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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 13th, 1905. My Dear Sir—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. Dear Sir: For some time past I have read your estimable paper, the Catholic Record, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.

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CONVALESCING

We are glad to be able to say to our readers that the Most Rev. Archbishop of Toronto is rapidly recovering from the severe illness which has been his portion for the past few months.

THE EMPTY CRADLE OF THE ENGLISH RACE

Under the above caption the Mail and Empire of a recent date draws attention to the fact that it is all too patent that the Anglo-Saxon birth-rate has decreased alarmingly in recent years.

This ending and bouding system is very much in vogue now-a-days. Churches and missionary societies are endowed. Colleges, universities and social religious clubs are endowed.

BAD WEEDS

It is a pity, indeed a thousand pities, that there are yemen who go from Ontario to the North-West bringing with them a well-packed bundle of bigotry and intolerance.

then would the onus which is so often shirked be deemed a privilege, a glory and an honor. The maternal instinct in woman is a gift of God which widens and deepens in the exercise of devotion to the proper object of a mother's love;

In the days when the Blue Laws were in force, when the Catholics were but a little persecuted colony on the Atlantic seaboard, Judge Haliburton, in that unique volume, "Sam Slick, the Clock-maker," prophesied that a century hence the Roman Catholic faith would be dominant in New England.

No! Bouding will not cure this evil. The vacant pews of the sectarian churches cannot be filled by putting a premium on church-going.

THE DEMAGOGUE

One of the greatest nuisances that infests the public life of Canada to day is the demagogue or mob-orator. He possesses certain characteristics by which he may be easily recognized.

COWARDLY WORK

The mode of traducing the Catholic Church employed by some of the "missionaries" and extreme evangelists is unique in its way.

THE INFIDELS IN MONTREAL

It might be expected that the small coterie of French infidels residing in Montreal would do something to discredit the great demonstration of Catholic faith which will take place in that city next month.

LETTER FROM SPAIN

Valadolid, Spain, 30th June, 1910. So much has been written concerning Spain, with the design of prejudicing the reader against it, that it is a somewhat congenial task to take up the pen for a contrary purpose.

delay give him an opportunity of proving his statements in the public courts." Be careful, Dr. Spruille! Be careful, Samuel Hughes! Be careful, all you reverend chaplains of the Orange lodges!

"At one time we are told that it is an oath taken by all Jesuits, at another that it was imposed on the acolytes of the Popish Plot, in 1678, and again that it was meant for Catholic Seminars under Queen Elizabeth. I further pointed out that the Evangelische Bund, the Evangelical Alliance of Germany, has pronounced it a clumsy forgery, and implored Protestants not to make themselves ridiculous by seeming to give credit to such rubbish, and I sent at the same time the C. T. S. pamphlet, "The Jesuit Oath," in which I have traced the history of the document.

We need not expect that this fable will down. It is very much akin to the chain prayer and will turn up once in a while where bigotry is rampant and scholars are scarce.

THE TRAVELLER ENTERING AT THE NORTH

The traveller entering at the north-east from southern France, finds himself on the other side of the lofty Pyrenean mountains in the Province of Catalonia, inhabited by an ancient people known as the Catalans.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A new prior has recently been appointed to preside over the Benedictine Abbey of Fort Augustus in Inverness-shire, Scotland. The Very Rev. Dom Hilary Willson, O. S. B., to whom this honor has fallen, is a great nephew of that Bishop Willson, first occupant of the See of Hobart Town, and practical founder of the Church in the antipodes, who distinguished himself so greatly as the friend and benefactor of the penal colonies in that then remote region of the world.

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richness and beauty of his new home that he attained in Spain the greatest height of civilization which his race attained anywhere. Although the Moor remained until finally expelled by Ferdinand and Isabella (the great Catholic kings, as the Spanish call them) in the year 1492, never in the intervening period of over seven hundred years during which the Spaniard constantly fought for the restoration of his country, did the invader a right to the permanence of the soil or treat him otherwise than as an intruder.

In its subsequent history Spain still remained a bulwark of Europe against Mohammedanism. After the Moor was expelled and his kinsman and ally, the Turk, had taken possession of Constantinople, we find Philip II. of Spain, the main strength of the Christians in the defence of Malta at its siege by the Turks, and later in the memorable sea fight of Lepanto, where the Turk received overwhelming defeat, and his further progress over Europe was arrested. The historic development of the nation in its long struggle with the infidel developed an intense nationality and heroic force and enabled it to acquire eminence in European affairs and to perform there and in the New World the achievements which have bewildered the writers of history.

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About two hundred miles in a westerly direction from Barcelona, lies the ancient city of Saragossa, containing nearly one hundred thousand inhabitants and situated on the plain of Aragon and the capital of the former kingdom of that name. This city is celebrated for its brave defence its people made during its siege by the French during the war of 1808. It contains a venerable Gothic cathedral erected on the site of an ancient Moorish mosque, which has a tower exceeding Moorish in its aspect. The ancient vestments belonging to this church are very extensive in number and of rare workmanship.

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factories of all kinds and the volume of its manufacturing trade has given it the title of the Southern Manchester. Its main interest centres in its Gothic cathedral commenced in the year 1298. It is a noble edifice, 275 feet long by 125 feet wide, with unusually wide and lofty nave and aisles, differing in these respects from many Gothic cathedrals of Europe.

After all, can it be said that due recognition has been given of its defence against the infidel? The Spanish Armada against England and the defeat by Spain of the progress of the Reformation within her realm have been the cause of the array of English literature against her. English writers overlooked the fact that the Armada was provoked by the perfidious conduct of Queen Elizabeth in stirring up rebellion against the Spanish king in Flanders, and by the long series of attacks on Spanish commerce with whom Spain by English privateers, with whom Elizabeth was a partner for her own private profit, and that the suppression of the religious conflicts saved Spain from the dreadful internecine warfare brought about in other European states by contending religious factions.

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some government buildings, museums and public buildings as well as numerous fine churches and a royal palace. The churches are exceedingly rich in beauty of decoration, but have not the same interest as the more ancient Gothic cathedrals. It has a boulevard rivaling those of Paris, of great width and over a mile in length, lined with public buildings, palaces and handsome private residences. In the cool of the evening it is thronged with a fashionable crowd in carriages and on foot and is a centre of great life and animation.

The most prominent of the churches are San Francisco the Great, St. Joseph and the church of the Calatravas. The two last named are situated in the Calle Aleala, a leading thoroughfare, and there is a constant succession of crowded congregations at the Sunday Masses from early morning until after midday. San Francisco is a great national Pantheon, and contains the tombs of many illustrious figures in the national life. The great glory of Madrid, its Prado Museum of paintings and works of art, has a world-wide celebrity. The paintings number over two thousand and were brought together by Charles the Fifth and two of his successors Philip the Second and Philip the Fourth, and the result has been a gallery unexcelled in Europe.

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