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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Apollitic Delegation, Ottawa, June 13th, 1905.

Mr. Thomas Coffey—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 unimpaired by any Catholic spirit.

Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ, D. FALLON, Arch. Deleg.

LONDON, SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1911

THE REFUGE OF TRUTH

Our subject is due to the fact that we have been reading a few pages of Goldwin Smith's letters to the New York Sun. These have been collected and are issued in book-form under the title of "No refuge but in Truth."

A NEW FRENCH MINISTRY

There is nothing novel about a change of ministry in the French government. The novelty is when it does not change. This time a surprise has been given by the fact that Briand has resigned without suffering any defeat.

barred from investigation and experiment, still worse, to charge any Catholic association or religious community with studied disloyalty to truth, or that the claims of the Church to infallibility are a sham, is not to prove an argument, it is to insult the whole body which could have taught the man more truth in an hour than he had learned in his eighty years.

MORMONISM

Whilst England is contributing large sums of money for the circulation of the Bible in heathen lands she is permitting thousands of her children annually to migrate to Utah for the purpose of becoming Mormons. As many as three thousand five hundred girls, principally English and Swedish, leave Liverpool every year with this intention.

A TYPICAL ORANGEMAN

Anyone listening to Dr. Sproule, M. P., for North Grey, from the gallery of the House of Commons, would imagine that, when speaking on public questions, he is animated by sincerity and equipped with a fair knowledge of the country's doings.

charge of the Doumergue bills for depriving parents of their right to protect their children against the abuse of school neutrality by the teachers. When in November he formed his second ministry he gave a portfolio to Laferrere, the High Pontiff of Masonry. In declaring his policy Briand gave secularism the first place from which government would take its inspiration.

THE FAITH OF IRELAND

Those who attended St. Peter's Cathedral on last Sunday evening will, I hesitate not in saying, carry in their memories as long as they live the sermon preached on the "Faith of the Irish" by the Right Rev. Dr. Fallon, Bishop of London. The spacious Cathedral was crowded to the doors, every pew filled to its capacity, and although much extra seating accommodation had been provided, it was still many who were forced to stand throughout the service.

A NEW LEAGUE

According to a press despatch from Ottawa a new league is starting which is partially religious and partially social. It has taken a name which violates its own purpose by not appealing to refinement. It is to be known as the "clean mouth" league.

of the league would take a vow of perpetual silence. They might join the Trappist Order. The difficulty with this association, as with many other similar ones, is that it attempts too much and causes confusion by mixing things religious and social. Profane and obscene language is violation of God's law and delation of conscience.

THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Perhaps never before in the history of Ireland has there been such a bright dawn for its future as upon the national anniversary of this year. The long fight of centuries with the contiguous nation, which has sacrificed lives innumerable and millions innumerable in the work of conquering the neighboring island, is about to draw to a close.

ORANGE MISSIONARIES

The Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West, which met recently in Barrie, has adjourned and the proceedings will go into—we were going to say history, but no—will go into oblivion. What the members did and what they said will not add anything to the annals of our country. They are the apostles of disquietude and may a delegate would not go to their meetings if the race of newspaper reporters were extinct.

of Parliament, however, in all his Orange glory, somewhat after the fashion of Dr. Beattie Nesbit on a grey charger in a 12th of July procession, we must hear him at a Grand Lodge meeting declaiming against the granting of local self-government to Ireland. At a meeting in Smith's Falls he said, "were Home Rule granted the situation of the Protestants would be intolerable."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

In a sermon delivered in St. Thomas Church, Toronto, during the course of a mission held simultaneously in all the Anglican churches of that city, one of the preachers, a "Father" Frere, discoursing upon "Confession," is reported to have said:

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Father Joseph L. (England) discoursing on the subject of the Catholic Church, which every Catholic who believes in the Church should be surprised should ever be raised, questioned only by Catholic Churchmen, two churches, or they to look for the followers of Arin, the churches founded by John Wesley, or Catholics there was true Church was founded by Christ as the true Church, and the soul animating the whole Church, and the body of the Church, which was not His, and the body of the Church, which was not His, and the body of the Church, which was not His.

postedly been called to palpable misstatements, and they either refused to retract or took refuge in silence, it was seen that there was method in their ignorance and that detraction was their trade. To describe, then, as the Presbyterian does, Hooking's malicious fictions as "founded upon well-attested facts" is to place itself in the category we have described. If our contemporary is satisfied to be regarded in that light we suppose we have no right to complain. But it constitutes a curious commentary upon Christian ethics as understood and practised in its editorial chair.

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It seems impossible for sectarians to tell the truth about South America. In the course of an argument against stated religious education in the schools, a correspondent of The Presbyterian goes out of his way to say that the "Republics of South America are far behind the age in nearly every element of civilization." The statement is founded on pure ignorance of course, but has a tinge of malice as well. How far it is from the truth the well-informed and the open-minded know, but it would be going against all experience to look for retraction on that account even were the actualities brought home to the utterer's inner consciousness. Truth is not equal to the exigencies of the cause which he represents. Falsehood is, contrariwise, his best friend.

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A VERY interesting case was disposed of in the Police Court of Toronto recently when a Yonge street bookseller was dismissed with a warning after being arraigned on a charge of selling immoral literature. The books submitted in support of the charge, consisting of certain French novels, and a classical work translated by the late Sir Richard Burton, were adjudged to come within the category of the obscene, but on the plea that the proprietor was not cognizant of the nature of their contents, and that he covenanted to either return unsold copies to the publishers or to destroy them, the statutory penalty was not inflicted. The evidence which seemed to weigh most with the presiding magistrate was that of a Catholic priest to whom the books had been submitted for examination, and whose vigorous denunciation of their contents has been widely and favorably commented upon.

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This we presume, may be accepted as the ordinary High-Church conception of the sacrament.

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IN ANOTHER Church in the same city and upon the same occasion, a well-known Low-churchman, the Rev. Canon Cody, delivered himself upon the same subject, being moved thereto, seemingly, under a sense of obligation to offset the sacerdotal pretensions of his "High" brother in the ministry. To Canon Cody confession to a priest is not only a mere human invention, but an insolent impugment of the prerogatives of the Most High into the bargain. It mattered not to the Canon that in the Bible that lay open before him Christ unequivocally bestowed upon His chosen Twelve the power to forgive sins. Such an interpretation of the Divine Word was not in accordance with the views of the theological school presided over in Toronto by Mr. Sam Blake, Canon Cody's friend and patron, hence was unworthy of consideration. Confronted with so erudite an oracle, the Fathers and Doctors of the Apostolic Age—most to mention the Four Evangelists—must stand aside. As to "Father" Frere, and the High Church view which he enunciated, it would be difficult to classify it otherwise than as pious trifling.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN thinks we wrote without knowledge in reflecting upon The Westminster publication of Joseph Hooking's novel "The Jesuit," and counsels us to read it. Having performed that somewhat onerous task with its fellow, "The Woman of Babylon" and other writings of the same author, it is scarcely necessary to read this latest effusion in order to understand his polemical system. We spoke deliberately and with full knowledge when we said that the man could not be said to have any moral sense. In reputable circles in England he and his collaborator, Reverend Doctor Horton, have made themselves notorious as professional slanderers of the first order, and as purveyors of a peculiarly vicious system of mendacity. For a time their vagaries were put down to sheer ignorance, but after their attention had re-

clusively that so far from being "behind the age" as the Presbyterian's correspondent so very forefront of the Buenos Ayres he does not the largest, finest and tan cities in the world street, Avenida do May, the finest streets of the world papers as being "equal Europe." He then elegance and efficiency service, the telephone lighting and adds that boasts of its car service short of Buenos Ayres sums up the physical Argentine's civilization of the age. And it is on the age, he says, "its dawn."

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It is not, however, on the part of the church of the greatest in the redemption and people, their varied hospitality to their guests, and that he covenanted to either return unsold copies to the publishers or to destroy them, the statutory penalty was not inflicted. The evidence which seemed to weigh most with the presiding magistrate was that of a Catholic priest to whom the books had been submitted for examination, and whose vigorous denunciation of their contents has been widely and favorably commented upon.

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THE decision of the court as to the character of the books referred to was eminently wise and proper there can scarcely be two opinions. But why we submit, should the same bookseller be permitted to expose for sale in the most conspicuous manner at his shop-front books no less harmful and meretricious than those chosen as the basis of prosecution? "The Nun's Escape," and other of the same stamp which are flouted shamelessly before every passer-by. For the Original translation of Sir Richard Burton there might be some conceivable excuse, as being intended for classical scholars and being too expensive in any case for the general run of book buyers. But for these vulgar and indecent assaults upon the cherished beliefs and institutions of the most numerous body of Christians, assaults which can serve no other purpose than to stir up prejudice against them in the minds of the unthinking reader, while at the same time tending to soil the minds of the young and innocent, there can be no words of condemnation too strong or no penalty too great for their vulgar purveyor whose greed for gain in this manner rises superior to every sense of decency. It certainly does not tend to exalt the majesty of law that this nefarious traffic should be permitted to run on unrebuked and unmolested.

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WE HAVE been at some pains in recent issues of the RECORD to elucidate the real truth about South America. It has been shown that the Catholic Church has been the civilizer and the saviour of the native races; that in a manner almost unknown on the northern continent, the conquering white races have assimilated them and raised them from their former low estate; that together they have reared cities and produced results in the way of civilization not surpassed elsewhere in the world. Further, it has been shown that the itinerant emissaries of North American sectarianism who have written such racy tales to their employers at home have been under the necessity of earning their wage, to which end they have not scrupled to indulge in the most wicked and cowardly slanders. One Speers to wit, an official of the Y. M. C. A., who has attained to heights of the dullest pre-eminence in this particular, has, when called upon for authorities, taken the customary refuge in silence—tactics apparently inseparable from the cause. The Ninth Commandment has to all intents and purposes been expunged from the Decalogue of such as he.