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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Apollonia, Ontario, Jan. 25th, 1910.

My dear Mr. Coffey—Since coming to Canada I have been reading your paper with interest and pleasure.

Yours very truly, J. J. O'Connell, Apollonia, Ontario.

Dear Sir: For some time past I have read your excellent paper, the Catholic Record, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is conducted.

Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ, J. J. O'Connell, Apollonia, Ontario.

LONDON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 1910

THE ALBIGENSES

Our friend "The Gospel in Latin Lands," to whose general tone we have already referred, undertakes to make a lame apology for the sect known as the Albigenses. With affected ignorance it acknowledges that it does not know to-day just what was the belief of these people and gives as a reason that "no accounts of their creed have been preserved except those written by their enemies in the Roman Church."

Catholic Church they might profess the most outrageous theory imaginable. It should also be noted that the Albigenses have their counterpart in the higher circles of modern times. A few more of the Albigensian doctrines will suffice. The good God comes from the evil one.

Some political causes operated to the encouragement of this demoralizing semi-Jewish semi-Mahomedan heresy. Any one who can find comfort in the opposition which the Albigensian fanaticism made to the Church must be lost to a sense of justice and entirely misled by antipathy to the unfolding witness of Christ's truth and the unfolding guardian of Holy Scripture.

OUR HISTORICAL ENQUIRER

We take up the last question which our young correspondent puts about the critical period of the Church during the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. He asks: "Was Caesar Borgia the son of Pope Alexander VI?" Yes, he was. With this admission we might dismiss the subject. It would, however, be no better than the quotation from the school history by which the question was prompted.

Concerning the Albigensian heresy was the reappearance in Languedoc of that dualism which in the beginning would have divided Christ, which broke out in Northern Africa, where it was characterized by Persian philosophy and which, falling into the groove of oblivion, remained buried until the twelfth and thirteenth centuries.

cannot enter into a discussion upon the character of the end of an article of this kind. Besides the distinction between the two careers of Alexander we must distinguish between the man and the office. An imperfect setting does not affect the intrinsic value of the jewel.

THE HOMES OF WORKMEN

We are pleased to see that our remarks upon this subject are attracting attention in both L'Acadie Societe of Quebec and Le Temps of Ottawa. Few problems are more important both for the physical and moral future.

THE BAPTISTS

A number of questions quite varied in subject matter have been submitted to us. Amongst these is the origin of the Baptists. Although the validity of infant baptism was rejected by some of the heretics of the eleventh and twelfth centuries, there is little or no historical connection between them and the Anabaptists of the sixteenth century.

A REPORTER'S ACCOUNT OF A FUNERAL MASS

If ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise. Notwithstanding the general truth of the old saw it occasionally works the other way, so that the want of knowledge is foolish and stupid. We have an example in a report given by the Toronto World of the funeral of Brother Michael.

modern economic theories is that their own schools are not agreed. What one asserts another denies. Outsiders might well be excused. In arguing upon Socialism the first thing is to find a point of agreement, otherwise the combatants will chase one another all over the field.

FREE-MASONRY

We have upon our desk for some days a letter asking several questions about the square and triangle. Before going into a subject of this kind it is well to read authorities who have treated it and who are recognized as worthy of credence.

TO A CORRESPONDENT

We can never undertake to answer capacious questions. Nothing is more suited to our work as a Catholic journal than the pleasant task of giving information or of rendering a reason for the hope that is in us.

AN ANGLICAN LAW CASE

The Erastian character and helpless condition of the Anglican Church have been made manifest lately by a case which was brought to court. A court of the land, and thus a civil court, has decided that by the law of the country a clergyman of the Church of England is obliged to give Communion to a man who has married his deceased wife's sister.

not looking for caricatures of Catholic services. As a newspaper enterprise the occasion deserved something much better. Entirely unintelligible to non-Catholics, the account is mere guess work to Catholics. It is as clear as mud.

RIGHT HON. JOS. CHAMBERLAIN

This noted English public man has for long been confined to his house, and cannot engage in the rough and tumble of public life. His tongue, however, is active as of old, and he is busily engaged in denouncing the opinions held by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain twenty-five years ago.

DEATH OF REV. FATHER KELTY

Rev. Father W. J. Keltly, pastor of the Douro, diocese of Peterboro, has gone to his reward. He was one of the most widely known and estimable priests in the province of Ontario. Forty-one years he was ordained in the diocese of Kingston. He was a clear and forceful preacher and was ever remarkable for his intense solicitude for the welfare of his flock.

WHILE THE NON-CONFORMISTS OF ENGLAND

would have the people believe that they suffer persecution and that they are engaged in a strenuous battle for the liberties they at the same time display a degree of narrowness, intolerance and meanness towards another section of their fellow citizens which is very remarkable.

benefits and obviously following the judgments of Caesar. The chains of the pretended Reformation are heavy. They have been worn a long time, and they are not yet loosened. The Bishop of Birmingham, writing to The Times says that the situation is "intolerable," that an Act of Parliament (Parliament being a mixed body representing non-Christians as well as Christians and non-Churchmen as well as Churchmen) should have the power to determine conditions of Communion in the Church of England.

MR. ARTHUR BALFOUR

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THE FAD OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

THE FAD OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE is still very much to the fore amongst our non-Catholic population especially in the United States. The cult enjoys unbounded jubilation because they have received a message from the mother. Many people thought she was dead, while others were convinced that she was merely playing a game of hide-and-go-seek. The latter class interpreted the situation correctly. Here is the message which the venerable lady sent to her followers as a Christmas greeting:

"We, the undersigned Non-conformists, desire to place upon record an expression of our continued conviction that any interference with the legislative union of Great Britain and Ireland will be disastrous to the welfare of the United Kingdom, and a menace to the rights of Protestant minorities in Ireland, and to assure you of our active support in your resistance to any proposals which would tend towards, or result in the establishment of an independent Irish Legislature."

BROOKLINE, MASS., DEC. 25, 1909.

Beloved: A word to the wise is sufficient. Mother wishes you all a happy Christmas, a feast of soul and a famine of sense. Lovingly thine, (Signed) Mary Baker Eddy.

UPON READING THIS WE WERE SOMEWHAT

surprised that the signature was not "Mark Twain" instead of "Mary Baker Eddy." It is certainly something of which the great American humorist would be very proud.

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