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A CATHOLIC LAYMAN'S REPLY TO MR. SIFTON.

A protest against the Attorney-General's facilities in Catholio and Protestant countries compared.

will allow me as a citizen of Winnipeg to enter a protest against the wild and incendiary atterances of the Attornev-'anti-popery" orator and revolutionary agitator in some of the cities of the old country, but I must confess that as an less declamation, and as an open appeal to the worst passions that can animate that would beat the inflammatory adtion in accepting the statement of the member for Russell that it was the most unfair speech ever delivered within the walls of the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba. I have no desire to follow Mr. Sifton through that portion of his speech dealing with the motion under discussion; it is not my intention to further criticize the language he used or the line of policy he indicated the Government intend to adopt, and which, as Mr. Fisher pointed out, could only, if carried to its logical conclusion, end in rebell'or, but shall be glad if you will if carried to its logical conclusion, end in rebellion, but shall be glad if you will allow me to draw the attention of your readers to some other choice items of the evening's entertainment. These will be found in that part of his remarks in which, leaving the question at issue, he sought to shew that the Government school law was conceived in the best in-Catholic laity from the tyranny of their clergy, and from the consequent ignoclergy, and from the consequent ignorance and illiteracy which would be their inevitable lot. It was certainly to be expected that the Attorney-General would repeat this announcement which has been so often made before, and it was as well that he did so, for failing such a pronouncement no one who listened to nim would have thought it. On the principle betrayed by the well known

"Perhaps it was well to dissemble your

But why did you kick me downstairs." the kindly feelings of the Government towards the Catholic laity were shewn on Wednesday evening in course abuse and ridicule of those whom Catholics hold in the very greatest reverence and respect, in ignorant misrepresentation of Catholic practice, and in uncharitable conclusions based upon fictitious facts. Let Mr. Sifton thoroughly understand there is no Catholic layman in this Province who thanks him for the interest he professes to take in their welfare, that on the other hand they one and all repudiate him, despise the sentiments by which he is animated, and are in fact too loyal both to their God and then country to wish to accept such a leader. Now, Mr. Editor, let me ask you is it not time that we had heard the end of this pretended interest of the Government n the welfare of the Catholic laity Have not the Catholic people of this Province shewn by the pecuniary sacrifices they have made that they conscientiously feel themselves bound to supply a Christian and Catholic educafor their children, and have not members of the laity, supported by the whole body, been foremost in every step taken towards the regaining of our rights. If Catholics were really suffering under the iron hand of the clergy is there not an easy means by which they could escape from it, We are not Catholics because it pays us from a worldly point of view to be so; many of us indeed were not born Catholics but have become members of the church from conscientions conviction; and there is no law that could prevent us from resisting whatever authority our clergy might try to exercise over us-in fact we are even at perf ct liberty to at any moment we desire become good protesensure for their dear children a Christian and Catholic education. It is a favorite charge of demagogues like Manitoba's Attorney-General that Catholics are priest-ridden, and on the other hand Mr. Sitton and his like point to the glorious liberty which they claim to en-

"Thou ridden! That could never be By Prophet or by Priest, Balaam is dead and no one else Would take thee for his beast."

joy in this respect. If their boast is grounded on fact may it not be for the

eason hinted at in the following lines:

Now, Mr. Editor, the Attorney General quoted, as your report says, "statistics to prove the general illiteracy of the populace in all countries where the educational system is controlled by the clergy." I heard his speech and my impression is that he rattled off some mis-

for the spread of popular education is edition of "the Dictionary of Statistics" Sir.—I shall be much obliged if you spain, 106; Haly, 90. In mixed countries: Switzerland, 210; Netherlands, o enter a protest against the wild and incendiary utterances of the Attorney-Education, 1889, 90. of children enrolled in schools 1 rank with Protestant countries. These figures at least shew that even the worst Catholic countries are not so far behind exhibition of unbridled bigotry, of reck-less declamation, and as an open appeal many to believe, and as a matter of fact the most advanced Protestant countries in both lists Catholic countries actually the human race, I never heard anything stand at the head. It is clear then there dress referred to, and I have no hesita-tion in accepting the statement of the of the church like Mr. Sifton, that where

could—fortunately the constitution sets a limit beyond which they cannot go. I could, Mr. Editor, if I had the space, show by quotations from innumerable Protestant authorities what the church is doing in Catholic countries in the is doing in Catholic countries in the cause of popular education, and how, as they put it. "Romanist countries are far true meaning than the word mind, no for the consideration of my Reverend other physical origin or existence. It Protestant friends whom I addressed

ment is surely at hand. We may well been all superstitious notions and the leave them to the fate that awaits them. directly mistakes about christianity. The So far as the educational laws of Manitoba are concerned, the highest tribunal in the Empire has declared for us, and we can well believe that the day cannot be far off when the people whom the polit.cal mountebanks who now rule this province have so grossly deceived and ton, can be truly imagined. misled, will awaken to a sense of the indignity they have suffered from such the birth of Minerva, while the saluta-

accident allowed to emerge. Yours truly, CATHOLIC LAYMAN. March 4th, 1895.

Freemasonry.

Extract from the Manual of Freemasonry in three parts, by Richard Carlile, London, Reeves & Turner, 238 Strand, printed and published by R. Carlile, Fleet street.

PART II. -- INTRODUCTION.

mankind, I find it in the want of that truly one thing needful, Human Culture. dition of man, of the institutions, churchcultivated up to the extent of equality purely political, and superstition cannot of knowledge, as far as capacity to acquire is in question, is most certainly such is true Masonry. tants. No, Sir, this school matter is the crime of the rulers of the state.

from a wrong direction, as the conseleading figures intended to defame the quence of superstition, or mistakes about Catholic Church. He is not the first who has done this, but that his barefaced nies, prevailing among, and influencing

CORRESPONDENCE. testant and Catholic countries are doing Christian Religion: but that Revelation the Bible, the spirit or revelation of the the churches within or beyond the misby Michael G. Mulhall, Fellow of the called christian era, which reveals no-Royal Statistical Society, one of the best thing contrary to the evident and immuprotest against the Attorney-General's

"Anti-Popery" oration. Educational population in Protestant countries to be:

tacilities in Catholic and Protestant

Looking at the language of the Gospel, or God's mystery, and putting an in-terpretation on that language, which shall become equal to a revelation and a truth, I find the declaration, that a second birth-birth of mind or mental culture is distinguished from first birth, or birth of body from the parent—is essential to human salvation from evil. I find this declared to be the incarnation

of God or Christ in man. I find the word worship as a relation between God and man, to be significant of nothing more than mental culture, such is no foundation for the oft-repeated being its root in all languages, and such charges made by calumniating enemies being the only sense in which any action upon that word can realize an evitation upon that word can evitation upon that word can evitation upon that word can evitation u

will among men; which most certainly has not been realised in any place yet

outstripping us in the eagerness with which they are promoting the education of the people." But, after all, why quote the testimony of the learned and the wise the restimony of the people. The restimony of the learned and the wise the restimator of th the testimony of the learned and the wise against the reckless, false assertions of such men as Mr. Sifton, who for the sake to place and power, take a prominent position in the rank and file of our modern revilers. The day of their judgment is surely at hand. We may well have them to the fate that awaits them.

ception, blessing and annunciation, or of man, by knowledge in the state of the sta man, to make supernatural changes or appearances. It is the knowledge of the principle in man that teaches the moral duty. The arraignment, condemnation "In exploring the cause of secret crucifixion, passion, death burial, resur rection and Ascension, are but figures of the consequences that follow the labors of reason in seeking to reform the con-That every human being born is not es, and states of society. The moral is make a truth of it in any other way. Such is not only true Christianity, but

tants. No, Sir, this school matter is essentially a lay man's question, and the laity of Manitoba will fight to the last constitutional ditch without any urging on the part of their spiritual superiors to the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitutional ditch without any urging the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitution of the necessity of labor to the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitution of the necessity of labor to the necessity of labor to that end, is a constitution of the necessity of labor to the necessity of la Though I still deprecate all secret the necessity of labor to that end, is a have, by research, arrived at quite ancircumstance most evident. The plea other general view of Masonry, to that of useful ignorance is not to be tolerated; which I took on first exposing it in the year 1825, while a prisoner in Dorchester goal. I then dealt with it as I and mental culture and qualification give others were then dealing with the letter them the right to rule, and that the of the Old and New Testaments. No them the right to rule, and that the mass of the people are not in a mental condition to manage their own affars by the election of representatives for that purpose.

The root of all tyranny and oppression, of all social and human ills, is found in the withholding from the found in the spirit of the allegory, I knew nothing more than the historical defects and other improprieties of the letter; that letter which St. Paul, in his second Epistle to the Corinthians, chap, in the found in his second Epistle to the Corinthians, chap, in his seco

found in the withholding from the or revelation of the anegory of the free and a journalistic success, and although the may be conthe whole Bible in the memory; is still ness concerns have been passing have most difficult and of it unless there have been and of the concerns have been passing have most difficult and of the concerns have been passing have most difficult and of the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have and only the concerns have been passing have most difficult and only the concerns have been passing have have been to be as ignorant as the man who never saw or beard of it, unless there be a knowledge of the spirit, revelation, or ment, yet, I think all must acknowledge that the meaning of its allegory; because the that the Review has never been want-ing in courses. letter of the moral precepts is nothing ing in courage when the interests of

from his own side of the house and from the galleries, only proves as an eminent that superstitions resting upon the letter of the fild and New Testament, and the ing depth and density of the popular ignorance." The best basis upon which ignorance. The best basis upon which is make a fair comparison of what Pro-

which is embodied in all the mysteries allegory of Masonry is required, both as the actual attendance of school children of all the sacred writings, in all the cus-at about the same date. From the 1892 toms, ceremonies, and traditions of all character of a real Major. character of a real Mason.

A true Mason is the same character as a true christian. That character is formed by the acquisition of all possible knowledge, with the benevolent desire of extending it among the whole human race; that recognises in every man, a brother who has need of every other man's good-will and assistance. We Australia, 140; Norway and Sweden, 140; United States, 130; Great Britain, 123. In Catholic countries the figures are: France, 170; Belgium, 135; Austria, 130; Snain, 106: Italy, 90. In mixed counsidered and formed in each season, be sown and planted, nurtured, the delusions of the letter, ritual or ceremony: none understand the spirit or mony: none understand the spirit or revelation of the allegory.

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Having negatived, in various publications, discourses, and discussions, the assumption that the Bible is a book of historical record, standing prepared to meet any call or challange upon that head. I affirm it to be an emanation from the ancient mysteries and precisely similar in its character to the ritual of Masonry. It is mystery an allegory. of Masonry. It is mystery, an allegory, or a series of mysteries and allegories, that require a revelation. That revelathat require a revelation. That revelation is not in the book, is not now in any Masonic Lodge; but it should be in the church, it should be in each Masonic Lodge, it should be in the mind of every

It would be nonsense to publish mystery and revelation together, because revelation is sufficient to all practicable purposes without the mystery; but, wherever there is a mystery, in writing or in the ritual or ceremony, there a revelation is essential to be known, as the true meaning of the matter, or nothing useful is known. The true meaning, then, of the revelation of the mysteries of Judaism, Christianity, and Masonry, is, that man is a creature to be improved by cultivation; that knowledge of things is the source of improvements; and that time is the material to be properly used to that and also have the many of applicathe evening's entertainment. These will be found in that part of his remarks in which, leaving the question at issue, he sought to shew that the Government school law was conceived in the best interests of poor benighted Catholics, and that the aim of our truly amiable government ment embrace's the desire to rescue the Catholic laity from the tyranny of their of the means of application, and it was an offence punished to send their children abroad for education, and it was an offence punished to send their children abroad for education, and it was an offence punished to send their children abroad for education, and it was an offence punished to act as a school teacher, or even as a tutor in a private family. I have no doubt after listening to Mr. Sifton's speech the other means of application, and it was an offence punished to be a promise founded on the realisty of christianity, or of equal knowledge, and of all its to be worked with and comprehended. Toward the accomptishment of the listening to Mr. Sifton's speech the other mind. It is reserved for the human race in the material to be properly used to called christendom, to be a promise that end; labour the means of application; and it was not been realised in any place yet that end; labour the means of or of equal knowledge, and of all its high accompaniments. The true advent of Christ is only to be historically realised by a necessary state of the human mind. It is reserved for the human mind. It is reserved for the human race equally good; but unfortunately for the human for the means of application, and it was an offence punished by a converted with and comprehended. Toward the accomptishment of the means of application; and that time dealed christendom, to be a promise to dealed christendom, to be a promise to dealed christendom, to be a promise to be worked with and comprehended to be worked with and comprehended to be worked with and comprehended to be worked with and to be worked with and comprehended to be worked with and to be or of equal knowledge to be the creator of Christ, which is a principle, that of reason or intellect; and principle, that of reason or intellect; and has engaged too much attention—has been made of too much attention—has not a man, or any other being, indepen-not a man, or any other being, indepen-not a man, or any other being, indepen-been made of too much importance—has been ignorantly substituted as the "one dent of that principle. Christ comes from the worship of God, which means, thing needful," for the spirit or revela-

through the columns of the Northwest

L. Fouquer, O.M.I.,

Calgary, Feb. 27, 1895.

PRESENTATION

And Address to Mr. Edward J. Dermody by His Many Friends.

Mr. E. J. Dermody, of the Northwest Review, having been compelled, wing to ill-health, to retire from that journal, his many friends in the city recognizing his merits and his devotion to the cause The pagan Mythos, illustrates this in of Catholic interests, made his retirement the conscious and his retirement. indignity they have suffered from such impostors, and will send them back to impostors, and will send them back to impostors, and will send them back to ception. blessing and appropriation or taining one limit they were by with an address and a purse containing one bundred dollars. Mr. Derthanksgiving, breeding and birth of Christ, by the Virgin Mary form but another version of that beautiful Mythos, NORTHWEST REVIEW, been connected with another version of that beautiful Mythos, ever pregnant with physical truth and all its moral applications. The mirarles and teachings of Christ are: the first, the catholics of Winnight and teachings of Christ are: the first, the catholics of Winnight and teachings of Christ are: the first, the catholics of Winnight and teachings of Christ are: the first, the catholics of Winnight and Winn and teachings of Christ are: the first, mythological developments of physical nature; the second, the moral duties of the second, the moral duties of the second, the principle that the principle that the principle that the principle that the second is the principle that the second to the second the second to the second the second to the teaches, and not the example or power show how he is appreciated in this city:

WINNIPEG, Man., March 4th, 1895.

Late Publisher and Proprietor of "The Northwest Review": DEAR SIR,-

DEAR SIR,—

We, the undersigned Catholic citizens of winnipeg, have heard with feelings of sinpersistent that falling health has compactive work in the hope of once more regaining your health.

Recognizing, as we do, the devoted zeal conduct of the paper and the saor flees you which it was engaged in defending, we can not allow you to retire without giving expression to our esteem for your personally and usual health and strength. In conclusion, slight mark of the appreciation in which you are held by us.

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who has done this, but that his barelaced and unproved assertions should have found such ready acceptance and belief among a portion of his audience as was sary culture of the human race has been propounded, I find a proof in the foundation of the christian religion. Not such also is Masonry. To follow the ritual and routine of all the degrees, to make the language in memory and to be