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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA.

To the Editor of THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

Dear 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.

London, Saturday, Nov. 23, 1901.

OUR CRITICS.

That distinguished convert, Rev. Dr. DeCosta, will please accept our hearty thanks for the following very kind letter received regarding the CATHOLIC RECORD:

Dear Sir—In this week's issue of your journal reference is made to critics. Having been for many years an editor, holding various positions, I happen to know what a comfort the critic is.

I wish I could send your article of this week on the Episcopal Bishops and Convention to every Episcopalian in the land. You present many bright thoughts on timely topics, and the weekly budget sent out must do great good in every family where it finds an entrance.

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From the year 1880 to 1890, the negro population of Arkansas and Mississippi rose from 23.2 and 57.5 per cent, respectively of the total population, to 28 and 58.5 per cent.

But the action of the Bishops did not settle the matter. The resolution passed by them had to go to the "Lower House," composed of clergymen and lay delegates, and it was there modified so that in case the divorce decree was granted for cause of adultery, it should be held as positively valid, and the parties could be remarried to other persons.

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This is not likely so long as the present aversion of the white race for negroes is kept up; but will the time come when it shall wear away?

The recent census shows that the white population of all the States is now 67,000,000 and that of the negroes 8,850,000.

ANOTHER FRAUD.

Charlatans who make a living by working on the credulity of the public are not confined to America, or to Canada or the United States.

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which he has recently made in effect that this new attitude of the Protestant Episcopal Church proves that Church to be the great bulwark of Christian morality in America.

Bishop Douane points out triumphantly that the other sects of the country have made no vindication of the Christian doctrine or the indissolubility of the marriage tie.

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would require the negative votes of thirty states as now constituted to actually prevent the anti-Mormon legislation referred to; nevertheless, if Mormons gained control of twelve States, possibly they would be so powerful in eighteen others as to prevent the passage of the amendment against polygamy by a two thirds' vote.

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Reading between the lines here, we are struck at once with the consciousness that the lecturer is decidedly opposed to the Catholic doctrine of the existence of a place of purgation or purification in the other life where some souls, namely, of those who have died in venial sin, or not having sufficiently atoned for grievous sin which has been forgiven, suffer for a time before being admitted into heaven, declaring that this doctrine has no support in Scripture, and therefore should be rejected, whereas he insinuates that the probation of the heathen may be maintained, though it is equally unsupported by Scriptural authority.

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having anything to do with them whatsoever; so I return them to you in the manner that I have done in order to emphasize the above statements. The Catholic Church, as I have often written before, is the ancient spiritual Mother of us all, and with all her so-called errors and bad ways, she is nevertheless the Church of God and the bride of Christ. Mark my words and take time to warn that all who fight against the Catholic Church are now and will be found fighting against God. And who dare do this and expect God's blessing and prosperity?

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CHRIST AND HIS WORKS.

Archbishop Ireland at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

St. Louis Watchman.

The announcement that the Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland was to preach at the cathedral had the effect of assembling one of the largest audiences which ever gathered to hear a speaker in this city.

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