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(St. Mat. iii. 13-15)

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Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 18th, 1905. Apostolic Delegation. Ditawa, June 18th, 1905. Mr. Thomas Coffey : My Dear Sir.-Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is directed with intelli-gence and soliity, and, above all, that it is in-based with a strong calculation of the second with a strong calculation of the second second solity of the feachings and authors ing of the Church, at the same time promoting tabeet interests of the country. Following these lines it has done a great deal of good for the weifare of religion and country, and ity will do more and more, as its wholesome influence reaches more Catholic bames. I therefore, earnestly recommend it to Catho its families. With my blensing on your work, and best wishes for its continued success. Moarture, Archabaop of Epheaus. Durature Archabaop of Epheaus. spondent sent us, refers to the baptism of Christ by St. John. He asks : "Why should Jesus, the Messias, be baptized by St. John ?" s follows : Jordan unto John to be baptized of him. But John forbade Him, saying, I have need of Thee, and comest Th

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Mr. Thomas Coff y :

Mr. Thomas Coll' 7: Dar Sir : For some time past I have read your estimable paper. THE CATHOLIC RECORD and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published. Its matter and form are both good ; and a truly Catholic spirit pervades the whole. Therefore, with pleas ure, I can recommend it to the faithful Hieseing you and wishing you success believe me to remain.

ain, Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ † D FALCONIO, Arch. of Larissa, Apost. Deleg. LONDON, SATURDAY, APR 27, 1907.

## ALCOHOLISM.

faithful. A fourth reason was that by The stand which medical science the Holy Spirit's descent upon Christ takes with regard to alcohol is a scandal. in the form of a dove, and by the Father Scarcely ever is the subject discussed thundering from heaven, He might without the most contradictory opinions afford Himself an irrefragable testibeing advocated, first on one side and mony. Again, Christ took our sin then on the other. One scientist will upon Himself. Therefore, He stood maintain that alcohol is a food, and anbefore John as a penitent, that He other deny it. Some say it is a stimumight wash away and cleanse our sins lant, others maintain with equal force in Himself. Many of the Fathers, St. that it is a sedative. The doctors Augustine and others, assert that quarrel and the patient dies. If he Christ by His baptism sanctified all does not actually suffer death his state water, and by His corporeal contact becomes worse than that of death. with it. endued it with regenerating Not only does medicine owe it to power, since by this very act Christ itself, as a science, to come to a designed water for the sanctification more definite and unanimous conclaof men by washing them in the sacra sion concerning the use and dangers ment of baptism. Our Lord Himself of alcohol, it owes it to society, of gives a reason : "It becometh us, i. e., which, physically, it is the guardian. Me, to receive and you to confer According to recent investigations some baptism." It was a grand lesson of specialists would have us believe that obedience and humility. "This is alcoholism or the thirst for intoxicants r'ghteousness," says St. Ambrose, is not due to alcohol. Whatever may that what you wish another to be the cause, the evils are so dreadful do, you should yourself first begin, that science cannot be better employed and encourage others by your example.' than in finding a means to combat it. The reason assigned by Our Lord is a No field will afford timelier cultivation general reason, and does not exclude by both religion and science than the any particular reason which the Holy social ground of temperance. Both are Fathers advanced, viz., our Lord's de interested in it. Religion cannot be sire to show His approbation of John's apathetic. Nor should science be unbaptism-to meet an objection which decided. Scientists-at least, some of the Pharisees might a'terwards allege, them-admit that after the condition that He Himself did not receive John's exists, it is, as a rule, permanent. Pre baptism-to give an example of humil vention, therefore, is the most importity. In order to cure those who were ant factor in the minimizing of the evil. patients He wished to become like The seed may be sown very early in them. To conclude with St. Chrysos life. Indeed, it is often sown in infancy "Justice is the fulfilment of all by weary mothers giving their babes soothing medicine, or by their own God's commandments. But some one will ask, what justice is this, to be self-indulgence transfused into the baptized ? It was justice to obev the blood of the offspring they nurse. Then prophet, as, therefore, He was circum the crusade for total abstinence should cised, offered sacrifice, observed the Jewish festival: so He observed the nly hegin at the time of the recep tion of first Communion or confirmation. It should continue longer. The pledge, instead of being given till the age of twenty-one, should be extended to the age of twenty-five or thirty. If a boy continues sober until the responsibili 83.78: ties of life are upon him he will be less apt afterwards to acquire the habit of drinking. Physically he is more immune, and morally he is stronger against the seductions and sneers of evil compan ions. When scientists claim that certain physical conditions dependent upon the state of the nerves are the cause of what they euphemistically term drinkstorms they are confusing cause and condition. In fact it is only one example of modern errors in approaching questions in which the soul is concerned. Let the physical conditions be materially improved, the environment changed, and circumstances made as favorable as possible, much more remains to be done. If the cause is to be found in the nerves then temperance is not a virtue and intemperance not a in particular L'Ocuvre de la Presse. vice. This consequence would be most serious if it were generally admitted in practics. The cause of the evil, even from the point of reform, is very widespread. Society in all its ramifications has trifled with the temptation until the vice of intoxication threatens nations and the race itself. Let the cause be farther and farther removed. The results will surely follow. Let the beginning be made much earlier in life. Let early associations be more carefully watched. Let the leaders of society take to heart the grave responsibility they are under. It has been said that views, newspapers and tracts. A per men are becoming more temperate, and manent committee of priests and laythe women less. We hope not. It men appointed by the Archbishop and such be the case it is the abomination under his authority will attend to the of desolation. What is to become of working of the latter undertaking. An homes which mothers have ruined or annual collection is to be taken up in are raining with dissipation ? Science | the churches in aid of the work.

### THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

MEDIATE AND IMMEDIATE OPERATION.

When the Rev. Mr. Mackay, to whom riews on confession we made refer lately, announced positively that he did not believe in an institution which stood between God and man he was merely reasserting his belief in Calvin ism. In this statement he was laying down one of the fundamental errors of Protestantism, one of the radical differences between Catholic truth and the innovations of the sixteenth century. These inpovetors either fell in with ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT. rationalists and rejected all distinction between grace and nature, or mistool the means by which we are translated from the order of nature to that of grace. Calvin and his followers in maintaining the latter view, held that we are transferred by the direct, im mediate, irresistible operation of the Holy Ghost. If this be the full truth. then not only is there no need of s Church, there was no need of the Incarnation. If we can be, and are, immeto me?' And Jesus answering said unto him, 'Suffer it to be so now : for thus it becometh us to fulfil all right diately, directly regenerated by the Holy Ghost, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity in His divine nature, what valid reason can be given why the Word was made Flesh ? We under stand, indeed, that sanctification is espe-Christ wished to be baptized by John. cially attributed to the Holy Ghost That because He was born a man. He " The charity of God is poured forth might fulfil all the righteousness and in our hearts by the Holy Ghost who is humility of the law. Secondly, that given to us." " Whosoever are led by He might give a sanction to John's the spirit of God they are the sons of baptism. Thirdly, that sanctifying the God. For you have not received the waters of Jordan by the descent of the spirit of bondage again in fear ; but Dove, He might show the coming of you have received the spirit of adopthe Holy Ghost to the laver of the tion of sons whereby we cry : Abba (Father). For the spirit Himself giveth testimony to our spirit that we are the sons of God. And if sons, heirs also : heirs indeed of God and joint heirs with Christ." These are the royal prerogatives of the regenerated, sanctified soul - the tremendous quickening of the spirit unto new life. But this is not done without a medium. Not a single ray of light ever fell upon darkened soul that is not due to the one

Mediator. "There is one God and one Mediator of God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." It was the Man Who came as Mediator. The Spirit of the Lord rested upon Him in all His fulness. He was anointed far above His fellows. Of His plenitude we have all received. And no matter what we do receive, either now in grace, or hereafter in glory, is His gift. He is the consubstantial Son of God, from Whom and through Whom and in Whom we have the adoption of Sons. Were He not our elder brother we could not be joint heirs with Him. He is the High Priest Eternal Who has offered the gift of Himself for sins. He is the one Victim Whose blood speaketh for mercy with a stronger cry than did the blood of Abel for vengeance. In all this there is mediation. But, according to Calvinistic: theology, the mediatorial work was completed when Christ died on the Cross, or, at any rate, when He ascended into heaven. The work of sanctification is carried on by the Holy Ghost without any medium. Not so. If there was jone thing around which the public ministry of Christ centred, it was the selection and due appoint

ment of media through which His great

work would be continued, and His gifts

clear the way for modern rationalism which has emptied their churches and stripped them of what little supernatural character they ever had.

## A GRATUITOUS INSULT.

An episode occurred the other day in the Parliament at Ottawa, which will not be quickly forgotten by the principal actor, Col. Sam. Hughes. The following extract from the Hansard contains the uncalled-for remark which coused considerable feeling. Mr. W. Roche speaking about immigrants who had come from France started this brief dialogue.

Mr. W. Roche. What profession did the French speaking immigrants follow? Mr. A. Lavergae. I think most of them were farm laborers.

Mr. Sam. Hughes. Were any of then apelled clergymen ? Mr. A. Lavergne. No, but-I hope a

great many of them will come to Canada.

Mr. Sam. Hughes. Clergymen who were driven out of France by order of the French Government!

Mr. A. Lavergne. I hope we will get more of them because they are the very best class of immigrants we can have in this country. Mr. Sam Hughes. A curse to the

country. This interjected remark called for a

trong protest from the member for L'Islet, in the name of his fellow French Canadians and his co-religionists throughout the whole country. The gallant colonel had reckoned with out his host. True he had spoken from the abundance of his heart. His soli loguy, or whatever else it might be called, could not go unchallenged. He must have imagined he was in the Chamber at Paris, or on an Orange platform - not on the floor of the Dominion House within hearing of men who love their priests, and in presence of others who, though not Catholics, respect the clergy. The insulting remark, the explanation brist ling with historical ignorance, and the cold reception both received from all quarters must have impressed Col. Hughes with the necessity of thinking twice before speaking once. If the remark was coarse the explanation was doubly unsatisfactory. Not having much sense of control Col. Hughes let the remark escape him, and not having much honor, gave no explanation and made no retraction, whilst protesting that he was too closely allied to France by blood, and that he would not offer a word of offence to anyone's religion. The most he acknowledged was that he was no worse than Daniel Defoe. He maintained that these gentlemen had left France because they chose to observe the laws of Rome rather than the laws of France. There is little use in following a man who will speak thus, or who will commend the French Government for its action in the Separation Law. Colonel Hughes had no apology to offer. He was followed by Mr. Bourassa who dealt with him with consummate tact and severity. In his mind, it would have been just as well to let the words pass into the oblivion into which Colonel Hughes himself and his military as

road lands of Canada, such men Colonel Hughes should be controlled or mpt. Howtreated with perfect conten ever, it is just as well that he should understand that his coarse remark will never be allowed to go unchallenged by true lovers of their country, whatever may be their ancestral origin, their religious creed or their political opinion.

#### THE MEMBER FOR NICOLET.

One of the ablest debaters in the Canadian Parliament is Mr. Charles R. Devlin, member for Nicolet. Indeed his record as a speaker extends beyond the Dominion. As a member for Galway in the Imperial bouse be established a reputation which placed him in the front rank as a public speaker. His speech in the Canadian Commons, dealing with Mr. Sam Hughes' statement that " the French priests were s curse," was remarkable for its pungent criticism of the wild and untame able Orangeistic brain - storms of the member for Victoria and Haliburton. Referring to Mr. Hughes, he asked :

" Does he know the great and glorious deeds performed in the early part of the history of Canada by French priests? Does he know what they have suffered, what they have endured in order to carry on their mission ? Does he know that they have faced every danger and have suffered death in martyrdom, in a worse form, perhaps, than martyrdom ad ever before been inflicted? Has he read the history of Canada ? If he has read the history of Canada, he must know that these glorious deeds were accomplished by priests who came there, not for worldly gain, but order to inlai the duties of their sacred calling. With respect to the priests of France, I may say something; I am better posted wit espect to them than the honorable centleman, because I have lived in France for two years, and I know exactly what they are doing there. know precisely why they are to-day falling under the law; I know their daily work and their deeds, which are making them revered, if not by all the French nation, at all events, by the Catholic portion of France. I have een them in their colleges teaching the youth, and I have known even those have fallen away from the Catholic Church without entering any other Church without entering any other church, to send their children to be educated by those French priests, of whom the honorable member (Mr. Sam. of whom the honorable member (Mr. Sam. Hughes) thinks and speaks so flerce-ly in this honse. Has he read the history of France? Does he know the great deeds performed by the priests of France? Does he know that in every country, in literature as well as in ar and in theological science, no greater lights have ever appeared in the world than the same priests of France whom is decrying. Sir, there is not a Catholic in this country, there is not a Catholic in any province in Canada who will not feel severely hurt by these words which have fallen from the lips of the honorable gentleman, which he has refused to take back, which he stands by in this House, and we know the reason why. He hopes that in his county these words may secure for him additional votes at the next elec feg tion-he is appealing to the very worst possible form of prejudice and pas-

" I rose to protest against this language as a Canadian, as a representa-tive of a French-Canadian and Cathocounty, and even if I were not Catholic, even if I were a Protestant would protest, and I would protest a a Catholic, against any insults that should be offered to the Protestant ministers of this country with just a much warmth as I do against the insult protest further. hurled against us. I be imparted to those who would believe well as political deeds will go. So far as more as an Irishman against this insult. Remember, that when our forefathers were denied those advantages which happily we have to day, they had to go to France to get their education, and for Victoria and Haliburton. they came back thoroughly trained Those French priests knew how to educate. "In my humble capacity, therefore, as the representative of a French and actuated by the sentiments sentative of a French county should fill the heart of every Canadian I protest against such outrageous lan-guage as that which fell from the hon orable member (Mr. Sam. Hughes).'

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and of our autumn woods, forests, breathe through his poetry, and proclaim, better than any avowal of his, how much he loved the land of his adoption.

An Irishman by birth, there is no doubt that much of his humor and pathos, love for nature, and sympathy for everything human, may be traced to his Irish parentage, and to the impressions made upon him when as a boy, he mingled with the simple fisher folk of Donegal, or wandering over the heather-clad hills of his native county, he listened to

The thrush's song, the blackbird's note, The wron within the hawthorn hedge, The robin's swelling vibrant throat, The linet crouching in the sedge.

The predominant characteristic of his poetry is its simplicity and naivete. There is no attempt at the sublime, no grand metaphors, no brilliant flights of fancy. On the other hand, there is no straining after effect, no far-fetched sentiment, no vague nuances of thought that perplex the reader. Everything is clear and luminous, and if you read & line twice, it is not to understand its meaning, but to more fully appreciate the beauty of the poetic thought.

His subjects, too, are in keeping with his style. He writes not of kings and princes, but of the simple country people, who are the nearest to nature's heart, and the best exponents of a nation's traditions. He was thorough. ly familiar with the history, the popular legends, the religious sentiments, the very nature of the habitant. With. a sympathetic hand he has painted him as he is, simple yet intelligent, religious and patriotic, fond of his home and family, with a heart full of native poetry, a lover of the old time of long ago. He has described him to us in every phase of his life. "The little Baptiste," with "the double joint in his body," the daring lumberman with his "ceinture fleché" and "bottes san vages," the Canadian-errant, the voyageur, the well to do farmer, proud of his lands and marriageable daughters, and last of all, the old habitant sitting in the chimney corner, smoking his pipe, and dreaming of the days of his youthful manhood.

Canada, indeed, owes a debt of gratitude to the memory of the man who in his own charming style revealed to us the wealth of homely virtues, true poetic sentiment and keen apprecia tion of the beautiful, whether in nature or in art, that is enshrined in those little white washed cottages on the banks of the St. Lawrence. To all who knew him, either personally or through his poems, his untimely death will come as a personal loss. Though not a Catholic, he numbered among his most intimate friends many of the clergy and laity of that Church, who loved him for his many noble qualities of mind and heart, and honored him for the truthful and reverent manner in which he always wrote of the faith and the religious customs that were dear to them. God rest his noble soul! May Canada ever keep green the memory of him, whose writings made for a better appreciation of the character of our French-Canadian fellow-citizens-whose human nature, after all, is very like our own-and for a more sindly feeling between the two races

that are destined to live and prosper, side by side, in this fair land of ours

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remaining one, to obey the baptizing prophet, whom God sent to baptize the people. For no other cause was that laver (John's baptism) instituted except to prepare the way for all to embrace the faith of Christ. Hence he "I came to baptize therefore that He might be manifested in Israel.' But, I ask, might he not preach and attract the people without baptism? Not so easily. If there were preaching without baptism all would not have readily come together ; nor could they have so readily learned by comparison, the pre eminence of Christ ; because the multitude went out to hear what He said. Why then? That confessing their sins, they might be baptized. But coming, they were taught what related to Christ." ----

### CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

ware to commemorate His death by A lengthy mandment was read in the offering the sacrifice He offered. He gave them His power : As the Father churches of the Archdiocese of Quebec from Archbishop Begin on Sunday, 14th hath sent Me so I send you. The Father had sent Him as Mediator : so instant, in regard to the formation of He sends them as mediators. They two new and important organizations. were to baptize and to pardon sins. one L'Action Sociale Catholique, and They were to teach and to govern. The object of L'Action Sociale Catho In fact, nothing is so frequently emphalique is to unite in a common effort for sized in gospel and epistle as this idea the realization of social Catholic proof a mystic body of Christ, and the gress. It will group all existing Cathvarious ministries all betokening a olic societies and encourage all works system, durable, easy, efficacious, by of propaganda, studies, lectures, con which souls might be regenerated, the repentant sinner be pardoned and they gresses, etc., which may appear to b that hunger after justice might helpful in developing the sentiment of Catholic life. To support the Action filled with the Bread of be Sociale and supply it with a means of Life. We see Christ breathing upon spreading its influence, L'Oeuvre de la His Apostles and imparting His powers Presse will be brought into requisition. to them. The Apostles do the same It will provide the propagation of good, with their successors. It was the only way. System there had to be, else all healthy literature by publication of rehad been in vain. The substitutes which the heterodox teachers introduced have split up Christianity into kindling wood. In rejecting the sacraments they have separated the individual soul from communion with Christ.

Canadian history, British history and in Him and who would come to His French history are concerned it had fountains. He chose certain men : He been entirely ignored by the memsent them on public missions during ber His own life. He was sent only to the But this ignorance is no excuse for lost house of Israel : but they were to Mr. Hughes' remark or the attitude of be sent to the whole world. Notwiththe French Government to the French standing the hatred of the world and clergy. It must not be forgotten that His death and a certain withdrawal it is due to these same clergymen that from them, they need have no fear. He the British flag floats over this country, would be with them to the end of time. and that British institutions are our and the gates of hell would never preinheritance from those whom Colonel vail against them. Though no longer Hushes describes as a curse to the with them in the flesh He would send country. The leader of the opposition, them a Paraclete, the Spirit of Truth Mr. R. L. Borden, repudiated firmly Who would teach them all things and and clearly the remark which had abide with them forever. Up to that time they had not asked, and they were

called forth the discussion. He did not in any way concur in his friend's commanded to ask. Farthermore, they views or expressions. And in dissenting from this view he spoke as leader of the opposition. He claimed that no gentleman on the left hand onel Hughes' hasty remark. Hereupon wished to reply to Mr. Bourassa under whose lash he was writhing. Ample opportunity was given him in

the subsequent discussion. Mr. Talbot. The Postmaster General, Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Charles Devlin, all took part. They were all equally emphatic in con- little poetic value. It is, however, in demning the redoubtable Colonel. In his final word Mr. Hughes drew a herring across the trail by claiming for himself, in regard to the Boer war, a stand of loyalty in contrast with that taken Laramie," " The Snowbird," or "Little" by Mr. Bourassa. Commentary is almost unnecessary. The debate is to be found in the Hansard and is an imperishable testimony to the prejudice, the ignorance and the pride of one man as

against all the members, both liberal of freshness and of freedom that perand conservative in the Dominion



The death of Dr. Drummond is a loss, not only to Canadian literature, but to Canadian manhood. He was a roet : and more than a poet. He was one of nature's gentlemen. Kind, and as ap proachable as a child, he was never so much at home as in the company of children or the simple country folk, side of the Speaker concurred in Col- from whom he gleaned the material for many of his characters and legends. Mr. Borden directed the attention of Those who have listened to his public the House to other matters. But Col- readings have been delighted, but they onel Hughes had not had enough ; he did not hear him at his best. It was when you met him in an informal way,

with a few congenial spirits, that his brilliant wit and conversational powers were revealed. At present his name seems to be associated in the popular mind with some of his comic poems of such selections as " Memories." " The Bell of St. Michael," " The Little Red Canoe," "The Cure of Calumette," "Poleon Doré," " The Family Lac Grenier." that he manifests poetic genius that will ensure for him a lasting place in Canadian literature. He was thoroughly Canadian in his

church. The Rev. Father Roche, sympathy and sentiments. The spirit Superior of St. Michael's college, preached at the dedication, the celebrant of the Mass being Rev. Father vades our Canadian lakes and rivers, They have dissolved Christ, and made House. If liberty is to flourish in these the very odor of our pine and hemlock Staley of St. Michael's college. At

under the same flag and the same laws. F. O'S.

THE CHURCH IN TORONTO.

The dedication of the new St. Peter's church marks the advancement of religion under the zealous care of its pastor, the Rev. Father L. Minehan. It is gratifying that if the number of Catholics does not increase in proportion yet they are increasing. What is greatly to their credit and that of Toronto's chief pastor, is that more and more the number of new churches gives provision for the spiritual wants of the people. St. Peter's is the second new church which His Grace Archbishop O'Connor has dedicated since this year began. Two more are in contempla tion, one in the North-East of the city and the other in the North West. In and around Toronto there are sixteen churches. St. Peter's parish was the first to be cut off from St. Mary's, the mother now of four parishes. Up to the Sunday of dedication, April 11th, Mass was said in the frame building, which in earlier years served as a school house during the week and a church on Sunday. Then a fine commodious school was built and the old building devoted entirely to religious services. There were other plans in view-and a laudable desire for a temple worthier of the parish. Tais has been realized in a fine red brick building with stone setting and a tower on the west side. A strenuous worker, Fother Mineban has the happiness of seeing his efforts crowned and his people worshipping in a beautiful

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