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the entertainment having been without bearing on the claims of delayed an hour waiting for the the Catholic Church. Nay, more, Delegate to return from St. Nor- if Protestants claim to be able to Mr Marius Cinq-Mars discoursed | Pope, a number of bad Popes, the learnedly on the great series of Catholics answer is-Very well, let encyclicals issued by the reign- it be allowed, for argument's sake ing Pontiff. The most stiking that there was a bad Pope, what featur of a truely memorable then? Did any Catholic ever arevening was M.Joseph Bernier's gue that there could not be a bad lecture on Garcia Moreno, the Pope ? Never. Did Our Lord promartyr dor.

hour the brilliant young lawyer on earth should never teach Church has been placed. held the audience while he pic- false doctrine, and they have netured the wonderful career of ver done so. that greatest and bravest of Carelation to the University.

(To be continued.)

HIS EXCELLENCY'S VISIT

The visit of Mgr. Merry del Val. has been all too short.

He won his way to the hearts address increased in import as the entertainments went on, until his public utterance at the admirable fully assailed the literary soirce of St. Boniface Colupon the souls of devoted Catholics.

the report of which was submitted to and approved by His Excellency should be read with great attention He tells us to be prudentand calm under the guidance of our good Archbishop and to trust in the Holy Father who is watching over our best interests with unremitting love and care.

BAD POPES, BAD CATHOLICS, NOT

BAD CATHOLICISM.

Preston "Catholic News."

In a letter published some Again, it is manifest that not short time ago in these pages from the pen of a distinguished Catholic controversialist it was pleaded that bad Catholics did not necessarily entail bad Catholicism. The phrase and the plea are recalled by a leading article which appeared the other day in a daily paper on the opening of the Borgia Apartments in the hash of such "history" as could be made to tell against the famous family and its connection with the Papal chair. Generally, the treatment of the theme was that the vices imputed to the Borgias, and especially to the Pontiff Alexander VI.—all, of course, taken as Gospel truthformed an unanswerable argument against the truth of Catholic doctrine and the claim of the Catholic Church to be the Church of Christ. Let this assault be examined The Catholic Church claims to be the One True Church founded by the Lord Jesus Christ to continue on earth His work until His Kingdom come. She claims to be invested with divine authority and to be divinely sustained against teaching wrong. She claims that her Popes are infallible, but she never claimed that they are impeccable. They are, as a line of men, without paralled in the world's history, for lics are content to rely. high and heroic virtue. The first score of them and more went to the martyr's death with holy cheerfulness. No succession of

exquisite art, so that in spite of important in itself, is absolutely inerrancy of teaching which she President of Ecua-mise that there should never be a

To argue that because a certholic statesmen, and in conclu- tain Pope was a bad man, theresion he applied the lessons of fore the Catholic religion is an Moreno's life to the present cir- untrue creed, would only be adcumstances of Canada and drew missible if it were first conceded practical conclusions with no that the truth of the Church uncertain sound, Rev. Father depended on the personal vitue Chartier, S. J., Rector of St. Boni- of the Pope: something which face College, then read a thought- Catholics not only do not claim, ful address setting the College's but which they will not allow

On Christ's Ascension into Heaven He left to human instuments, divinely guided as to teaching, the work required for bringing to future ages the knowledge of God's truth. But He did not guarantee that the instuments chosen would be men incapable of sin. Protestants seem of Manitobans, Protestant as well to think that Catholics say so, as Catholic, by the gentle sweet- and further there underlies all ness of his manner. His replies to their attacks on the virtue to past Pops the implication that if that virtue be success-Catholic Church is correspondingly lege fell like the balm of Gilead discredited. Yet the unreason of such argument is easily ap-This two remarkable speeches, parent. Judas was one of the chosen expositors of Christ's doctrine, yet we have never seen Protestants assail Christ's teaching on this score. St Peter, the first Pope, was a man who actually denied his Lord, yet this piece of Papal backsliding is not put forth, as it ought in logic and fairness to be, with the shortcomings of Alexander VI. If in the first century the sins of Judas and of Peter are not to be accounted an argument against the truth of the doctrine they taught, then on what ground of tairness or logic can a different rule be applied to the fifteenth?

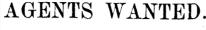
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only has such a claim as the impossibility of the Pope commiting sin never been put forth by Catholics, but that such a claim would be adverse to Catholic truth and to Christian doctrine. The Pope, like any other Christtian, is obliged to pray daily for forgiveness for his past sins and for grace to sin no more, which Vatican. This occurrence was latter would be a clear absurdity if he were to be held as exempt from the possibility of sin. Again, every human creature has the power of free will. He can choose between good and bad. But if the Pope were to be regarded as incapable of sin he would have to be regarded as robbed of free will, which is the manifest possession of every then, that Christ could not have left the inerrancy of His Church to the chance that those who followed the sinner Peter would prove always sinless. And since Christ left to Peter and Peter's successors the possession of free will and the consequent liability of sin, it is clearly established that any possible lapse degree the truth of the doctrine | commited to their care. That doctrine Christ promised to safeguard, knowing their liability to sin, and on His promise Catho-No, the truth of Catholic doctrine does not depend on the personal holiness of the Pope nor of men. The Pontiff of our own day ness of her children is one of the Medicines which you get at whom may God long preserve, is marks of the Catholic Church in no unfair sample of his line. But this as in all ages. No other comif history says they were not all munion in any age can show Leo the Thiteenths and that some such a number of saints nor such of them were very much the a standard of saintliness. But the contrary, that statement, while truth of the Catholic Church, the

possesses do not depend on this; they depend on the promise of Christ that He will sustain her bert, he was vociferously encored. show that there once lived a bad against all error through all time So if there have been bad Popes Fine British Columbia Salmon, per can, if they were again to be bad Popes, that, so far from militating against the claim of the Caholic Church to be the Churh of Christ would but prove, as it has proved, that not even such a supreme misfortune can affect the impregbad Pope? No. He promised nable position in which by her For fully three quarters of an that the heads of His Church Divine Founder the Catholic



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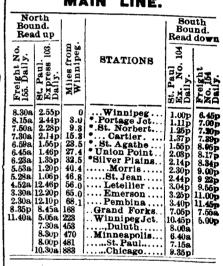
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