

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY

To the Editor of the Register:— A "Challenge to the Roman Catholics of America" has been a rather freely distributed leaflet in some of our larger American cities and towns...

The "Challenge" as it reads, is false to the teaching of Christ and His Apostles, consequently false to God's Word. It is moreover false to history both ecclesiastical and profane...

They are sent to preach, to deliver an oral message and to heal the sick. "And going out they went about through the towns, preaching the Gospel and healing everywhere..."

We find, then, from the Bible, depending upon its trustworthiness as an historical record, that Christ established a teaching-body to make known His salutary truth to all nations...

The traditions which you have learned, whether by word or by epistle. Furthermore, the Apostles commissioned their co-laborers and successors to adhere to this method of oral instruction...

We may, however, by the reader's pardon for commenting upon the following absurdities,—"Romanism," says Hon. Mr. Challenger, "is really a novelty. Protestantism is founded on eternal truth..."

Again, "Mr. Challenger" is altogether too safe offering to pay \$50.00 to any Roman Catholic who shall produce a text to prove St. Peter had no wife. Roman Catholics do not claim that St. Peter was unmarried...

JOHN J. MAHON, pro. International Catholic Truth Society. Brooklyn, N. Y., May 6, '01.

For the Overworked—What are the causes of despondency and melancholy? A disordered liver is one cause and a prime one...

A CARDINALS' PRIVILEGES

From the New York Sun.

In a Cardinal's residence the principal apartment, called the throne room, is draped in red. In the place of honor hangs the portrait of the reigning Pope under a red silk canopy fringed with gold.

When the Cardinal is dead his coffin is placed for some hours beneath this canopy and the picture of the Pope is turned with its face to the wall, so with the official red hat that the Pope will give Mgr. Martinielli when the latter goes to Rome some time hence...

But he will have four other hats to wear, so he need not lack for covering. When he takes a walk he can use a three-cornered hat of black felt, tasseled with jet.

While in Rome, etiquette does not allow a Cardinal to walk. He must have a carriage and pair. When he goes out beyond the city walls an attendant follows him. Going to a public ceremony at the Vatican, he is entitled to a gala train of these carriages, and, if a Prince, to four.

A Cardinal's walking dress is always a black sinamay or cassock, without train, with tippet and false sleeves. The cording and buttons are of scarlet. As Cardinal Martinielli is a member of the Augustinian Order, this will be the color also of his ordinary costume...

Cardinals should be thirty years of age. Mgr. Martinielli will be one of the youngest members of the college. He is now fifty-three. Cardinal Scebasi, Archbishop of Prague, is the youngest being only thirty-eight.

Better that there should be as many as possible to choose from in the next conclave. Pope Pius IX. having had the longest reign, created the most Cardinals. Pope Leo XIII. has buried 130 Cardinals since he began his pontificate.

Order of Quebec Cardinal Perron, Bishop of Savannah, Cardinal Mazzella, the Jesuit theologian and professor at the College of Woodstock, Md., and Cardinal Sallusti, former delegate to the United States. Of these, Cardinals Cheverus, Persico and Mazzella had left this country before they were created Cardinals.

HIG GAME IN HILL PATH

Mr. F. W. Emmett, in an article in the Wide World Magazine on the Uganda Railway, refers to the deprivations of lions during the construction of the line.

In the forest region, he says, the big maneless lions are to be found. But it is at Isayo and Kinua, where the more dangerous animals abound, and where the greatest damage has been occasioned.

As showing how accustomed lions are becoming to the presence of the locomotive, an official who travelled on the Uganda railway only a few weeks ago told me that between the stations of Simla and Makindu only a few weeks ago he saw four magnificent animals eating a zebra within 50 yards of the rails.

On one occasion a herd of fifty elephants came within fifty yards of the camp at Lamuru railway station. The officials, startled by the tremendous noise made by these monsters, turned out, and after driving off the greater portion of the herd came upon seven cows and an enormous bull, which was lighting up the rear.

THE GATES OF THE WEST. I stood by the window one evening As the sun was sinking down, And the shadows a mantle were weaving To cover the earth below.

THE SONGS OF ERIN. "Music shall outlive all the songs of the birds,"—Old Irish I've heard the lark's cry thrill the sky o'er the meadows of Lough.

SHE MEANT IT. A short time ago a young couple presented themselves at the Old Church, Sheffield, to be married. The ceremony went smoothly as a marriage bell and the clergyman asked: "Will thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?"

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you and all present, that I'll have nothing more to do with him. And she bounced out of church.

And I wondered if the bright angels, When they bore our loved ones away To the beautiful home over the river, Where life is an endless day, Passed through those clouds bright and golden.

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