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**IN vain will you build churches,
give missions, found schools—
all your works, all your efforts will
be destroyed if you are not able to
wield the defensive and offensive
weapon of a loyal and sincere Ca-
tholic press.**

—Pope Pius X.

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If the English Speaking Catholics of
Montreal and of this Province could
their best interests, they would
make of the TRUE WITNESS one
of the most prosperous and powerful
Catholic papers in this country.

I heartily bless those who encourage
this excellent work.

PAUL,
Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1909.

HIS GRACE'S RETURN.

The True Witness, on its own be-
half and that of the Irish Catholics
of Montreal, extends to His Grace
Archbishop Bruchesi a true Irish caed
mille failthe on his return to his
episcopal city. During his long ab-
sence His Grace has visited scenes of
deepest interest to his flock, and
he has achieved distinction on all
occasions. At the great Catholic
Congress in London, the Archbishop
of Montreal took a leading part in
the discussion, and attracted favor-
able comment from the press of Lon-
don, for his forceful, clear and noble
expressions on matters of the utmost
moment to the Catholic world.

The choice of Montreal as the
meeting place of the great Eucharis-
tic Congress for 1910 is a fitting
tribute to His Grace and a matter
of sincere congratulation to the
Catholic population of Montreal.
The distinction which His Grace
has earned for our city imposes on
the Catholic population of this city
the obligation to provide a fitting
reception for the august dignitaries,
both clerical and lay, who will fore-
gather to promote the devotion to
the Sovereign Lord of heaven and
earth in the Sacrament of His most
holy Body and Blood. The Gazette
has suggested that the Protestant
population might be called upon to
aid in providing for the reception of
these great representatives of the
Catholic world. While the sugges-
tion is prompted by the best motives,
and we readily recognize the cour-
tesy and friendliness which dictated
it, it is one that should be thank-
fully and firmly set aside. From our
separated brethren we ask and ex-
pect, as we are sure to receive, only
good will and courtesy, which has
always been shown among the vari-
ous elements of our population. The
Catholic people themselves should
provide for the reception of their
guests, without appealing to the
generosity of their fellow citizens of
other creeds, though the appeal
would doubtless receive a ready re-
sponse.

His Grace admits that the palace
now in use by the Archbishop of
Montreal is not all that it should be
to provide for the reception of the
visitors who will come to the great
Catholic congress. He hesitates,
however, to undertake the erection
of a new palace, on account of the
large debt still hanging over the
Cathedral. This should not prove
an insurmountable obstacle. Surely
the Catholics of Montreal will feel
compelled by a sense of their own
dignity to provide for the fitting
hospitality to be extended to their
visitors on this occasion. The amount
of the debt on the Cathedral is
great, but then the city is large, and
the Catholic population is better able
to contribute now than it could
years ago. Our fathers, in days

gone by, manifested their faith and
the practices of our holy church by
magnificent buildings which are an
honor to the city and country. Sure-
ly their descendants, who are much
better able to bear financial bur-
dens, will not let the Archbishop
rest under the feeling that his offi-
cial residence is not all that it
should be to serve as the home of
the chief pastor of the metropolis of
our rich and growing country.

His Grace has shown, on his re-
turn to Canada, that he has pre-
served the love and esteem which
have always marked his attention
to the English-speaking section of
his flock, by entrusting to the pas-
tor of the oldest Irish parish the
duty of communicating his message
to the Irish Catholics of Montreal
and imparting to them the Papal
blessing. Our people should recog-
nize His Grace's good disposition
towards them by taking the lead
in providing him with the funds re-
quired for the wiping off of the debt
on the Cathedral, thus making pos-
sible the erection of a splendid new
palace which would be a credit to
the city and the diocese. While we
do not count a large number of weal-
thy men, we do count many who
could easily contribute important
sums to this praiseworthy object. It
would be a splendid commentary on
the generosity of the people of the
diocese if the great Cathedral could
be consecrated as free from debt dur-
ing the Eucharistic Congress. Let
our wealthy men take the lead and
those less favored will follow their
example.

SOCIALISM.

Socialism has been attracting many
adepts in this country as well as
throughout the United States and in
Europe. The alluring prospect that
every one is to be placed on an equal
footing, that each and every one will
be given the station in life which he
considers suits him best appeals to
those whose lot is cast in hard
places. It must be confessed that the
Socialist propaganda finds its
strongest ally in the selfishness and
hoggishness of some of the pluto-
cratic monopolies which prey upon
the common people and seek to suck
their heart's blood. The revolution
from the tyranny of these purse
proud oppressors drives into the
ranks of socialists and other
agitators thousands of men who, un-
der sane conditions, would remain
useful members of society.

Even the exactions of the monopo-
listic trusts which are finding their
way into Canada after securing such
a strong foothold in the neighboring
republic may be less onerous, how-
ever, than would be the rule of the
bosses who would rule under the so-
cialistic establishment. We do not
refer, of course, to the socialists like
the millionaires Stokes and Patti-
son, nor Utopians like Upton Sin-
clair who see in socialism a new field
to occupy their leisure or to pro-
mote their magazine writings. They
probably would like to see a better
state of affairs established than that
which the plutocrats have managed
to bring about through their clever
evasion of the common laws of the
country and of humanity. Socialism
has some alluring prospects, but the
bulk of its teachings is subversive of
order and divine and human law.

A report on Socialism prepared by
a body of men well qualified to speak
on this subject is published in the
True Witness today. Mr. Thomas S.
Lonergan, the Chairman of the com-
mittee is well versed on sociological
subjects, and he assures us that he
has studied the questions brought
before the committee appointed to
investigate the subject in the most
impartial way. Their report, how-
ever, which is well worth reading is
a strong and well grounded condem-
nation of the socialistic doctrines
and tendencies. The conclusions
reached by Mr. Lonergan and the
other members of the committee are
in accord with Catholic teaching on
this subject, and worthy the careful
attention of those who watch the
trend of human thought and tenden-
cies in our day.

THE DECAY OF PROTESTANTISM

Notwithstanding the extraordinary
efforts of the Protestant sects, the
membership of their churches are
falling off. People want substance,
whereas the various denominations
give but the shadow. The result is
that those who are imbued with re-
ligious principles turn to the only
Church which affords substance as
well as shadow of religion, while the
others abandon all practice alto-
gether. This accounts for the ever-
increasing number of agnostics and
soothers who are to be found espe-
cially in the cities. The Protestant
churches, too, are fast becoming
meeting houses for the well-to-do,
rather than places of worship for the
faithful. The churches are largely
places to exhibit fashions, and the
poor who are unable to keep up

with the styles find themselves out
of place.

The conditions in Canada in this
respect are similar to those in the
United States, and figures which ap-
ply to one country may be used to
illustrate those in the other. The
following figures supplied by a writ-
er in the National Congress of Mo-
thers' Magazine are therefore inter-
esting as illustrating the conditions
in that country:

"The number of barren charges in
the Methodist Episcopal Church in
1893, (the remotest date for which I
have made the analysis), was 4 per
cent. The number in 1905 (the
latest date for which I have made
the analysis) was 8 per cent.
"The number of barren Presbyte-
rian churches in 1893 was 19 per
cent. The number in 1905 was 29
per cent. The number of barren
Congregational churches in 1893
was 25 per cent., and 12 years later
the percentage had risen to 41.
"The aggregate number of churches
in these three communions which in
1905 did not add a single soul on
congregation was 7000—an increase of
more than 3000 barren churches in
12 years.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

No man ever repented of saying no-
thing.

Every man of family ought to have
his life insured.

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Strength of character is a power
that lifts us above that which is
mean and miserable.

Sympathy for the destitute poor is
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without value.

In the annoyances of every-day life
the religion of little kindnesses is a
good one to practice.

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Take note of the kind words that
are spoken by your friends of your
common acquaintances and add to
them yourself.

Father Schell, the eminent Domini-
can Assyriologist, has just been
elected a member of the Academy of
Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres, in
Paris, receiving thirty out of thirty-
three votes cast.

Of the sixty-eight persons known
to be centenarians in 1908 in Great
Britain and Ireland, 23 were wo-
men and 25 men. Out of these 24
were of Irish birth.

One way to resist the craving for
liquor is to drink plenty of water
whenever the desire for a stimulant
is felt. This is simple and effective.
It is recommended by physicians who
have made a special study of alco-
hol. Try it.

Mrs. Leslie Carter, a divorced wo-
man, is producing a play called
"Kassa," in which she takes the
part of a coquettish nun and in
which an actor, in vestments, pre-
tends to celebrate Mass. If she keeps
it in her repertoire as she continues
on her dramatic circuit, Catholics
may try to convince her that it is
offensive to them. And they may
succeed.

In aid of the victims of the recent
Italian earthquake a remarkable con-
cert took place in Genoa. For the
first time in fifty years Paganini's
favorite violin, which he bequeathed
to the city of Genoa, was permitted
to be taken from the Municipal Mu-
seum. The honor of performing on
the famous instrument fell to the Po-
lish violinist M. Bronislav Huber-
man, who was presented by the city
council with a gold medal struck
for the occasion.

Cardinal Gibbons heads the pro-
testers of prominent Baltimoreans
against the project of Frank A. Mun-
sey to issue a Sunday afternoon edi-
tion of his Baltimore paper, the
Evening News. There is no neces-
sity for an evening paper on Sunday.
It is a day on which the manufac-
ture of news is supposed to be sus-
pended.

We do not know how it is with
other priests, but in four recent
cases where we married Catholic
girls to Lutheran men, and the lat-
ter signed the nuptial promises, they
all went back on their engagements
at the birth of the first child. If
priests have good reason to think
that these Protestants will disre-

gard their written promises, they
can and should require an oath—
Western Watchman.

In the Trappist Monastery, Geth-
semane, Ky., the sub-master of no-
vices is Rev. Albert Biddle, who is a
great-great-grandson of Rt. Rev.
William White, the first Bishop of
the diocese of Pennsylvania, of the
Protestant Episcopal church of the
United States and second Bishop of
that denomination. Twelve years
ago Father Alberic became a convert
and joined the Trappist Order.

Francis J. Barclay, a pupil of St.
Joseph's parochial school, New York
city, won the first prize of \$20 offer-
ed by one of the city papers in a
handwriting contest open to all
school children in Greater New York.

A monument is to be erected on
the battlefield at Gettysburg in me-
mory of Father Corby, chaplain of
the famous Irish Brigade in the civil
war, and the priest who pronounced
the words of absolution over the en-
tire brigade just before the battle of
July 2, 1863. The movement was
started January 10, when over 400
members of the Catholic Alumni As-
sociation, of Philadelphia, met in the
auditorium of St. Joseph's College
and decided to raise funds at once
for the carrying on of the project.
General St. Clair Mulholland, a mem-
ber of the Irish Brigade, who during
the battle of July 2 assumed com-
mand after General Hancock had
been wounded, is at the head of the
movement.

HAD GIVEN UP HOPE.

But Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Re-
stored Vigorous Health.

Medicines of the old fashioned kind
will sometimes relieve the symptoms
of disease, though they never touch
the disease itself—they never cure.
Ordinary medicines leave behind
them indigestion, constipation, and
headaches. Purgatives leave those
taking them feverish and weakened.
On the other hand, Dr. Williams'
Pink Pills do direct good to the
body, the blood and the nerves; they
cure diseases by rooting it out of
the blood. They always do good—
they cannot possibly do harm.

Mrs. George R. Wilson, Moncton,
N.B., says: "A few years ago af-
ter confinement, I contracted a se-
vere cold and although I took con-
siderable medicine, I got no better.
In fact my condition was gradually
getting worse. I was all run down,
had no appetite, and grew so weak
that I could not do my housework.
At last the doctor who attended me
told my husband that I was going
into a decline, and I feared so my-
self, for a sister had died of con-
sumption. When almost in despair
a friend suggested my taking Dr.
Williams' Pink Pills, and I got half
a dozen boxes. Before I had taken
them all I began to get better. Then
I got another half dozen boxes, and
before I had used them all I was
able to do my housework again and
was in better health than I had en-
joyed for years. I believe Dr. Wil-
liams' Pink Pills saved me from go-
ing into consumption and I warmly
recommend them to every weak per-
son."

Sold by all medicine dealers, or by
mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes
for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams'
Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

The Right of a Priest to Enter a House to Administer the Blessed Sacrament.

A lawyer of this city has threat-
ened one of our city rectors with
prosecution unless he ceases to enter
a certain house in his parish on any
pretend of religious ministrations un-
less invited to do so by the head of
the house, says the Western Watch-
man of St. Louis. It seems a woman
was lying at the point of death in
the West End. She was a convert,
as were her father and mother and
all the family. She married a Pro-
testant, or rather a man without
any religion, but only after he had
subscribed the promises required in
all cases of mixed marriage. The
husband did not live up to his ante-
nuptial engagements, and the poor
woman had a hard time practicing
her religion. She had been sick some
time in childbirth before any alarm-
ing symptoms set in; but as soon as
there appeared real danger of death
the father of the woman called in
the priest. The latter came promptly
and administered the sacraments.
The poor woman died, but with her
last breath begged that her three
children should be brought up Catho-
lics. The husband was very indignant
that the priest should have come to
see his wife without being invited
to do so by him, and went
so far as to declare that it was the
visit of the priest in the crisis of her
malady that had produced the wom-
an's death. He claimed that the doc-
tor bore him out in his conclusion;
and the latter, being an infidel and
a fellow Mason, while refusing to
say that the priest's visit had not
caused the woman's death, declared
that if he had been consulted the vi-
sit would not have been allowed.
The bereaved husband made a great
outcry against the priest, declaring
that he would in future protect his
home against all trespassers. This
fury was of the straw fire order, for
he married again in three months to
a day.

We would call the attention of the
Catholic women of the city to this
new danger of mixed marriage, and

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to the little reliance that they should
place in pre-nuptial agreements. But
heretofore the priests have not had
any trouble with Protestant doc-
tors, and all whom we have met
have always claimed that the pres-
ence of priests in the sick room was
soothing and helpful to their pa-
tients. We certainly believe that a
Catholic on his deathbed is less likely
to be disturbed by the presence of
the priest than by that of the doctor
himself. If both cannot be admitted
we are sure it is the doctor who
would be told to stay away. The
conduct of this particular physician
would be a good argument in favor
of employing only Catholic doctors
to wait upon the Catholic sick.

But priests would do well to bear
in mind that they have no right
in law to visit any member of a
man's family against his wishes. He
is master and lord of his own castle
and can prevent the intrusion of any
one not a member of the family. This
is the common law, but it is never
invoked against a minister of religion.
Everyone is supreme master of
his own soul, and is alone responsi-
ble to God for it. The soul is every
man and woman's castle in a far
higher and holier sense than is any
earthly habitation. A Christian
woman has a soul; she is not a Turk
and the United States is not Turkey.
When the law was made giving the
head of the family absolute right
over the home brutes like this Pro-
testant husband were unknown. And
even here in the United States a hus-
band who would prevent a priest
from administering the sacraments
to his dying wife would be set on
by his Protestant neighbors and
driven from the place. If in defense
of his legal rights he should shoot
down the minister of religion, he
would be lynched by the mob. But
law is law, and even brutes can
claim its protection.

The lawyer in this case, who signs
himself Worshipful Master of Tuscan
Lodge, No. 360, is in very small
business threatening priests with
prosecution for bringing the consolations
of their religion to dying Catho-
lics. He would be better em-
ployed teaching his fellow craftsmen
humanity. The Freemasons never
tire talking of charity. That is the
alleged foundation of their order.
All their symbols proclaim it. Is it
charity to prevent a dying Catholic
from receiving the last consolations
of religion on his deathbed? Is it
charity to refuse a poor woman a
dying request, which costs no one
anything, but which to her is of in-
finite worth? Is it charity to de-
prive a poor soul about to leave
earth and all it contains of its one
hope of a heavenly inheritance? Is
it charity to add to the pains of the
dying body the tortures of the un-
shriven soul? The savage brute
would have more charity than that.
The pagans would shudder at such
barbarity as that. God help poor
Catholics who willfully put them-
selves in the power of such brutes.

STRANGE!

(From the Sacred Heart Review.)
A fellow in Baltimore, who is pos-
ing as an "ex-priest," undertook to
lecture the other night on Edgar Al-
lan Poe, and from the dizzy heights
of his superior morality he proceeded
to fling filth at the dead poet. Ad-
mirers of Poe in Baltimore have now
sprung to the defense of his name,
and the accomplished "ex-priest,"
who is lightening change artist in
religion, has not heard the end of it.
Isn't it singular, though, that when
he smeared with slime the good name
of the Catholic Church, nobody ques-
tioned the truth of his statements,
but there was trouble at once he
laid his dirty paw on Poe?

A LAUGHING BABY IS A WELL BABY.

When baby laughs, and gur-
gles and crows mother knows
he is well and happy. When he
is cross, fretful and sleepless,
give him a dose of Baby's
Own Tablets and see how
speedily they will change him
to a happy, smiling child. These
Tablets cure all the minor ail-
ments of childhood and bring
healthy, natural sleep because
they remove the cause of
sleeplessness. If the little
teeth are coming through they
help them along painlessly.
Mrs. Octave Paulin, Caraque,
N.B., says: "I have found
Baby's Own Tablets a splen-
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bowel troubles, and to pro-
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sion by the Cedars Rapids Manu-
facturing and Power Company for an
Act extending the time granted by
its charter Chapter 85 of the Sta-
tutes of 1904, (Section 12) for the
expropriation of lands; and for
other purposes.

O. DESSAULLES,
Solicitor for Applicant.
Dated at Montreal this eighteenth
day of January, 1909.

A Lesson in Temperance.

One of the strongest temperance
lectures ever issued has been sent
out by a number of grocers in a
town in Ohio, in the shape of a
circular, of which the following ex-
tract must prove interesting to the
casual drinker:
"Whoever takes three ten cent
drinks a day throughout the year,
on payment of the sum thus spent,
may secure from any of the dealers
whose names appear on this card,
the following objects: 3 barrels of
flour; 20 bushels of potatoes, 200
lbs. of granulated sugar; 1 barrel of
biscuits, 1 lb. of pepper, 2 lbs. of
tea, 50 lbs. of salt, 20 lbs. of rice,
50 lbs. of butter, 10 lbs. of cheese,
25 lbs. of coffee, 10 lbs. of candy, 3
doz. cans of tomatoes, 10 doz bottles
of pickles, 10 doz oranges, 10
doz. bananas, 2 doz. cans of corn,
18 doz. boxes of matches, 1 1/2 bu-
shels of beans, 100 pieces of soap,
and 12 pkgs. of rolled oats. Be-
sides, the dealer will, at the end of
the year, hand over a cash balance
of \$15.80.

Thus the very moderate drinker,
for three drinks a day is quite mo-
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