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"COLONEL SAM."

Sam Hughes comes from that portion of the Dominion known as Victoria-Haliburton, a section permeated with all that is dense in the virus Orangeman.

When Sam has nothing else to electrify the House with, he "kicks the Pope." Sam is afflicted by the new disease "Dementia Canadiana."

In the House, the other day, Sam avowed that "French ecclesiastics are a curse to the country" and other sentiments too numerous to mention.

"So far as the French priesthood is concerned, even those who have the imperfect acquaintance that I have with the French, must realize the fact that the great writers in French literature, even those not in absolute sympathy with the Church, have represented, through types of the French priesthood, some of the finest and noblest characters ever portrayed by the pen of man.

The scope of the association is one that which there is none more useful or more necessary at the present time; at a moment when hostility to the faith and to Christian standards is increasing, it seeks to preserve its members from this great danger, and through them to save the other young men of France to whatever class of society they may belong.

Excellent are the means proposed for the attainment of this end—that of giving openly an example of Christian virtue, of keeping apart from political disputes and passions, of entering with ardor into social doctrines and their practical application and of putting this plan vigorously into execution by the spoken and the written word and by organization adapted for the purpose.

Nothing could be wiser than this, we say with emphasis, because of the salvation of the young men of a country is the interest of all, and this is why, beloved sons, we hold that you must carefully preserve your unity.

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In good works, there is no doubt about that; I have seen some of their work; I have known persons who have attended their religious services. They were doing good work in the city of Halifax, and, more than that, they had many pupils, for they were not a religious, but an educational body, including some young men of the very highest character and from some of the very best families in France.

After Messrs. Bourassa and Devlin had paid their respects to Sam, he looked like the proverbial thirty cents, and is said the have worn the "I won't do it again" expression.

Queer legislative timber some of our Canadian constituencies use.

CATHOLIC FEDERATION.

The True Witness has many times advocated closer affiliation of Catholic organizations. In union there is strength and harmony of action.

We were very much pleased to read of the action taken in this direction by His Grace Archbishop Begin, of the Quebec diocese, last Sunday, when in a pastoral letter L'Action Sociale Catholique inaugurated an organization which has for its purpose the combining of Catholic work and aiding social Catholic progress.

Time has demonstrated the soundness of the policy of federation among Catholic fraternal bodies. All the fears which delayed the unification have been shown to be phantoms of the imagination. Not a hitch has arisen on the whole onward march, and success after success has crowned the efforts of the organization in the legitimate task of securing just recognition of Catholic right and stopping the output of anti-Catholic calumny in the press.

Amongst these results the approval of the Holy Father stands foremost and most prized of all.

In sending his Apostolic blessing to the Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, His Holiness, in effect, commended their action to the rest of the Catholic world as one to be followed wherever concerted action is required. His message to the Catholic Young Men's Association of France, previous to the assembling of the national congress at Bordeaux, was full of significance.

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the young men of France will be taken as an encouragement to the young men here as well as in France to continue in the course so auspiciously begun in either country.

FATHER VAUGHAN ON FRANCE AND THE POPES.

Father Bernard Vaughan says: What strange things we hear spoken about our Popes, especially by those who know nothing about them. I remember the day when we were told Pius IX. was too autocratic; when we were informed Leo XIII. was too diplomatic; to-day we are told that Pius X. is too apostolic.

This apostolic Pope knows how to meet these French diplomatic difficulties. The French Government is closing the schools of the religious orders, wanted to cut off the supply of Christianity from the laity, and see that Christianity was starved out in their midst. It was an ingenious process of starvation.

Walden-Rousseau told his audience time after time it was the business of the Government to remodel the mental attitude of the French youth. France doesn't want science; she wants religion. She doesn't want racial suicide; she wants mothers. She doesn't want men who keep away from the Sacraments; she wants men like the brave men of Ireland; she wants women like the pure women of Ireland.

She wants to get right with God, and not with Clemenceau. The Pope complained, not because the seminaries were taken, but because they were stolen from the people, and because it was the property of the poor and the sacred property of the dead. The British press asks why the Pope could not come to a compromise. Why? Because the Pope happened to be a Catholic and not a Protestant. The Pope could not compromise. He was there as the guardian of truth. Nothing grander has been sent to France from the Vatican since Pius VI. flung back the Secular Code offered him by the first Revolutionists than the Pope's splendid Encyclical throwing back upon the Government all these miserable constitutions, Associations Bills, Separation Laws, and all the different tricks and devices to try and bring him to commit himself, and sanction not the mere expulsion of the religious orders, but the closing of the seminaries.

France, it is to be hoped, will still learn from Catholic Belgium, and teach the working man how to live up to his religion; she will learn from the Catholics of Germany to marshal her forces, and from Ireland how to attend to her Sacraments, love her clergy, and be proud of the Church.

GREAT IMPETUS IN CHURCH BUILDING.

Sir Horace Plunkett, says Rome, would find much to stir his indignation in the conduct of the Catholics of the United States these times. Like the Irish they are affected by the anti-economic prejudice in favor of building churches all over their great country, from the little edifices of the Church Extension Society to immense cathedrals costing millions of dollars.

Mgr. McDonnell, of Brooklyn, has consented to allow his dioceses to build for him a cathedral that will cost five millions of dollars, while just across the water a Lady Chapel in the cathedral of St. Patrick, New York, is being completed at a cost of three-quarters of a million of the same precious coin; a magnificent cathedral has just been dedicated at Richmond, Virginia; in each of the five dioceses of the Province of Oregon the builders are hard at work on cathedrals; Archbishop Moeller of Cincinnati is about to erect a new cathedral there; Denver finds that it must have a cathedral; the plans for one at Los Angeles have been completed; Indianapolis, Cleveland, St. Paul, Minneapolis, are all busy building cathedrals, and a new cathedral has just been dedicated at Pittsburg. In short, on the score of new church edifices in the United States nearly fifteen millions of dollars have been or are being spent.

When you add to this the amount expended every day on new parish churches, on contributions to new churches in other countries—Ireland, for instance, on the new Catholic schools that are growing up all over the land, on the Church Extension buildings, and so on, it becomes quite clear that the Catholic Church in the United States is emerging majestically from the pioneer periods of its existence.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Central Catholic of Winnipeg, Manitoba, reproduces from a daily paper of that city an item relative to a sermon recently delivered there by the Rev. S. P. Rose, a Methodist preacher, who was formerly in Montreal. Dr. Rose's theme was self-sacrifice, and after citing a case of self-sacrifice as shown by one who died for his country, he passed on to the grander example of those heroes and heroines who were never heard of, but who lived for their country, laying down their lives daily, and in this connection he spoke of the Sisters of Mercy, who had entreated to be sent to the leper colony. This was a living death, beside which death on the battlefield was easy.

Then came this tribute to the Sisters: "Criticize the priests of Rome if you will, object to the doctrines of that Church as you have a perfect right to do, but let no man in my presence say ought against the Sisterhoods of that Church. The Sisters of the Poor in Montreal are doing more work and better work for the relief of the poor and distressed in that city than any other organization."

We note among the prelates who have given their adhesion to Cardinal Oreglia's letter inviting co-operation in preparing for the jubilee of our Holy Father, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi and His Grace Archbishop Begin. The Archbishop of Quebec has written not only to Cardinal Oreglia, but to Comm. Pericoli, showing the greatest interest in the movement and stating that he hopes by adopting the system of subscriptions proposed by the committee to raise for the Holy Father between 60,000 and 80,000 francs not only in the Jubilee year but during the following years.

The Committee of Ladies formed in Rome to organize the work of women throughout the world, especially in offering to the Holy Father a large supply of vestments and altar linen for poor churches, is working with great energy and has already obtained consoling results. It is hardly necessary to say that individual ladies as well as committees may contribute to this manifestation of the Jubilee.

Agitation has been started by many prominent Catholics in Italy to suppress the several anti-clerical publications which recently have made it their special object to publish caricatures of the Pope and of other Church dignitaries.

According to the Laws of Guarantees, it is just as illegal to publish caricatures of the Pope as it is to caricature the Sovereign or any member of the Italian royal family, but for many months past, we are told, the Italian officials seem to have tolerated the issuance of publications of the kind, which have caused general indignation among the Italian Catholics.

One of the Catholic representatives in Parliament, Signor Santini, has already given notice of an interpellation on the subject. If necessary a bill will be submitted to Parliament making it unlawful to publish caricatures of the Pope and other Church officials.

"Hell? Of course there's a Hell. If there isn't there ought to be." So claimed the Rev. Dr. Torrey, during his address at the St. James Methodist Church last week, the reverend gentleman also making the statement that he believed in a real, live devil. "Whence comes these great delusions of the day?" continued the doc-

tor. "Esoteric, Buddhism, Spiritualism, Theosophy, Christian Science, and all these other strange religions. They come from the devil. They all go to prove that there is a devil, such as the Bible talks about, a learned, subtle, clever, intellectual, philosophical devil, one who is more than a match for any of us, and from whom we all need a hiding-place."

Where's the hiding place, doctor? Be philosophical.

General Botha, the renowned Boer general, in the Boers' fight for freedom, who is premier of the Transvaal colony under the system of representative government which has been conferred on that colony, is, as everyone knows, connected with the Irish patriot family of Emmet. It is not, however, so generally known that he is a far-away cousin of Isaac Butt. Mr. Butt's grandfather, a Limerick man, was a descendant of a Dutch family who settled in Ireland, where their original name, Botha, became gradually transformed by the genius of the language into Butt.

In a printed reply to a question by Mr. Long, Mr. Birrell stated in the House of Commons on March 19 that the total number of so-called agrarian outrages in Ireland, including threatening letters, in 1902 was 253; in 1903, 195; in 1904, 256; in 1905, 279; in 1906, 234; in January of the present year, 16; and in February 11. He further stated that on the first of March there were three cases under the head of wholly boycotted, and seven under that of partially boycotted.

The number of cases in which persons were boycotted in a minor degree, or in which attempts were made to boycott, was 73. Serious cases of boycotting, according to Mr. Birrell, are those in which the boycotted person's means of livelihood are affected.

The unprecedented action of a parish priest leaving \$40,000 to the town in which his parish was situated, because he felt he had secured the money in taxes from the people, was taken in the will of Rev. Father Desaulniers, the late parish priest of Stanford, in Nicolet county. He left the municipality 500 shares of the stock of the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co., and he makes the people of Stanford his legatees. The clause states that as the people had given him the money in taxes he was returning it to the people.

The New York Freeman's Journal calls us down in this fashion:

"There are French-American and French-Canadian Catholics and hundreds of thousands of them. What have they done, are they doing or mean to do in protest against the persecution of their Church in the 'old country' by the infidel party now in control of Government there? Are they to be silent while all the Catholic world beside is pouring in resolutions and addresses of sympathy to the Sovereign Pontiff and the clergy of France? Some action on their part is surely now in order."

Abbe Jouin, a French Catholic priest, has been found guilty of inciting to rebellion by his addresses, and has been fined the equivalent of \$30.20. The Gazette thinks it must have been a mild kind of rebellious sentiment the good padre stirred up when the court thought that talking from him the price of a spring suit of clothes would make the punishment and the crime equal.

Rev. P. M. Whelan, of Philadelphia, has formed a congregation of deaf mutes, and expects soon to begin the erection of a church for them. If the plan succeeds this will be the only Catholic Church of its kind in the world. The congregation already numbers two hundred members.

The Bishops of Switzerland have published a collective letter to their flocks urging them to support Catholic newspapers. They said:

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The King of Spain has telegraphed to the Holy Father begging him to act as sponsor to his first child, and His Holiness has replied consenting to do so. Leo XIII. was sponsor to the King himself, and Pius IX. to his father.

A LITTLE TEA TALK.
The "take my advice" fiend is now knocking tea. He tried to discredit coffee, and predicted all sorts of trouble for the imbibers of this beverage. His arguments were not convincing. Now he's after tea. Let us see if he will be successful. In England statistics prove that during the past fifteen years the import taxes show a preponderant increase in the sale of tea. John Bull is clinging to his tea cup in preference to all other beverages. The beautiful complexion of the English girls and the rugged health of the English men clinch the argument in favor of tea.
There is one brand that is just now enjoying unparalleled popularity in Canada, known as the "Blue Ribbon Tea." The company which is promoting the sale of this tea are having the most gratifying success with it, and deservedly so, for it is one of the very best teas on the market to-day. It is obtainable at all good grocers.

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The second annual entertainment and social of St. Patrick's Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis was held last Thursday, April 11th, at the Belmont Hall, Guy street, and proved an enjoyable affair. Two hundred and fifty friends were present. President, Mr. C. Coghlan, presided, and with a short speech commending the members and the work of the youngster, he explained the object of the evening. Rev. Father Ethelbert M., director of the Fraternity, read a few words and felt glad such a large gathering.

Fifteen junior boys, dressed in special costumes and under the leadership of Master Leo Johnson, caused much merriment, two recitations and two songs titled "Boys Wanted," "The Dying Boy's Song," "The Dying Boy's Song" and "Good Morning, Mr. J." The work of the youngsters was much applauded. Master Phelan recited in fine style "Drummer Boy." Master R. J. Valle, the sweet-voiced singer, "On the Dear Old Farm," to respond to an encore. Frank Mulcair recited "The Work of a Stowaway" in a very manner. Master Hugh O'Driscoll recited very well "Two Dirty Hands." Mr. Ed. Quinn, tenor, bass of St. Ann's choir, presided, the audience with two songs, "The Cats" brought down the orchestra gave a few selections which refreshments were served. After partaking of the good food, the second part of the program proceeded with Mr. Holland, in his comic song "Irish Jubilee," "A Job for You," "The Cats" brought down the house. Mr. Alexander Hamill, bass of St. Anthony's choir, presided two songs which were of applause. Mr. Fred. Healy, well-known elocutionist, gave recitations which showed his mastery of his work. "The Dance," a quartette, was sung by Rev. Father D. Holland, Ann's, told some humorous stories which convulsed the audience with laughter, and also spoke on work being done by the Third Order of St. Francis. Rev. Father Ethelbert thanked all those who assisted in making the program an enjoyable one.

Great credit is due to Mr. Shea, the well known organist of St. Ann's Church, who acted as accompanist during the evening, besides assisting the choir. The members feel deeply indebted to Mr. Shea for his cooperation, and hope to have the pleasure of his company on more occasions.

Among those present were Father Christopher Fitzmaurice, Assistant Superior; Rev. Fr. F. Heffernan, St. Anthony's; V. Desaulniers, Principal School; Quartermaster T. F. Land, M.P.D.; T. T. Smythe, Doyle, J. J. McCullen, J. J. Doyle. The members felt indebted to Rev. Father Ethelbert for his kind and generous assistance, and to give one of his very interesting lectures.

Rev. Father Wolstan, O.F.M., also takes an active interest in the work of the Fraternity, was through illness. The reunions of the brothers and their friends have done much to make the Third Order better known and the work appreciated. War, Trade Mark D. S. guaranteed 50c.