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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Thomas Coffey: Ottawa, June 13th, 1903. My Dear Sir—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is directed with intelligence and ability, and above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Around the Entrance examination centre memories, cherished memories, of the hopes and ambitions, triumphs and failures, and all those great realities of school days that only the superficial and unreflecting or those unfortunates who have no really sympathetic understanding of childhood (having forgotten their own), will dismiss as childish.

SOME SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

While preaching to a little group of nondescript gathered in the warmth of the Gospel Mission at No. 381 Michigan Street last night, Leader Andrew Henderson was arrested by Detective Fred Morganstern of the Seneca street station.

they will accept such regulation or inspection. Already formally demanding complete recognition of their assumed status they ask for legal provision for Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Model Training Schools and Normal School. The demand is already formulated for the adoption of the dual system of Quebec with its double head and separate controlling bodies.

The object of this apparent digression from the subject of the Entrance examination is to establish the fact of fundamental importance that Catholics as Separate school supporters, not less than the Public school ratepayers, Catholic or Protestant, have a vital interest in everything without any exception, that concerns the welfare of our school system as a whole.

CHRISTIAN FORTITUDE (METHODIST)

Some weeks ago, as an object-lesson in the cardinal virtue of fortitude, we instanced the English appreciation of uncompromising Catholicism of Lord Mayor McCabe of Manchester. It goes without saying that Mr. McCabe's refusal to attend the semi-official religious service in the Anglican church was the only course open to any Catholic in similar circumstances in any part of the world.

Such are the allegations and charges. At the time of writing the decision of the Courts is unknown.

Let us be tempted to thank God that such things happen in the United States, but not in Canada, let us remember some things. In Canada Ruthenian perverts in the pay of the Presbyterian Home Missions have masqueraded as priests even at the Altar, blasphemously travesty the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; and have fallen so far below the pagan conception of manhood as to pretend to hear the confessions of their grossly deceived fellow-countrymen.

We have listened to the Orange Grand Chaplain tell of Sherlock Holmes' exploits in discovering and rescuing little Protestants from the clutches of the labyrinthine Catholic institutions. [No "fakey" photographs or "borrowed kiddies" were needed to excite the applause with which the credulous audience greeted the triumphant ending of the stories. No names, dates, or places were given except in one instance.

APPRECIATION OF VALUES

It has often been said that if the Catholics of France had built up an able and aggressive Catholic press with the millions they devoted to the building of Montmartre, they would not so easily have gone down to defeat at the end of the century.

REAL CHURCH UNION

At the present time there is a strong tendency towards union amongst the Protestant churches. Whilst giving our friends credit for good intentions we fail to see how anything can come of it, because there can be no unity without authority, and the rejection of authority is the bedrock of Protestantism.

chiefly in the refutation of ingrained Protestant misconceptions of historic-religious events and subjects. The CATHOLIC RECORD reproduced the Rev. Dr. Starbuck's articles for the benefit of its readers;

The use of tobacco, like the use of wine, is one's own business. To labor for the suppression of the tobacco trade is not bigotry; it is just a bit of gratuitous meddlingness that arises out of an inadequate conception of personal liberty and a peculiarly low conception of religion.

Does it not all suggest a reason for the existence of the empty pew problem in Protestant churches? The hungry sheep would be hungry indeed when they would not turn away from that fodder.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

IN A RECENT sermon Archbishop Casey of Vancouver laid special stress upon the desirability of Catholics in this age always referring to themselves simply as such without the prefix "Roman," and to the Church as the CATHOLIC Church.

A CRITIC IN THE ENGLISH REVIEW

has called a halt to the almost universal stream of appreciation of the work Francis Thompson which has characterized English periodical literature since that lamented poet's death. For a time it was maintained by certain London journals that Thompson had been "unduly exploited by a Catholic clique," and that his work would not stand the test of time.

factious pulling in opposite ways; no petty jealousies that impede progress; do all want to direct, and none to serve?

Divisions of any kind in a parish work untold evil. Everyone is forever criticising everybody else. One is jealous if another is preferred before himself or herself. Somebody is always trying to get ahead of somebody else. There are those who will even go so far as to endeavor to thwart the efforts of others to make a success of some little church affair, a concert, a bazaar, or an entertainment of any kind.

Well, not long ago, this same Sacerd Heart Review opened a subscription list to erect an altar in a church in Rome.

THE MANNER, NOT THE MATTER

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