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Notes.

THE following eccentricity in the way of letters appeared in a late issue of the *Montreal Star*:

SIR.—*Apropos* of the popular hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light." I see that the *Catholic* (Roman?) *Review* is credited with the remark that "in the versions printed by sectarian houses, the final stanza is generally omitted." The *St. John's News* recently printed this verse, as discovered by a Montreal gentleman, while travelling on the continent. You noted the fact of the publication of this supplemental verse in the "Hymnal Companion," some time ago. Perhaps the following letter from Cardinal Newman to the *Cambrian* newspaper, Swansea, may be of interest to your column, as it certainly should be instructive to the *Review* above quoted:

"I feel the compliment paid me in the insertion of a translation into Welsh of my verses, 'Lead, Kindly Light.' In answer to your question, I can but say that it consists of three, not four stanzas; and the fourth, published in the "Hymnal Companion," is, to use your words, not authentic, but an unwarranted addendum by another pen. Excuse my bad writing. Your faithful servant, J. H., Cardinal Newman."

Of course, everyone knows that it was while professedly an enthusiastic Anglican that these lines were written, though we have lately been shown, to the very great regret of those who wished to believe in his good faith at that time, that Newman was even then on his way home from an interview with the Bishop of Rome with reference to his reception into the Roman Church.

Yours truly,
The Rectory, Knowlton.

W. PERCY CHAMBERS.

If the correspondent has reference to this REVIEW the correction he conveys is wholly superfluous. THE REVIEW fell into no such error as that stated. On the contrary, so far from complaining that "in the versions printed by sectarian houses the final stanza is generally omitted," we were at the pains to point out in our issue of the 27th September (page 532) that only by sectarian houses has this verse been inserted; and that it came not from the pen of Cardinal Newman but from that of the present Anglican Bishop of Exeter, who has had the good sense to decree its suppression in future editions of the "Hymnal" into which it trespassed.

As to the elaborate sneer worked in the last lines of this letter, it is quite evident, though it may seem rude to say so, that this good man does not know what he is writing about. "Lead, Kindly Light," was not written by Newman "on his way home from an interview with

the Bishop of Rome (!) with reference to his reception into the Roman Church." To be precise, it was written on a sailing vessel off Sicily on the 16th of June, 1833. Its author was received into the Church on the 8th of October, 1845—a full twelve years later. Nor had Dr. Newman any audience, during his tour with Hurrell Froude in the summer of 1833, with the "Bishop of Rome," as it pleases this correspondent to style the Sovereign Pontiff. Otherwise such an important meeting would certainly have been set down in the "Apologia." Here is his own account of that journey:

"I went to various coasts of the Mediterranean, parted with my friends at Rome; went down for the second time to Sicily, at the end of April, and got back to England by Palermo in the early part of July. The strangeness of foreign life threw me back into myself; I found pleasure in historical sites and beautiful scenes, not in men and manners. We kept clear of Catholics throughout our tour. I had a conversation with the Dean of Malta, a most pleasant man, lately dead; but it was about the Fathers and the library of the great Church. I knew the Abbate Santini, at Rome, who did no more than copy for me the Gregorian tones. Froude and I made two calls upon Monsignore (now Cardinal) Wiseman at the *Collegio Inglese*, shortly before we left Rome. I do not recollect being in a room with any other ecclesiastics, except a priest at Castro Giovanni in Sicily, who called on me when I was ill, and with whom I wished to hold a controversy. As to Church services, we attended the *Tenebre* at the Sistine, for the sake of the *Miserere*: and that was all. My general feeling was, "All, save the spirit of man, is divine." I saw nothing but what was external; of the hidden life of Catholics I knew nothing." ("Apologia," part 3, p. 81.)

This passage puts the matter at rest. The Rev. Mr. Chambers, if this paper reaches him, owes it to himself, we think, to withdraw his unworthy insinuation.

LORD CHIEF JUSTICE COLERIDGE has rendered another important judgment, affecting the custody of a Catholic child, against Dr. Barnardo, who has three branches of his proselytising-philanthropic establishments here in Canada. The direction of this gentleman's philanthropic efforts was discussed at length in THE REVIEW some few months ago, along with the publication of some important correspondence.

THE *Daily Telegraph*, of London, commenting upon the last judgment adverse to Dr. Barnardo says:

"Fussy benevolence, though no doubt the fashionable characteristic of an hysterical age, fortunately receives little encouragement in the Law Courts. In delivering judgment yesterday in the case of 'The Queen v. Barnardo,' the Lord Chief Justice made some very strong remarks on the conduct of the amiable philanthropist who desired to save John James Jones, *alias* Roddy, an infant, from the Roman Catholic tendencies of his mother. After all, a mother has certain indefeasible rights over her offspring, and the best intentioned reformer of his species cannot really be allowed to take her place. The case is more serious when scandalous charges, characterised by the Lord Chief Justice, as without foundation, are made use of, and persons are employed to watch, follow, and 'shadow' the wretched woman who has the misfortune to disagree with Dr. Barnardo on the subject of religion. No doubt the boy was well cared for and happy in his alien home; but his self-elected guardian does not, among his other privileges, possess the right to retain a child against its mother's wishes, nor yet, in the pursuance of his generous crusade, to asperse that mother's character."