensity of the hatred with which he was regarded on account of his being a Catholic. After a hanquet given by the hospital cular fell, however, into the hands of managers, a Vicar of a west-end parish some who were not of the Brotherhood, wrote to him to say that he would not and was published in the New York in future allow his pulpit to be used on World of the 3rd inst. After an exhorbehalf of the hospital fund, because tation to act energetically at the elec-Cardinal Vaughan had been appointed tion of Tuesday, the 5th inst., it made by him to reply for the hospital, though the following appeal : he had nothing to do with the invita-"They are now raising money to pay for a house in Washington for the tion to the Cardinal, and hedid not even Italian Satolli. Shall we elect the know that Cardinal Vaughan would be Irishman Garrity to enable him to swell the fund? Can you ask for a better candidate than Robert E. Baldpresent until he met him there. He was also puzzled greatly with a letter win? What our brothers have done elsewhere should be possible here. Act! Act! Act!" received from a member of the stock exchange who wrote to him that he had disloyally put England under the It is difficult for any one to see what patronage of St. Peter and had altered the city flag by putting a St. Peter's connection there is between Mgr. Satolli's residence and Mr. Garrity's cross on it. He afterwards discovered election to a public office, but the the solution of the puzzle. On the city document shows the venom of that arms there is a sword represented, viz., association which operates like the the sword of St. Paul, in the top left hand quartering. The stock-exchange snake in the grass. man had mistaken the cross-shaped A touching incident which is told handle of the sword for "St. Peter's by the Montreal Witness of the 4th cross," and blamed the Lord Mayor for inst. gives us a view of the kindness having introduced it. The fanatical of heart of the police of that city, such wiseacre evidently knew nothing about as one would not expect to find under the city arms. It is true, however, the civic helmet. A Mrs. Sampson that Sir Stuart Knill's Cathowandered into the police quarters that licity is earnest and that he is faithday without money and asked to be ful to his religion. A remarkenabled to go with her child to her able evidence of this is found in a fact father and mother who would receive recently related by an eye-witness in her home in Michigan, as she had the Courier of Brussels. This gentlebeen deserted by her husband. The man, while travelling last autumn Chief gave her \$5 and the sergeants, along the banks of the Rhine, was policemen and reporters present all greatly edified by the piety of an aged contributed their quota till \$17 were man who was serving the Mass of a raised, the amount necessary to take humble priest in an obscure village her to her destination. When the church. The aged man was the Lord amount was handed her she was so Mayor of London. overcome as to be unable to utter her

of the A. P. A. as a mischievous and wicked organization. The New York World of 5th December says :

"The American people do not need secret organizations founded upon religious fanaticism to protect their Public school system. They need to be de-livered from the menace of such un-American movements."

DEACONESSES and Sisterhoods, in Imitation of Catholic Sisterhoods, are not confined to the Protestant denominations of Great Britain and America, but have also been introduced into Germany, and the Lutherans have already numerous organizations of this kind, notwithstanding the fact that Luther, Beza, Melancthon, and the other leaders of German Protestantism, condemned such associations indiscriminately. During the prevalence of the cholera the deaconesses

did good service in nursing the sick throughout Germany. Thus the wisdom of the Catholic Church in fostering religious orders has been amply vindicated, and recognized by both Englishspeaking and German Protestants of Furope and America.

ONCE more a spiritualistic humbug has been exposed. One Mrs. W. T. Thompson, hailing from Keokuk, Iowa, was exhibiting as a medium in Quincy, Illinois, under the auspices of the Spiritualists of that town. Among the audience were some unbelievers, one of whom asked that the spirit of a departed friend should be summoned, and the medium agreed to do this. The lights were turned down low, and the spirit appeared amid the darkness and walked about the room. But a trap had been laid by one of the incredulous ones of the audience and a flood of light was suddenly thrown upon the scene by a hidden electric light, which revealed that the supposed spirit was Mrs. Thompson herself dressed in white, and with her cheeks chalked to give her a ghastly appearance. The medium was greatly crestfallen at the exposure of her fraud and left for home by the next train. In spite of such exposures as those to which mediums like Mrs. Diss Debar and Mrs. Thompson have been frequently subjected, there will still remain hundreds of people who will submit to be duped again by these impostors. It appears that the superstition of some people is so great that they like to be deceived by any pretenders who feign to have a message for them from the spirit world.

It is evident that there are still some knaves and fools living. Notwithstanding that the character of Mrs. Margaret L. Shepherd has been thoroughly exposed, and is pertectly well known to the people of Berlin, a considerable audience went to hear her deliver a lecture in that goodly town on Dec. 1. To the credit of the town council it must be mentioned that they refused to grant the Town Hall for the delivery of her obscene slanders.

THE A. P. A. of New Haven, Conn., sent through the mails a circular to its members with directions to destroy it immediately after reading. The cir-

She tried to thank them, but there are times when it is not easy to speak." When the officers saw how deeply thankful she was there was not a man among them but was thankful that he had been fortunate enough to be on hand when the collection was taken up. One sergeant, who is known for his goodly proportions, respectfully opened the door as she was about to pass out. Then for the first time she looked up and said, '1-am - sir,' and then she stopped again. 'Of course, of course, said the ample sergeant, waving his hand and looking just the least mite as if he, too, was going to spoil his speech, 'of course you are glad, and we are all glad too, and you can tell your mother that we all send our, our, -1 mean our respects to her.' As he closed the door after her the light on his face was very pleasant tosee. It was a most pleasant morning in police cir-cles.

A PRIEST'S ALLEGED OATH.

A Secular Journa! Rebukes a Lying Correspondent.

We have of late, says the Milwaukee Sentinel, received several letters, some of them anonymous, enclosing what purported to be the oath taken by Roman Catholic priests, with a reques to publish it in the Sentinel. Accord ing to this document the priest declares that all commonwealths and Govern nents are illegal without the sacred confirmation of the Pope, and that he (the priest) denounces and disowns allegiance to any Protestant king, prince or State, and that he will do his utmost to excirpate the Protestant doctrine and to destroy all their pretended power, regal and other wise.

This oath, we suspect, is from the same mint which produced the pre-tended encyclical letter of the present Pope releasing American Catholics from their allegiance to the Govern ment of the United States and fore shadowing a movement to establish the domination of the Church in this country. It is possible that it has been raked out of the records of some Irish conspiracy, real or alleged. Such an origin appears to be indicated in a passage where the priest is represented as promising to defend "His Holiness rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whats ever, and especially against the now pretended authority and Church in England." This passage clearly points to an Irish origin, and would be nonsense if designed for use in this coun-

This document itself contains internal evidence that it is spurious as a copy of an oath taken by a Catholic priest in the United States. Any organization that circulates such documents as this one and the aforesaid en cyclical letter is lacking either in discernment or in honesty. They will doubtless impose upon many simple - minded but well - meaning people who do not stop to consider them carefully and whose bias inclines them to be credulous of anything alleged which is derogatory to the Catholics. If the organization known as the A. P. A. is engaged in this sort of business it is doing a very disreputable and mischievous work

Know-Popery "- it is Worth Studying.

In the midst of this world, that is ever dying and ever nascent, and in the very center of most rapid and ceaseless change, the Catholic Church remains a permanent and abiding fact. She has suffered assault from all folds; from all opfrom kings and posing powers ; warriors ; from statesmen and philosophers; from poets and scholars, from parliaments and peoples; from the gnorance and corruption of her own children; from the worldliness and low-mindedness of her ministers ; from the violence of barbarism and the effeminate vices of civilization. She has been exalted and she has

been humbled ; she has ruled and she has borne the chain of servitude; she has dwelt in palaces and she has lived in

BISHOP KEANE ON INTEMPER-ANCE.

The Liquor Traffic a Menance to the Welfare of Virtue and Morality.

Bishop Keane, rector of the Catholic University, Washington, preached a powerful sermon on the evil effects of intemperance in Philadelphia on a recent Sunday evening. After express-ing his delight at the large audience and referring to the feast of the day, Bishop Keane said : "The reason that there is so little peace on earth is be-cause there is so much sin. A Christian is not worthy of the name if he does not strive to fight against sin. and that is the object of the Temperance Society. Intemperance is one of those evils that takes a terrible hold on the appetite and is an evil by which temptations are multiplied. So the Church and the civil authorities regard its traffic as most dangerous to the welfare of virtue and morality, and as Christians and citizens we ought to try to diminish its traffic.

"There are few sources which equal the rum shop for crime. Intemperance destroys health, weakens the morals and debases the individual and causes general demoralization in the community. The statistics of every state show that there are more crime and misery caused by the saloon than any other source.

"We have seen thousands of lives that were at one time shining lights We have seen fathers and ruined. mothers whose pride were their children grow gray and their days short-ened by this evil. If we visit the jails, the workhouses and the insane aylums, we will find that the greater portion of inmates have come there through the effects of this cursed evil.

Bishop Keane advised his hearers to ceep out of the rum business 'Every Christian," he said, '' no mat ter how poor and lowly he may be, can offer his works and actions of the day to God. But how can the saloon keeper say in the morning, 'I offer up to God all the glasses of beer and whiskey which I will sell during the day?' How can be kneel down in the evening and offer up that which he has taken from the poor and wretched ? How can he rest at night when that wife is cursing the man who sold her husband drink? Every one ought to try to get out of the rum business and strive to seek a more honest and respectable way of making a living.

Work of Apaists Probably.

Several fires, similar in character, discovered in Chicago Catholic churches have led to the suspicion that they were of incendiary origin. A blaze was discovered in the confessional of the handsome St. Elizabeth church, Tuesday night, and about ten days ago the same thing happened in the Holy Cross church.

From the Great Protestant Weekly.

Catholicism stands like a rock, one of the most wonderful of human institutions in its continuity, its adaptability to human nature, its power over the minds of men. Those outside its influence can estimate the peace and joy which its communion brings only by seeing its effect on those within. Possibly Protestantism of the highest sort has a hard fight before it. must be something wrong when so many of the noblest minds have, within the last fifty years, left its ranks and put their reason under the yoke of Catholicism. If Protestantism it permanently to withstand the attracting influence of its great rival, it must perhaps become more definitely based upon principle, not upon the mainten-ance of the prestige of any one or prestige of any one or

matter of fact it is well known that the association was imported from the neighboring Republic : though it is stated by United States journals that it was instituted there chiefly by Canadian Orangemen. The two things are not at all irreconcilable, and we believe that both statements are correct.

This is another "excellent reason for the P. P. A. which Mr. John Smith forgot to mention in his enumeration under this heading.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our readers will regret to hear of the demise of Lady Gertrude (Stock) Douglas, sister of Rev. Lord Archibald Douglas. She died happily at St. Joseph's Convent, Hendon, England, on the 25th November. The deceased lady was the author of that delightful story, "Linked Lives," which is now being published in the CATHOLIC RECORD. The many friends of the family in this country will, we know, offer up a fervent prayer in her behalf.

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ONE Protestant clergyman, Rev. R. Hobbs, of Brantford, has had the courage to announce that he is a member of the P. P. A. There is one thing that may be said in his favor, that he has the courage to come out of the rat hole and show himself in the broad light of day. As some of the most eminent Protestant divines in the Dominion have warned their people against joining the association, the course which the Rev. Mr. Hobbs has taken will lead sensible people to con-

is brought into the fight merely as a bogey man to capture the ignorant and the narrow-minded bigot.

In proof of this our fellow-citizens have but to look about them and examine what sort of Protestants are those engaged in the P. P. A. crusade. Are they honest, upright Protestantschurch adherents and contributors to all the work carried on by the Protestant denominations? Not by any means. They are the "for-revenueonly " politicians, loud of mouth and

void of all the qualities that constitute good citizens. Let them also take a glance at the characters of many of the men who now occupy and who are aspirants for municipal honors, and they will find that many of them are persons with whom they would not care to have any dealing in business matters. And these unworthy persons have been cast into prominence by the P. P. A. wave.

WE are pleased to observe that the nost influential papers of Ontario, the Toronto Globe taking the lead, are handling the P. P. anarchists without gloves. The Toronto Mail, however, which in politics or anything else is neither fish, flesh nor fowl, nor even good red herring, save in the matter of Pope and Popery, and in that the hard-working, painstaking Carker like editor pursues his daily task with a gentle regularity betokening a long period of suffering for his readers, may be said to be the apologist of the unsightly thing. The Amherstburg Echo thus refers to the P. P. A. in the Lambton election :

not be at all flattering to his vanity. "The voters of East Lambton num- papers of the United States denounce describes the scene :

the desert. The highest have bowed before her and the lowest have spurned her. Millions have died for her ; millions have sought to destroy her. fate has seemed to be bound up with that of a hundred causes which have

biat of a number causes which have perished, and she alone survives.— Bishop Spalding. Obviously, an institution of this kind is worthy of study and investiga. tion.

The Renegade's End.

Charles Chiniquy, the renegade Canadian priest, has reached the win ter of his discontent. He is hungry and cold. He has no money. He is eighty-six years of age. His books against Romanism have not provided him for a rainy day, and all is blank, black, deep gloom for body and soul. He has called upon his Protestant friends for aid in his hour of need, but he is no longer a sensation with Proestants, and there is no hope for him from Protestant sources. His black, foul heart and conscience are gnawing him, and the demon of despair is dragging him faster into the night of What an awakening his existence. he shall have! What a homily the

creature's life is on the end in store that pernicious ilk of an anti-Catholic fanatic. Well may this wretched Chiniquy cry out with Wolsey : "Had I but served my God as I have served my master — the devil — he would not have deserted me in mine old

age." When will the followers of Chiniquy and his brood be convinced of futility of fighting the Catholic Church, against which "the gates of hell shall not prevail?" May the Divine Clemency, in the shape bread, overtake poor Chiniquy before he dies from hunger. It will be the duty eventually of some of the charitable institutions of the Catholic As in Canada, all the respectable thanks. The Witness reporter thus Church to care for his body before he goes before his God.

other of its Churches, or adherence to any particular creed; it must prove itself a religion of the heart and daily life, not alone of the schoolmen and the Sabbath. -- Independent. He

Catholicity and Citizenship.

George Parsons Lathrop, son-in-law of Hawthorne and a recent convert to the Catholic Church, says : "Am , whose ardent and steady patriotism no one doubted before ; whose family, of Puritan origin, has produced a line of Puritan origin, has produced a file of evangelical ministers and has been solidly American for two hundred and fifty-eight years—am I at once trans-formed into a disloyal citizen when I became a Catholic? An eminent man said to me : 'You have turned your back on your own countrymen.' I re-plied: 'No, sir. I am now the best kind of an American there is.' And with entire modesty—for the merit is not mine—I believe this to be true. For what can make a man so good a citizen as the religion which teaches citizen as the religion which him the oneness of truth, fidelity to his country, to marriage, to conscience, and applies itself directly every day to strengthening those forces which conserve or purify society and exalt the soul?

Has No Use for the A. P. A.

Rev. Earnest Mariett is rector of Emanuel Episcopal Church at Little Falls, N. Y., and is a gentleman of large influence and high standing in that community. In a sermon de livered a few days ago he repudiates the A. P. A. in the following out spoken manuer: "I am constantly receiving the publications through the mails of a society of rabid Protestants, whose headquarters are in Boston, where the intolerance of the Puritan has been replaced by the bigotry of the Prohibitionist and anti-Catholic. These publications are filled with misstatements and unjust criticisms of the Roman Church.'

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