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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

if. Thomas Coffo Craws, Canada, Marchy Royal Dear Set. For some time past I have read your estimable paper, the CATROLIC RECORD, and congravilate you upon the manner in which it is published. Its matter and form are both good; and a truly Catholic spirit pervades the whole. Therefore, with pleasure, I can recommend it to the faithful. Blessing you and wishing you success, believe me to re-

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INCLUSIVE CHRISTIANITY Private judgment, unable to decide

frequently resorts to dangerous and excluding others, such as Mohammedanism, Buddhism or Confucianism, it incannot part with religious truth or ism any more than there can be comparadvantage. The truth is not ours: we tween the infinite and the finite. Comcannot change it, modify or adulterate but a sham, a delusion and a these other religions, it is placed upon a word of the Lord to Cornelius was that such an air of humility, as if Christianhe (Cornelius) should send to Joppe for ity were not superior both in origin and From Simon who is called Peter." And results to those religions which possess His name all receive remission of sins face towards the millions who believe in Him." Then St. not possessing the great gift of faith, sion who came with Peter were

Christianity is inclusive in the sense ent from the proposition advanced by the Rev. Mr. Clark. Some friend told less can we console ourselves with the the reverend gentleman that missions to China and India were sure signs of the exclusiveness of Christianity. This. claims the Rev. Mr. Clark, is the way

these Christian churches, Presbyteri-The Catholic Record and and others, did little or nothing for authority to impose its opinion, not un-

who, them from desecration. Peter commanded these gentiles to cast a threatening shadow over the be baptized "in the name of the world. The reverend gentleman gives Lord Jesus Christ." This is a con- a remarkable reason for missions to version of a few gentiles whom the chief these strange people. Why send mis-Apostles received into the sionaries to Chinese who profess Confuci-Church. If Mr. Clark's contention is cor- anism? It is good enough for them, rect why were they not left as they were? and Hinduism is good enough for the The prayers of Cornelius were heard. Indians. That may be, thinks the His almsgiving ascended to the sight of preacher, provided they stay at home God as a memorial. We are further and do not come to America. If we detold that "the faithful of the circum- pend upon the opinions of others, then astonished for that the grace of the Holy | Caristianity. It will not do to shift the Ghost was poured out upon the Gentiles also." When St. Peter therefore said Nor, to give the Rev. Mr. Clark credit. that "in every nation he that feareth does he in his final words do so. He God and worketh justice is acceptable to elaims that after reading history and Him" he certainly did not mean to include all forms of religion. Had Cornelius reasoned as Mr. Clark he would are faith in, and worship of, Jesus have simply answered St. Peter that he Christ. Had he made his profession of would remain as he was. Cornelius faith first he would have strengthened could not conscientiously do that. Had his position and not exposed himself to he refused to believe the word of St. the charge of being un-Christian in ad-Peter upon the Incarnation and Re- mitting even partially that Christianity, demption, or had he refused to be Mohammedanism, Confucianism and baptized, he could not be acceptable to Hinduism are all on the same plane; for God. The touching episode of Cor- they are all religious. Had be reflected nelius' vision and what it led to, as ever so slightly he would have admitted well as St. Peter's vision, is the bringing that the missionary who goes with into the Church of the gentiles as distinguished from the Jews. Exclusive diction bears the light and truth of Him it may be called, but it includes the who is the Sun of justice, the eternal Truth, the only Mediator between God that Christ died for all and sent His Christianity has comes from Him, whatand man. Whatever comprehension apostles to all. Christianity is not conever good it does in the world is fined to one nation or race or class. due to Him, whatever Gospel it Jew and Gentile, Greek and barbarian, bond and free—all may enter. The gate spoken by Him. He wished the is not barred to any. But enter they message to be brought to all. That must if without faith it is impossible to countless multitudes have not received please God. Now all this is very differ- it is due to the confusion of divided Christianity, not to the Founder. Still

poisonous insinuation that there is good

in all religions.

TAXATION OF CHURCHES ans and others, did little or nothing for missions. Admitted. That does not change the principle may which with time, generally in quarters where golden prayed, to which He promised His dichange the principle upon which mis- silence might be expected. The latest sions are conducted. Presbyterian mis- expression comes from the Rev. Mr. the gates of hell should never presions amongst the Ruthenians are as Dewey of this city, who stated that not vail against it. Unless this promised of der.

The proved and recommended by the Archbishops of too. Kingston, Ottawa and St. Boniface, the post of London, Hamilton, Peterbrough, and passage. N. Y., and the clergy throughout the word that they are as acceptable to cunning in their methods and as prose- a foot of property but should be taxed. the word that they are as acceptable to view the subject. By what principle rite as if they were Presbyterian. Nor not appear. He rejects the moral inis this the language of Protestant mis- fluence as not being a factor in the probthe subscribers ask for their paper at the post it would be well were they to tell the clerk to them their CATHOLIC RECORD. We have inform of cardesenses in a few places on the part of ery clerk who will sometimes look for letters good in the lives and thoughts of those good in the lives and thoughts of those ability to pay tribute is the test of is not a question of mere union. The cribers changing residence will please give old with whom he works and to communicate truth. He evidently challenges the question is: which is the Church Christ as new address. to them the light and truth and good he state to come and take the church. has." That is a poor definition of a mis- Why ministers should talk so loud upon sionary.) We never thought that a Chris-subjects of this kind is always a puzzle-Apostolic Delegation.
Ottawa, june 13th, 1905.

Stonary, 11 We never thought that a Christophia and the control of time tian missionary went looking for light instead of urging the diminution of beacon upon the hill of time mountain. Since coming to Canada I have and truth. Our impression has always taxes they join in the general cry for a city been that they took the light and truth more taxation. Nor do they look at of the world is as patent as that men sat in darkness. Shades of St. Patrick, church is no club-room where people ngs and substrity of the Church, some agreed dead of good for ing these innes it has one a greed dead of good for ing these lines it has one a greed dead of good for ing these lines it has one a greed dead of good for ing these lines it has done a greed dead of good for ing these lines it has done a greed dead of good for the green of the gr St. Augustine, St. Francis Xavier! may meet for social purposes or temporal word, or if His prayer was never or gentile. They were to teach, to in- not see any economical gain by placing struct and to administer sacraments. a tax upon the churches. Their value Our Calgary minister does not content is insignificant compared with the total himself with an error about the equip- value of taxable property in the whole ment and duties of a missionary. He municipality. If a church was taxed the makes no claims - no exclusive and burthen might be heavy for the congrehaughty claims—on behalf of his faith. gation, but would be a minimum for all We do not," he tells us, "for one min- the citizens. Again the value of a ute say that the true God has confined church is not to be measured by the His manifestations of Himself to human standard of ordinary buildings. Religibeings to Christianity." The proposition, even admitting a few of these man-erect and adorn monumental edifices between truth and error, and not having ifestations, is misleading. God, as we which may be objects of attraction to showed above, manifested Himself to visitors and lessons of beauty and rever-Cornelius the centurion but merely to ence to all who enter them. The reason absurd compromises. The attempted lead him into the fold of Christian- why churches should not be taxed is union of the churches is one case of this ity. God manifested Himself before that they are God's house. It is not kind. Another is presented to us Christianity by miracles and prophecies just or equitable, nor is it in accordance which were intended to indicate and with distributive justice that the divine so far from Christianity confirm the Messias. All history leads Lawgiver should Himself pay tribute to up to Him who was at once the Eternal His creatures. We cannot measure the fluence upon young children. One Son of God and the world's divine Mis- rate of taxation by the principles of comcludes them all. We have before us a sionary. It is of His fulness we are to mutative justice, for the wind must be sermon upon this subject by a Rev. J. stonary. It is of His luthess we are to adore where His receive. We are to adore where His tempered to the shorn lamb. It is by dis-A. Clarke, Calgary. Taking his text feet have stood. There is no question tributive justice that taxes are fixed. Fired with indignation at what he will be a second or whether the will be a second or whethe from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter in the Christian's mind whether there is The proportion to be borne depends upon nessed during one of these entertainx, v. 34, he draws the true broad conlight or truth or good in religions estabthe amount of property each tax-payer clusion that one religion is as good as lished by men and based upon error. possesses. A church can hardly be said children from such dangers. To conanother. It is all very well to be There can be no comparison between to be in the list of marketable property. generous with what is our own. We Christianity and Hinduism or Confucianbarter our faith for any temporary ison between the divine and human, be- of value. All that might be admitted would be local improvement taxes, which parisons are odious. Let Christianity besides benefiting the neighborhood, it. This pretended elastic Christianity be for a moment compared with one of render the surroundings more refining snare. The text is against the theory lower level. Christianity is no longer held as a principle of fair taxation, which Mr. Clarke maintains. It is the the kingdom of the Son of God's love or whether it be club theory, professional Cornelius the Centurion was received it is earthy of the earth. To what purpose does the Rev. Mr. Clark assume these grounds. Property which is set aside to be God's house of praise and prayer and God's acre for the dead Peter went to Caesarea and preached neither salvation nor civilization? It from all civil authority that generosity upon his divine Master "to whom all is divided Christianity which puts him and respect which will leave them free

CHURCH UNION The more Church union is agitated the keener grows the feeling that a divided Christianity is a scandalous spectacle to men and angels. It is not and yet finding around them nothing but Church whose path is solitary and whose to be divided, but that union was still they, the Protestant portion of Christians. singing the same hymns, " honoring the preaching almost the same sermons should bring about the union. Unless united Christianity strikes deeper than hymn

tion will not be the Church established vine guidance, and the assurance that pointed papal delegate to Canada, will goodly sum an institution for the remarkable relevant to the control of the con worse than the first. The Church of God with their Catholic faith and Greek he would have the churches taxed doth Christ was One as He and the Father Mgr. Stagui's arrival was received at which but adds to their misery and the Frasers, the Camerons, the Stuarts were one. To form this Church in the way proposed by joint associations is Naples, Italy, on the 10th and expects grade. In almost every case it is the sionaries amongst French Canadians. lem, whilst he says never a word about "The good missionary," according to the the economical element. With more seal upon it. We think that until St. Peter gives up his keys to them, Union official reception, the details of which is, however desirable, only a dream. It

founded? Has He kept His promise and protected it from error and destruction? men in Europe will be their next Papal That it must still be visible as a Delegate. It is acknowledged on every upon the mountain sesses the very highest training, and has with them into these lands where people their churches in the right way. A have eyes to see it and ears to hear its language. He is remarkably prudent doctrine. If Christ has not kept His and far-seeing, and of conciliatory dis-stitution for the cure of alcoholism. Think of these saints looking for light advantages. It is erected and maintained answered, then is our faith vain and we Holy See are a blessing in every counare still in our sins. In discussing try in the world. A most enthusiastic union of churches we see only a child- welcome awaits the new Delegate from reu's play : men talking together as if the hierarchy, the priests and the people they were authorized to build Christ's of the Dominion. All good Catholics, Church or guide St. Peter's bark. To us from 'he highest to the lowest, should there is a united Church, One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic, unbroken in valid authority, never compromising happy outcome may be brought about, with the gospel entrusted to her care. undaunted before the world, either of obedience to all his decrees. The interimperial ancient Rome or the world of modern Cæsarism. The Rev. Mr. of the Church. Its welfare will be his Whiting thinks that there will be many one ideal. Catholics worthy of the name moons before the sects unite. We think so too. And even if the union is brought mote the spread of the faith as well as a about, it is still far away from being the immortal Catholic Church which Christ

MOVING PICTURES We have a letter upon the subject of

Moving Picture shows and their in-

is good to come out of the discussion, for

where alone it can be found.

reason why we do not publish our ments, he warns all parents to keep their demn amusements of this kind absolutely and universally without distinction is rather to do harm than good. There are many events which can form edifying and instructive shows upon the plan of moving pictures. Take as an example the Passion Play at Oberammergau. By far the greater number of people up this continent could not witness this sublime drama performed by simple peasants. A partial, and only partial. substitute might be employed through a series of moving pictures. Too frequently these entertainments, if not positively immoral, are extremely dangerous. But whilst they may not intend the ruin of young souls they are never calculated elevate and refine the prophets give testimony that by to shame when he turns his from any tribute and which will protect There is hardly anything which should not be a lesson to the young. They are so susceptible to impression and so inquisitive for knowledge that they are caught by flaming adverstisements and glitter of lights and sound of music. Some of these are harmless, not always the advertisements, for vulgar loudness without a purpose that the question is and unblushing immodesty stare kept before the sects. Nor is it without hope that some, perceiving the need street. If souls are not corrupted, tastes are degraded and modesty loses confusion, may turn to the only united its blushing delicacy without a shock. Morbid curiosity is aroused which way is truth. Catholics cannot be inway is truth. Catholics cannot be indifferent whilst this question is discussed
by our non-Catholic neighbors. What

will not suffer blame or restraint. Every
new show calls for, and receives, the

to impose a tax of five per cent. on the

Reformation times. The number of stands stripped of her past glories, and is disappointing is their method of same clients who, indulging themselves, receipts of the bar-rooms of the propriests in the whole kingdom is 554, of hopelessly committed, apparently, to the procedure, no less than the term at or being indulged by their foolish vince when such receipts exceed the whom 98 belong to the Regular Orders. broad and easy path that leads to which they aim. Federation cannot parents, can find no satisfaction in the sum of 140 per day. We do not desire There are 238 missions, 402 national destruction and the shipwreck spell union. This they are beginning to simple pleasures of home. Fondness for to offer any opinion as to the justice or churches, chapels, stations, etc ; of innumerable souls. That, having feel. In this city on the last Sunday of any refined reading or even a high-injustice of this enactment, but we take 13 religious houses of men sown the wind, she already begins to February the Rev. Mr. Whiting admitted class drama is to be found no more the liberty of making a suggestion to and 58 of women; 477 congregational reap the whirlwind, seems evident from that Christ never intended His Church amongst those who frequent these the Premier of Ontario to which we schools; 37 charitable institutions and 7 Mr. Collier's weighty words. One shows. There is no discipline in the hope he will give some thought. All colleges, including those at Rome and wonders if it is yet too late to call them far away. As he described it: "There air. Children govern their parents will agree that the drink evil is one of Valladolid. The old Scots College in a solemn warning, and whether either far away. As he described it: "There will be many first-class funerals before the parents slave themselves the seets will be required." Mr. Whit.

There will be many first-class funerals before the parents slave themselves that the children may have a good time.

The seets will be required." Mr. Whit.

There will specificate the state of the seets will be required. The use of the seets will be required. The seets will be required to the seets will be required to the seets will be required. The seets will be required to the seets will be required to the seets will be required to the seets will be required. The seets will be required to the seets will be requi ing consoles himself with the notion that Not only is there too much laxity but another, and as long as the world enthere is too much strenuousness. Both dures we will probably have such condi. lishments. The first convent, since the Catholic would be apt to pass unheeded in work and amusement we are straining tions. The sorrowful fact stares us in calamitous events of the sixteeenth censame saints," exchanging pulpits and our nerves to breaking point. Children the face that we have drunkards in tury, was established in Edinburgh in and fairness. Will the words looking at some series of pictures repre- plenty — that we have immoderate 1834, at which time it was considered an secular witness receive a better senting tragedy, cannot help losing drinkers, moderate drinkers and those act of audacity on the part of the then welcome? morally and physically. They gain no- who take a "nip" occasionally merely to Vicar Apostolic, Bishop James Gillis. singing and non-committal preaching it thing and lose a great deal. When be in line with that conviviality The mustard seed thus sown in faith has THAT MR. COLLIER is not uncorwill not be very solid. By the way, we parents are so indulgent it is to little which is a part of our social now grown and multiplied into the fiftyshould like to ask who are the saints he and his brother sectarians honor, and his brother sectarians honor.

THE NEW PAPAL DELEGATE

A press despatch from Ottawa informs us that "Mgr. Stagni, the newly-aparrive in Ottawa on the 25th of this month. He will bring with him the council held at Quebec two years ago, have not yet been decided."

reason to rejoice in the fact that one of the most distinguished churchhand that he is a man of rare gifts, posposition. Such representatives of the make his path easy and his stay amongst us pleasant in every way. That this there should and there will be implicit ests he will have at heart are solely those should second his every effort to prospirit of Catholic unity and loving consideration one for the other, amongst founded upon the rock of Peter. There that large proportion of the population of Canada who pay allegiance to our surely earnest souls will seek union saintly Holy Father.

A FORLORN HOPE

clared that the latter had imposed their | Scotland. proposals on the country by fraud. Lord Hugh Cecil, member for Oxford Univer-Scotland and Wales. This will con- religious houses. solidate and strengthen the Empire The rule of the aristocracy, more especi-

A SUGGESTION TO SIR J. P. WHITNEY what honor they pay them. As a genthrough these cheap attractions—a loss morrow and the moderate drinkers of to women, among them such austere and the establishment of juvenile courts by eral thing Methodists, Presbyterians to Church, State and family. It is easy morrow may be the immoderate drinkers strictly cloistered orders as the Poor dwelling upon the remarkable growth of and others are not much given to be- to admit the evil, but much more diffi- of the day after. In every centre of Clares and the Society of Marie Repara- juvenile crime in recent years. The lieve in the saints. Church union cannot mean an abandonment of one form- more pride than truth congratulate our- miserable human beings who have been ula, and the assumption of another—a selves that when we were young the wrecked by the immoderate use of alcokind of pruning here and engrafting there. It means to sift the wheat, so that there will be no more Presbyter. The answer is at hand; for every age power to reclaim the fallen ones, and migration within the past fifty years. a Catholic. The thought is comforting ianism, no more Methodism, no since the days of the pagan poet has give them a new start in life, with the The priests of this archdiocese alone and we should like to cherish it. But if more Anglicanism, but one united sung of the degeneracy of his age as physical structure strengthened by the number two hundred and eighty four, or it is true one can but marvel at the fear-Church of Christ. Presbyterianism compared with the previous one. Cer. most approved methods known to science more than all the rest of Scotland com- ful error that allowed the anti-Christ.

victims of the drink habit-those who in that kingdom must to a very condecrees formulated by the plenary in the early hours of the morning may siderable degree be credited to the which have only now been approved by rooms, sometimes paying for and somethe Vatican. Word as to the date of times begging for a glass of whiskey Ottawa on the 2nd. He will sail from forces them still further on the down and the Mackintoshes, are well reprebar-room that made the drunkard. It is coming will be made the occasion of an in accordance with the fitness of things that the receipts from that traffic should be used to effect this reclamation, and priests who, in less propitious times, pre-The Catholics of Canada will have give hima new lease of life. We should be pleased indeed were the Premier of the

stitution established by the Govern- among them Bishops Alexander Macment, at Guelph, for the reclamation of donell of Kingston, and William Fraser an intimate knowledge of the English criminals. A like success would, we of Arichat, N. S. But we miss many feel assured, be the outcome of an in- well-known names which have every

onsideration

NOTES AND COMMENTS

the Archbishop of Montreal an autograph | ian. Father Macdonald died in Toronto letter of thanks and appreciation of in 1847, and sleeps unhonored and forthe energy and resource displayed by gotten under St. Michael's Cathedral, that prelate in the organization and In view of his services to the Church conduct of the Eucharistic congress of | both in Scotland and in Canada it would last September. This letter may in be a gracious act on the part of the edsome quarters appear to be belated, but iters of the Catholic Directory of Sec the Holy See is slow and deliberate in its every act, and this token of regard to their past worthies. Mgr. Bruchesi is all the more significant on that account. Certain it is that the manner in which the congress was carried through was the admiration and amazement of all who were permitted to have a part in it. And the Archbishop was, under God, the well-spring of its success.

THAT SCOTLAND has caught up the enthusiasm of the Gaelic Revival becomes increasingly evident. In Edinburgh and way to India," Mr. Collier has this to In the English House of Commons the Glasgow Father Campbell, S. J., has been say in passing on events of recent years spokesmen of the Unionists have lost conducting Gaelic services which have their temper. The British Parliament been largely attended. And in the has for long been looked upon as the latter city Father White, of St. John's of school-beridden France, where Mother of Parliaments, and many were church, recently lectured on the subject before the Catholic Young Men's Society ularized, and the men sterilized, m wont to hold it up as a model because of before the Catholic Young Men's Society the dignity of expression of its members. of Glasgow. Father White sketched the There has lately been a departure from progress of the movement in Ireland in this high standard, and the offending both its lingual and industrial aspects, parties are not those who have come and made a strong plea for the conserva- ing abroad; a nation owing its au from the ranks of the masses. No less a tion of what remains to Scotland of the person than Mr. Balfour himself de- ancient language of the Gael. There is person than Mr. Balfour himself de-scribed the present condition as a result purely of coercion brought by the Irish party upon the Government and de-from extinction the national spirit in

WE HAVE received the Catholic sity, declared that the Ulsterites would Directory of Scotland for the current be justified, if Home Rule were passed, year, and an examination of its interestin cutting themselves off from the bas- ing pages tends to augment one's estimatard Republic. All which goes to show tion of the vigour and perennial youththat many a noble lord in the mother fulness of the Church's advance in that | manliness are unequalled outside country has wandered far from country. The Church has thrown off the ranks of the real nobility. These the obscurity and reserve into which cal misfortune. But the failacy remains coarse expressions from members of the three centuries of persecution had driven and with it a terrible waste of Opposition will but serve to accentuate her, and has taken place once more in the necessity of swiftly bringing about the active life of the nation. And from a change by which the masses and not the mere handful that less than a centhe classes will rule the Empire. The tury ago comprised the faithful, the old abuses are dying hard. The monied | Catholic population has now grown to interests and the privileged class are the respectable figure of 518,969. This of irreligion in France will be disposed fighting for their lives, but it is a forlorn of itself is sufficient evidence of renewed to qualify them. France, more than any hope. In the not far distant future Catholic vitality, which, however, is supthere will be local parliaments not only plemented and accentuated by a glance in Ireland but as well in England, at the statistics of clergy, churches and

The Ontario Government has decided distinction which dates back to pre- swept away until, at this day, France

In the archdiocese of Glasgow the are those who say that the heart of

tended to impose upon the bar rooms. doubt, however, that as in centuries What a splendid thing it would be were long past Scotland owed her Christ. the Government to establish with this lianity in large measure to the Irish clamation of those who have become remarkable rejuvenation of the Church be seen wending their way to the bar-children of Erin. It is pleasing to note. however, that in the clergy list the old Highland clans, such as the Macdonalds

tory is the list of deceased Bishops and served the faith from extinction in Scot land. In the light of history this be Province to give this matter his best comes a veritable roll of honor. A few names may here be found of priests who A splendid success has been the in- have done yeoman service in Canada. right to be there. Especially so the Very Rev. William Peter Macdonald. Vicar General of Kingston and Toronto, founder of our Ontario Catholic press THE HOLY FATHER has addressed to and an accomplished poet and theolog land to enshrine his name in the list of

> A REMARKABLE witness to the trend of secular education in general and of its absolutely destructive effects upon the France of to-day, has arisen in the person of an American editor of some reputation, Mr. Price Collier, formerly European editor of the Forum and a steady contributor to the secular reviews. Writing in the February number of Scribner's Magazine on "The Gatein the French Republic :

"The world wonders at the decadend its people omy even to the fact that it is to confess if ever a nation suffered from physical and moral dry-rot, as a result of secular education, it is France

knocked on the head and smothered in ridicule, and she h menagerie. . . . Education with-out moral training is simply a diabolimaterial, and an increa

has had half an eye to the development other nation in the world-not even ex cepting Germany — has expended thought and money upon her schools. The forces that for half-a-century have been in the ascendant in the govern-THE HIERARCHY of Scotland consists | ment of the country have seemed to feel ally the new-rich contingent of yester-day, is but a weakness to the country.

of two archbishops and four bishops, all it incumbent upon them to vindicate the claim of their heathen philosophy to Archdiocese of Edinburgh. The Arch-superior light and progressivene diocese of Glasgow stands alone, being "directly subject to the Holy See"—a its path has bit by bit been ruthlessly

flood-gates being opened what human power can stay the inundation? There Claims the New A. Clark, is the way that missions were regarded by the Christian churches a hundred years ago, but not now. A hundred years ago, but not now at a little charity, a little charity, a little temperance, a suggestion of Godlittle temperance, a suggestion of the data at a sum of \$100,000 a year will be defined by the most of the tank in the defined b be derived from the tax which it is in- this is not surprising. There can be no ligion, and that no one can do with im-

punity any more than he can p America's verdict, then, most Frenchmen irreligion has be more than a mere matter of terior, is, it is to be feared, all The fire has not left the tri A PLEASING picture is drawn b

tributor to America of the Church in Ceylon. To-day i largest Christian body in th othwithstanding that Ceylon ish possession, and that as suc governmental influence, have b the Anglican and other deno of Protestantism. At the tim British occupation in 1796, the population was only 50,000. fully 300 000, as against about all the sests combined. Of the number 35,000 are Anglicans are five Catholic dioceses in C Metropolitan See being Colo the four suffragans, Jaffaa, Galle and Trincomalee. All siding Bishops are members of ligions Orders, two being Ob Jesuits and one Benedicti clergy under their direction 133 European secular priests, and 300 priests of the thre named. With them are 450 S gaged in various educational a able institutions. CEYLON HAS had an interes

tory since it was first visit part evangelized by St. France about the middle of the sixte tury. St. Francis was not, ho earliest missionary to the Cin-Franciscans having precede thirty years. To the sons of S therefore, belongs the credit troducing Christianity in C under the protection of the l Government their mission v cuted with much vigor, and r the conversion of many thousa natives. Their work was, by of the Holy See, taken up a on by the Jesuits and the tinued to prosper until pre the Dutch, who for a time Catholicism was kept alive or zeal and fervor of missions Goa, who braved the enmi Datch authorities and were any long time separated f flocks. With the conquest came peace, and, as the happy to-day prove, fruitfulness a

THE CINGALESE are a gentle

loving people, who, so far as

been brought under its infl

kindly to Christianity. Th field is however still vast, a for laborers incessant. Befo vent of Catholic missionaries prevailed, but has now lost prestige, though the vast maj people of Ceylon are still, at 1 ally, its adherents. The fi Buddhists, 2,150,000; Hindu Mohammedans, 250,000. A formidable array, the Chur vanced with energy and det The foundation of a Semina Leo XIII, for the training priesthood marked a great vance and, under the able ad of the Society of Jesus, prec have already been obtained. students, recruited from all east, number one hundred, with the many to follow, are pared for the great work of br countrymen into the Fold Church That God may work will be the prayer of in Canada as elsewhere. difficulties the Church may other lands," says America tacle of Ceylon's flourishing is an encouragement to tho for the spread of God's 1 earth." Should France in h or any other nation, cast the them, may it not be that Great Price will be grass awakening peoples of the would be in accordance wit dence of God as history rev

THE SEASON OF PI

Repeating the reminder Repeating the reminder and priests, it is customary olic press at this particular attention to the approaching penance. Some, however, at the custom. Others may relieve the government the government of the custom. useless task, since the cons

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the same Gosnels year afte the same Gospels year after Aside, nowever, from to tion, those who are sufficie with the requirements of further reminder from to press, should bear in matter often carries the places where the priest sel where the Gospel is rare In this it is doing the imperfectly, of cou ly enough to keep arning sufficiently