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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA,

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To the Editor of THE CATHOLIC RECORD,
London Cat. the Editor of The London, Oat.: ear Sir: For some time past I have read ear Sir: For some time past I have read r estimable paper, The CATHOLIC RECORD, r estimable paper, upon the manner in your estimable paper. THE CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.

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Believe me, to remain.

Yours faithfully in Jerus Christ.

+D. FALCONIO, Arch, of Larissa
Apost. Deleg.

LONDON, SATURDAY, Nov. 29, 1902. THE FAREWELL TO MGR. FAL-CONIO.

The Toronto Globe speaking of the banquet given to Mgr. Falconio, the Apostolic Delegate, on the evening of the 18th inst. remarks that it was "a well-conceived tribute to a gentleman

who has commended himself to all with whom he has come in contact. His graceful words, complimentary to Canada and its people are undoubtedly sincere, and Canadians of all classes will regret that a gentleman who has fitted himself so happily into our life has had other duties delegated to him."

Our contemporary has shown good taste and a liberal spirit by the utterance of these sentiments, but we regret that it takes exception as follows to the order of toasts:

"This being the case, it must be considered as important that this mutually pleasant gathering was somewhat marred by an injudicious trans-position in the toast list. In this country of free opinion, no individual need explain why he prefers to drink one man's health rather than another's. It is a matter of choice with But the custom of honor-he head of a nation first ing the among the toasts at a public banquet is so nearly universal that it must have occasioned surprise that it was departed from at this dinner. There could no argument that it was merely a private affair. A dinner to which the Premier of the Province of Ontario and the Mayor of Toronto were invited, which the press was represent ed, could not be regarded as anything but public, and to ask these gentlemen to honor the toast of the King second to that of any other person was to put them in an embarrasssing position one which true hospitality would have forbidden.

It is at once evident that the "injudicious transposition in the toast list' here referred to means that it was not becoming or judicious to give the toast of the Pope before that of our highly respected King Edward VII. In fact it is plainly stated that at all public banquets it is a custom which should not be departed from to honor first of church," when the two powers are olics have, however, sincerely accepted conscience to every individual. In time should be somewhat more modest. It would be well if the proprietor of the all the head of the nation.

We fully admit that in our estimation also the banquet partook of the character of a public demonstration, owing to the circumstances referred to owing to the circumstances referred to by the Globe; but it is evident from ently at an end, at least for the present, by the Globe; but it is evident from ently at an end, at least for the present, which the country should be care. and from the heartiness with which the it may break out again. assembled guests sang "God Save the It must be said in favor of these de-

eternal welfare of the human race.

These two authorities are distinct to death. to God equally with the Church, and laws.

thus there should always be friendly

relations between Church and State. Yet as heaven is above earth, and our spiritual above our temporal welfare, we obey the injunction of Christ to "render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's" by giving the highest homage to the Supreme Head of God's Church, and the second degree to our temporal ruler.

In the Church of England, wherein ual as well the temporal head, there is, of course, no question of precedence; but we cannot conceive of Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, etc., placing our temporal cobligations on a higher plane than those which pertain to our soul and our salvation. At all events, the 'Free Presbyterian' Churches will kingdom in a rank above "the King of the Church of God."

This matter should in all fairness be viewed from the Catholic standpoint according to which the spiritual authshould be so regarded by men, though we freely admit that in temporal matters there is no authority superior to tend no disrespect in holding this view, because we take the matter in this light.

In addition to these considerations derived from the nature of the case, it must be borne in mind that the Pope is no longer a temporal ruler, in fact, though he is so in right. Hence there cannot be at the present time any danger lest he may send over an army or navy to take London, or to lay hold of King Edward's crown and throne. This fact proves, however, that our all the clerical troops upon the Re fealty to the Pope is purely spiritual, and our loyal Toronto contemporary need not fear lest we are about to transfer to Pope Leo XIII. the allegiance we owe to King Edward VII.

On the other hand, it should also be remembered that notwithstanding the Holy Father's present position, stripped though he has been of his temporal kingdom, the nations of Europe still recognize him as a sovereign on account of the grandeur of his spiritual kindgom, which extends far beyond the limits of all the European Empires together, though it is true that in the actual count of the number of subjects, the Empire of the Pope falls a little behind that of King Edward's Empire; but the Empire of the Church surpasses that of Great Britain, at all events, in the number of its civilized subjects; and its extent of territory exceeds even that of the British Empire, whose proud boast is that the sun never sets thereon. Neither does it set upon the Empire of the Pope, which takes in the world.

Our contemporary is somewhat mistaken in its statement that the usual order of toasts was transposed at Mgr. Falconio's banquet. It has always been the usage to place the Pope's toast before all others, when it is given at all, and the justice of doing this is practically recognized even by the Church of England itself which speaks far from being the truth, though of "the Estates of this realm . ecclesiastical or civil," not "civil or Catholic side who would, theoretically of those who have maintained in the Schaff, said that it was founded upon a extract. He had doubtless been dipecclesiastical," as in the 37th article of at least, prefer the Monarchy to past that the endless divisions of Pro- wrongful interpretation of the words of ping into pages of the late Charles the Anglican religion. It is customary the Republic, especially to such a testantism into sects is one of the also for Englishmen to speak of "Church Republic as has been in power for beauties of the system which pro- which so readily goes astray as to need bring the Irish people into ridicule and State," never of "State and thirty years. The great bulk of the Cath- claims the most complete liberty of a revision of its creed from time to than has any other writer of fiction. named together."

THE DOUKHOBORS.

the respect which was shown when the though their fanaticism is such that it which the country should be govname of King Edward was mentioned, is impossible to foresee whether or not erned. We do not doubt that

King," that no disrespect was intend- luded people that, in all the sufferings ed to His Majesty in the order ob- they endured during their strange served in the drinking of the toasts, escapade, they attempted no violonce article may well be pondered by Catho nor was it intended that any temporal against the people either of Manitoba lies, though they are intended as an insuperiority of the Pope should be im- or the Territories. The Government plied by the fact that the name of the officials were obliged to force them to Supreme Pontiff was put before that of take the railway trains which were to no place for those who are tender and carry them home. They struggled hard timid: weakness is a betrayal." It must be borne in mind that Catho- against the police and officials while lics believe that the authority of the they resisted, but went on their jour-State was instituted by Almighty God, ney peaceably enough when once they as was also that of the Church of God; were on the trains. They are now but that of the State arises immediately quietly settled on their own farms, Price Hughes, the leader of the profrom the natural condition of fallen though still half crazed with their human nature and only mediately from fanatical notions. During the time of

respective ends. They therefore differ that there is liberty in Canada, but not about such a union have been overcome which they were established. They are, They ask the Sultan to grant them a therefore, distinct from each other: corner in his territory where they shall

coming too numerous.

Owing to the recent escapades of the King is acknowledged as the spirit- not greatly deplore their departure should they go en masse to Turkey; however, we should be sorry to see them made subject to the caprices of the enthroned assassin of Constantinople. Should they actually go, we wish them more happiness than they enjoyed either in Russia or Canada; though what they endured in this not place "the King" of any earthly Dominion was the consequence of their own folly.

THE SITUATION IN FRANCE.

A despatch from Paris states that the Lanterne, the leading journal of ority is the highest in its nature, and the French anti-Christian party, has openly declared a war to the end against the Church and religion, so that the Law of Associations as passed that of the king or the State. We in- by the Government of Waldeck - Rousseau, and put into operation by that and our loyalty is not to be suspected of M. Combes, is only a mere preliminary incident of the battle between religion and irreligion. The Lanterne says:

"We will crush down the Church or will be crushed by it. That is what the Republicans must know and remember always. ing between the forces of the past and ose of the future will be a merciless battle. On the part of the Church preparations for war are being openly made. Monks and priests, superiors of orders and both regular and secular ps are united to lead the attack of publican state. Trampling upon the treaty that makes them public officials, the French Bishops unanimously give the signal of rebellion against the

It is a strange Republic which would prevent Bishops, priests and monks from exercising their rights as citizens; and the plea that they are made public officials is falsified by the fact that the Concordat has been violated over and over again by the Republic, while the recent legislation which the clergy most resolutely oppose is a most gress violation of the same Concordat which above all things in its first clause makes the Catholic religion the religion of the State.

The Lanterne admits that it has before it a hard task in endeavoring to suppress religion, for it says:

"The Church is ready : are we in position to defeat it? The Republicans imagine that they

will triumph easily. They have right on their side, and they have the numbers But are they sure to be the strongest Are they sure to be the most determined "Will there not be found in their ranks at the most decisive moment, weak and timid men who, in good faith, be-

lieve themselves to be Republicans reproach, and who, nevertheless will advise negotiations and delays? The diabolical malice of the Lanterne is visible in the attempt to make it appear that the Catholic party are Huldreich Zwingli." enemies to the Republic. This is it is true that there are many on the honesty on the part of the enemies of religion, they would acknowledge was maintained merely for the pur-The Doukhobors' trouble is appar- willingly the right of all Frenchmen to pose of weakening the Catholic conten-

in the end the rights of the Church will be amply vindicated; but it will be only after a fierce struggle. The concluding words of the Lanterne's

centive to the infidels only. They are: "In such a terrible battle, there is

THE REV. HUGH PRICE HUGHES.

The Wesleyan Methodists of England lose, by the death of the Rev. Hugh nounced belief that the non-Conform-

gressive party of that denomination.

Mr. Hughes held a prominent place God, "by Whom kings reign." On the craze the only trouble they gave in all the forward movements of his secular schools for national eduthe other hand, the Church was institute settlers arose from their being Church during the last quarter of a cation. His influence had, undoubtedtuted directly by Christ in the super- thrown so suddenly upon the charity of century. He was a preacher of great ly, great weight in causing the Methnatural order. The former is for the the people who were obliged by the force and carnestness, and was a odists to keep aloof from the present material and temporal, while the latter strange circumstances of the case to really zealous pastor. He exercised combination of non-Conformists against was instituted for the spiritual and furnish them with food and clothing, to great influence in turning the public the Education Bill which is now being that the refusal to prosecute prevent them from starving or freezing opinion of English non-Conformists considered by the British Parliament. toward the consideration of the possi- Mr. Hughes believed, and frequently and independent in their respective The latest development in the case bility of effecting a union of the dif- stated both in public and in private, spheres, but the State uses natural, is that they have written to the Sultan ferent sects which make up the non- that a proper training of youth must while the Church employs supernatural of Turkey complaining of their treat. Conformist body, and though it cannot means for the attainment of their ment by the Canadians. They state be said that the difficulties of bringing knowledge. in origin, purpose and means to be the liberty they desire, as they wish to any very great extent, he certainly Methodists control a large number of employed in fulfilling the ends for not to be subject to any human law. contributed so far toward the attainment of this end that most of the or- have contributed greatly towards the ganizations which constitute non-Con- Methodists' keeping aloof from the presnevertheless, the State must be subject | not be obliged to submit to any human | formity are now looking forward to a | ent non-Conformist movement to defeat time when some kind of union will be the Government's Education Bill.

The reply of the Sultan has not accomplished, the predominant notion been received yet; but it is unlikely on which this hope is founded being that that he will grant them any other lib- the differences of doctrine and Church erty than such as he accords to the government which exist shall be treated Armenians, and granted to the Bul- as of small account, while their points garians when they were under his of agreement shall be held as sufficient paternal sovereignty, the liberty of to justify some sort of federal union. being slaughtered whenever he thinks In this way, it is supposed that it necessary to prevent them from be- the Protestantism thus constituted shall be able to pose before the world as a united body, instead of these peculiar people, Canadians will being made up of jarring sects as

> For many years the Evangelical Churches, so-called, have held informal annual conferences at Grindelwald in Switzerland to consider what should be the basis of such a union. Mr. Hugh Price Hughes was one of the most zealous in urging that the basis should be of a wide character, so that as few as possible of the many sects should be excluded on doctrinal grounds.

It does not seem to us, indeed, that any permanent or practical union can be effected on such lines. There still remains in all the sects vigorous parties who believe that Christ laid down definite doctrines which all should accept before being admitted to full communion in their respective denominations. This belief makes them slow about accepting the late Dr. Hughes' propositions; but there is no doubt his proposals have met with a good deal of favor in nearly all the sects, and the influence of his arguments have had great weight in bringing large numbers to the belief that the union he proposed is practicable. It is especially argued that in this way Protestantism of the Evangelical type may make greater strides than ever in converting to it the heathen nations.

Mr. Hughes took a large part in the preparation of a new catechism on which it was supposed most of the Protestant sects could unite, and this new catechism was accepted by many of the clergy of numerous sects: but we are not aware that it has been officially adopted by any one of them, so that the proud claim with which it was set forth when published to the world has not been verified, that it is "the belief of not less than sixty millions of avowed Christians in all parts of the world." We have no doubt, however, of the honesty of the intentions of Dr. Hughes and the other gentlemen who framed this creed, though the enthusiasm with which it was received was not nearly so great as its framers expected would be the case. Presbyterian, Baptist, Congregationalist ministers, and those of other sects united with Methodists in issuing this creed, but they were not officially authorized by their respective denominations to prepare it, nor did the denominations receive it when it was completed, though Mr. Hughes as chairman of the special committee which drafted it stated when it was promulgated that "students of history will be aware that no such combined statement of interdenominational belief has ever previously been attempted, much less achieved, since the lamentable day when Martin Luther contended with

It will be seen from that Mr. Hughesand presumably the other members of opinion was never held seriously, but possess that characteristic, cannot be papers: that Church.

But this is somewhat of a digression.
Fo return therefore to the personality wealthy peer to escape a criminal prosecution for offences for which others To return therefore to the personality of Mr. Hughes, we may add that, as a Methodist pastor, he had considerable long terms of imprisonment, is arousing success in evangelizing West London, a sluggish public indignation and the in a Methodist sense.

Unlike the Methodists of Canada, the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes was which caused the loss of \$25,000,000 to strongly in favor of religious teaching innocent shareholders, is also arousing in the schools, and it was his progreat mistake in committing themselves to a system of purely comprise religious as well as secular

This, as well as the fact that the

FROM THE COCOON-STATE.

The Rev. Dr. Milligan, of old St. indrew's Church, Toronto, in a recent discourse which was reported in the Globe, made a curious admission regarding the mutability of the doctrines of Protestantism to suit the exgencies of the time being.

Toward the conclusion of his sermon. the subject of which was "the Higher Criticism." he said :

" Taunted by the Church of Rome. the Protestants had once said they had an infallible Church, because they had an infallible Book, and a Swiss Synod once declared the very vowel points were inspired. As a matter of fact, the vowel points had not come into existence until the sixth century. Men had gone wrong to fight Rome.

In this there is no exaggeration, and even the Presbyterian General Assembly of Scotland over and over again declared the Westminster Confession of Faith to be the only correct exposition of God's true religion, while later the Free Presbyterian Church in England, and that of the United States have practically abolished the Confession by substituting a new Confession in the first case, and an explanatory supplement in the second, which explain away the distinctive doctrines which have been held as firmly as the unchangeable 'Rock of Ages,"

But in spite of these high claims, it was evidently the consciousness of their own fallibility which led the Westminster divines who concocted the Confession to declare that " the purest Churches under heaven are subject both to mixture and error; and some have so degenerated as to become no Churches of Christ but synagogues of Satan." (Chap. xxv.)

What security have we, then, that the Presbyterian Church tells us Christ's teaching more purely now than it did two or three centuries ago ? And how can it claim that St Paul's description of the " Church of God, the pillar and ground of Truth,' applies to Presbyterianism in any form? Surely the Church which does not charge its teachings, and which, therefore, justly claims to preach still the faith which was once delivered to the Saints," has a more valid claim to be the one which Christ built upon a rock, and against which the gates of hell shall not prevail, than a newly-planned Church which sets out to preach whatever doctrines may suit the fancies of its human founders, or of its adherents.

According to the commission which Christ gave to His Apostles, they were to teach the nations what He had revealed to them, but He gave no directions to them to revise the creed from time to time to suit the fancies and whims of those who were to be taught. It was, therefore, evidently in the spiteful consciousness that they were preparing a humanly devised creed that the compilers of the Westminster Confession made this fling at the Pope: "There is no other head of the

can the Pope of Rome in any sense be head thereof; but is that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God." (Chap. xxv.) Of this delectable statement the

the committee—was not of the opinion late eminent Presbyterian divine, Dr. whence he has taken this elegant (!) Scripture. No doubt : but the Church | Lever-a man who has done more to the Republic, and if there were any fact it is well understood that this in its descriptions of itself and others. Star would hold the writer referred to

A WAVE OF CRIME.

government is an essential character- dear reader, but over law-abiding Eng- is about it, he might also profitably istic of the true Church of Christ, and land! Witness the following cable that Protestantism, which does not despatch in current Canadian news-

'London, Nov. 18 .- The supineness who were involved have received failure of the Government to prosecute the men responsible for the failure of the London and Globe Corporation clamor for belated investigation.

"Whitaker Wright, promoter of the London and Globe, is an American, or, because the reputation of two many people in aristocratic society who associated with him would ruined by a public trial. Arnold White, the author, declares the reason why Whitaker Wright is not prosecuted is because the Cabinet fear the trial would involve revelations that would be fatal to the present Government and tantamount to an admission that the names involved in the scandal belong to men who are above or beyond

the reach of the law.
"The general apathy in prosecution has had its natural result in a marked increase of crime. Accounts of murder trials and stories of other trag the columns of such papers as report these occurrences, and to the long list of criminal cases now proceeding some new tragedy is added almost daily. Suicide also is unusually

prevalent.
"Evidence of the appaling degeneracy of certain circles of the British aristo-

cracy continues to be printed. Arnold White has aroused much public com-ment this week by speaking plainly on the subject in two or three articles.

The greatest sensation was caused, The greatest sensation was caused, however, by astounding revelations furnished by the police. The policy of suppressing justice in the ordinary form of public prosecution has apparently been coupled with that of private punishment of high-placed offenders by the disclosure of their infamy to by the disclosure of their infamy to

A police inspector is authority for the statement that in a raid of a house at Fulham last week, forty men were last week, forty men were arrested, but as many were men, one a high court official, they had to be let go." Now all this is deplorable in the high

est degree; nor is it with the intention of gloating over the terrible details that the CATHOLIC RECORD refers to the matter. It is simply and solely with the idea of contrasting the state of affairs in "merrie England" and that existing in the "Sister Island." the latter, while at Assizes after Assizes, at Quarter Sessions after Quarter Sessions, the presiding judges are congratulating their Grand Juries on the absence of crime, and in many instances are being presented with the customary "white gloves," trial by jury is suspended and heavy sentences are being pronounced by Removable Magistrates on alleged criminals, members of Parliament and others - the sentences, it is hinted, being "to order " from Dublin Castle: in England, on the contrary, one waits in vain for the announcement of a like determined course. The Home Secretary, unlike his Irish colleague, remains inactive. Is this " British fair-play?"

FLANEUR IN THE MONTREAL STAR.

Has Flaneur of the Toronto Mail and Empire taken charge of the editorial(!) columns of the Montreal Star? One would think so judging by the flippant, not to say course, language which has been appearing there from time to time recently. In a late article the writer in the Star travels all the way to New South Wales with no other object apparently than to get a chance for some vulgarisms anent the "fine 'ould (mark the ould) Irish Parliament. Of course, says the writer, Mr. Dillon and Mr. O'Donnell received serious provocation for their recent actions in the British House of Commons, but-adds the scribe naively -it, the provocation, was not expressed in unparliamentary language!

Then, writing of the Irish Parliament of the eighteenth century, he says "the retorts of Messrs. O'Donnell and Dillor remind one of the fine ould (ould again) debates in the fine ould Irish Parlia ment. In one of these an orator said "I despise the honorable gentleman and every member of his family, from the white-livered hound that is shivering on the flure to the painted hag that i grinning in the gallery." A friend eaned to him, after his speech, and asked: "How did you know his sister would be in the gallery?" "Oh, bedad, he told me so himself on our way down here, arrum in arrum together this evening." Now it would be well if the writer in

the Star would inform his readers in leash and not allow him to heap ridicule on the Irish people, among Not over Ireland, the land of "Crimes | whom no doubt he will find many of his supervise the "funny column" of his paper which, day in and day out, almost, sins in the same direction. In conclusion, let it be said that whatever may have been the faults-and they were many and serious-of the late Irish Parliament, its members were gentlemen of education and were consequently incapable of the pronunciation ascribed to them. The day of the "Stage Irishman" is fast disappearing. Let the newspaper Irishman not be introduced in his place.

HENRY VIII. AND QUEEN CATH-ARINE.

B. of Rat Portage writes to us in reference to a statement made in that town by a lecturer (Mrs. Rob) that,

"Catharine of Arragon never had been living in wedlock with the King (Henry VIII) but had been only Henry's betrothed wife.' Our correspondent asks whether or

or not this statement is true, and remarks that "Fisher's Brief History of the Nations " says:

"Dispensation permitting the marriage of Henry (with Catharine) had been granted by Pope Julius II." B. reasons: "From this it followed that Henry and Catharine received the sacrament of matrimony," and he

desires from the RECORD a true account

of the matter. Fisher's statement is correct, and so is B's inference, supposing that the marriage was celebrated reception of the dispensatio All historians of an

make positive statements re reality of the marriage, but circumstances which gave opportunity to pretend t scruples of conscience in re validity. Hume states these ci

On Nov. 12th, 150 Prince of Wales and On Nov. 12th, 130 Prince of Wales and Catharine," were marries sixteen years of age, she ei, this marriage proved in unprosperous. The youn few months after sickened 1502, April 2) died, muc by the nation. Arthur was Henry's b

(still according to Hume) Prince Henry was indu urgency of his father, He make the contract of be withstanding his unwilling Henry VIII. became king soon after married Catheri

In 1527 Henry's "scru science " began. He ther rather pretended to think, unlawfully married his br The real reason for his he had taken a fancy for and though the Pope co would not permit the Catherine, and allow a m Anne, Henry took the ma own hands, and privately n Boleyn on Nov. 14th, 1532 Hume asserts that Po given private instructions

dinals, who were investigat ity of the first marriage, and marry Henry quickl but there is no truth i would not have taken so n elapsed if this course h The truth is that Henry married, whether the matt

of view, and he had severa Catherine, but only one vived, who was Mary, w Edward VI. to the throne The American Cycl Henry VIII.) states that of Henry and Catherine t June 25, 1503, and the ma

at from a Catholic or a Pro

two months after Henry and it was, therefore, o June, 1509. Shakespeare, the flatte Elizabeth, would not be the fact, if it were a fact was free to marry Anne

he makes Henry call Cath even after he has become with Anne Boleyn, and planning to obtain a divor

King H —
The Queen shall be acqua
Forthwith for what you o
King H—
"Deliver this with modesty
Henry VIII.

"Who shall repo A better wife, let him in noug For speaking false in that. (her) wife Prove but our marriage lawf And kingly dignity we are con To wear our mortal state to co Katharine our Queen, before t ture."

It is not necessary to Mrs. Rob's statement is e ious falsehood, or a false ance. In any case, her

against the Catholics are or folly. Henry's marriage to took place in 1532, bu obtain his ridiculous div so that Elizabeth was no daughter in any sense of she was whitewashed

Parliament. MGR. FALCO

In another column we count of the presentation and a beautiful gold cros his Excellency the M Diomede Falconio, A Larissa, and recently Pa Canada, also of a farey tration by the Anci Hibernians of Ottawa, tendered to his Excellen olic Union of Toronto, o of his promotion to the sponsible position of I to the United States of

Mgr. Falconio during occupancy of his high affability of manner, kir and practical good sens endeared himself to all into contact with him. many difficult problems administration to the s concerned. For these gret at his departure f been general; and heartily welcomed, es Catholics as the repre Holy Father, the reg left us is all the greater he is endeared to al many non-Catholics f qualities as well as account of the high cupied.

Mgr. Falconio's sojou been brief; but he