

## CORRESPONDENCE.

"I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church."  
To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

SIR,—At the luncheon lately given in honor of the centennial celebration of the diocese of Quebec, the Lord Bishop is reported to have proposed the Church. "In proposing it he referred to Christ's Holy Catholic and Universal Church as embracing all who were baptized, and not any particular sect or national church." For the elucidation of this peculiar theory it may be as well to refer to the text of the Apostles' Creed in which the expression *Holy Catholic Church* is for the first time made use of. That compendium of Christian faith contains a variety of propositions more or less astounding, each one being distinctly definite, though at the same time incomprehensible to the human mind. They differ in one respect from the equally definite propositions in the elements of Euclid,—namely,—that whereas in the latter the truth to be evolved is deducible by human reason, the truth of the former is based on supernatural faith spontaneously accorded to divine revelation. For this reason I believe in the unity and trinity of the Godhead, as otherwise, like the heathen, I might worship a multiplicity of gods. In like manner I believe in the resurrection of the body and in all the other mysteries contained in the aforesaid symbol of Christian faith, on the bare words of the Catholic Church, because Jesus Christ founded it to teach me what to do and what to believe in order to gain eternal life. This church He commanded all his followers to hear and obey as the delegate and chosen mouthpiece of the Almighty. "He that heareth you heareth Me; he that despiseth you despiseth Me." Accordingly, by proclaiming my belief in the Holy Catholic Church, I make an act of supernatural faith in the truth of all that she teaches by submitting my reason to her divine authority. This proposition or article of the Christian creed is of the highest importance; for if I consent to throw it overboard, I have nothing left whereon to base my belief on the remaining articles save a small morsel of printed paper. It consequently follows that if the post-prandial definition, given by the Lord Bishop of the diocese of Quebec, as above recorded, express the correct explanation of the words—I believe in the *Holy Catholic Church*, an act of supernatural faith therein is wholly superfluous, and no more required than to believe that two and two make four,—or that the depositors in a savings bank are *ipso facto* co-partners and shareholders in that institution.

A. G. G.

## The Herald.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

DEAR SIR,—I read the Herald, and have read both the covert sneers and, later, the out-spoken words of in-born hatred for the Catholic Irish with which the Herald seeks to win the favor and patronage of disappointed demagogues, alias statesmen, on the one hand, and that of ranting bigots on the other. This irrational Herald had continued in its course of seething bigotry and wild-west style of journalism until endurance ceased to be a virtue; and then you, Mr. Editor, stepped into the breach and said to the Herald, "thus far, but no further;" and I, as an Irishman and a Catholic, heartily thank you for your truly Irish, and therefore manly, action in the matter.

I am a Liberal, but, thank God, not one of the Herald's stamp. Instead of being an exponent of true liberalism, the sheet is but a parrot-like imitation of such journals as the (in) famous Times of London, Eng., and others not so far from home; and is another evidence of the miry depths to which human nature can sink, when the mind of man, weak man, gives full rein to the mean, low passions, which are a disgrace to journalism, to society, and to the world.

Of course the Herald writhes under your scathing articles, and endeavors to strike back; but does not a certain burrowing creature, when trodden upon, also turn and try to sting? The answer is, yes; therefore, we need not be surprised at the gentlemanly thrusts of the Herald writer.

Thank Heaven! such organs as the one in question are fast dying out, for the world is rapidly becoming civilized; and the miserable few that are left, furious at the decadence of their once virile power, throw out their forked tongues to emit

their spiteful venom, and, one by one, sink back exhausted, until Decay, in his rounds, sees the wasted forms, lifts them up, and bears them into oblivion. So may it be to the end.

AN IRISHMAN.

Montreal, 8th June, 1893.

John Ruskin, Poet.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

SIR,—In your issue of the 7th inst., I notice an article on John Ruskin; and there seems to be a perplexed opinion whether or not he ever wrote any poetry. In the edition of his works which I possess, and which are published by Worthington & Co., New York, I find 27 poems, and the Preface states that all Ruskin's verse-making was confined to his youthful days. The first poem, "Saltzburg," was written in the author's sixteenth year; the last, "The Glacier," but eleven years later. These poems were published in a privately printed edition in 1850, but of only a very limited number, so that copies have become virtually inaccessible,—one having fetched 41 guineas at an auction sale in London a few years ago. Here is his last poem:—

THE GLACIER.

The mountains have a peace which none disturb—  
The stars and clouds a course which none restrain—  
The wild sea-waves rejoice without a curb,  
And rest without a passion; but the chain  
Of Death, upon this ghastly cliff and chasm,  
Is broken evermore, to bind again.  
Nor lulls nor loses, Hark! a voice of pain  
Suddenly silenced;—a quick passing spasm,  
That startles rest, but grants not liberty;—  
A shudder, or a struggle, or a cry,  
And then a sepulchred stillness. Look on us,  
God! who hast given these hills a place of pride.

If Death's captivity be sleepless thus,  
For those who sink to it unsanctified.

The verses quoted in your article, I can find no trace of in Ruskin's Works, so can give you no information regarding it.

H. J. C.

Montreal, 8th June, 1893.

## Journalism.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS:

La Semaine Religieuse of this city has been publishing a series of articles on journalism in general and the French journalism of this country, and of this city, in particular—and I humbly think the same is well timed, and highly so, for it is high time that the alarm cry should be thrown out and the eyes of unsuspecting readers should be opened to the patent fact that under the garb of the lamb lies a malicious spirit.

The Semaine Religieuse marks out three classes of journals, viz: good, bad, indifferent; the two first are open friends or enemies, so there is no trouble in choosing—friend or foe.

Now as to the indifferent journal—lukewarm, opportunist, neither warm nor cold, guided by circumstances—oh! there lies the danger—I may even say: *voilà l'ennemi*.

At the beginning of this week I was reading *Le Monde* of this city, and had I not been sure that I really held that paper in my hands, I should certainly have thought I was perusing *La Patrie* or some journal *libre penseur* of old France; the fact is—the only difference that I could detect between *Le Monde* and *La Patrie* is that one is printed on a red background and the other on blue, so that one is more fiery—the other more dim or deceptive, for in both cases the fundamental *animus* is anti-Catholic; well might I say: Save me from my friends, for *La Patrie* at all events speaks out openly, is well known to be an enemy, prides in its opposition to the Catholic Church, &c., &c., but *Le Monde* wishes to pass off as a Catholic journal.

But it won't do any longer, Mr. *Le Monde*; throw off your mask, or cease your base insinuations, your insidious allusions, when writing on religious matters; be open, frank, straightforward as a friend or foe. None of half-way house accommodation; you are no friend to your countrymen; you are false to your religion.

J. A. J.

A wealthy man displaying his jewels one day to a philosopher, the latter said: "Thank you, sir, for being willing to share such magnificent jewels with me." "Share them with you, sir? What do you mean?" "Why, you allow me to look at them; and what more can you do with them yourself?"

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## IRISH NEWS.

Dr. John McCabe has been elected medical officer of the Cavan Union.

Early in June the men of West Clare will hold a large demonstration at Kilrush in favor of Amnesty.

The magnificent new convent of the Sisters of Nazareth, at Sunnyside, Derry, is approaching completion. It will cost about £5,000.

Mr. O. A. O'Neill, of Ard Bough, has gained a gold medal for the best essay on "The Management and Treatment of Dogs," at the Royal Veterinary College, Edinburgh.

It is announced that Mayor-General Henry Cole Magenis, of Finvoy, Ballymoney, and Thomas Sinclair, Esq., of Hopefield, Belfast, have been appointed deputy lieutenants for County Antrim.

A number of bailiffs in the Mitcheltown district have received notices that their license to carry arms has been revoked. The notices are directed from Dublin Castle. The licenses to carry arms were granted to those bailiffs by Mr. Balfour.

Miss Anna Mary Geraghty, youngest daughter of Mr. James Geraghty, of Rahara, Athlone, received the white veil and the name in religion of Sister Mary Francis of St. Patrick, at the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, Drumshambo, on May 9.

Miss Kate Hologhan, daughter of Mr. William Hologhan, of Gaiistown, Tullerlan, County Kilkenny—in religion Sister Mary Evangeline—was solemnly professed at the Presentation Convent, Fethard, on May 17, by Archdeacon Ryan, V. F.

The numerous admirers of the lamented Father John Fullam, V. F., pastor of Ratoath, County Meath, will be glad to learn that active steps are being taken to perpetuate this memory. With this view, the people on whose behalf he labored for so many years have resolved to erect a monument over his grave.

There has been erected in the Carmelite Church, Kinsale, two new side altars. They are in accordance and keeping with the design of the new high altar placed there some time since. They are made of the best Sicilian marble, the front of each altar and columns supporting the tables being beautifully sculptured.

The effect of Mr. Patrick Fullam, ex-M. P. for South Meath, were sold on the 16th ult., at Dunore, by a bailiff, to satisfy a claim for £1,850 by Mr. Dalton, ex-M. P., in respect of costs incurred in the South Meath election petition, in which Mr. Dalton was petitioner and Mr. Fullam respondent. There was no competition, the land sale realized only a nominal sum.

On May 15, in the Queen's Bench Division Court, Dublin, the case of Mary Elliott, a minor, was decided, on an application to make absolute a conditional order for a writ of habeas corpus directed to the Superiors of the Presentation Convent, Thurles, to produce the body of the minor who had been an inmate of the Industrial School connected with the convent. The court discharged the conditional order.

The tenants on Col. Hackett's estate at Ballintotty, near Nenagh, have won a signal victory after a struggle with their landlord extending over a period of six or seven years. An Emergencyman who was in possession of the evicted lands has left, and the place has been restored to the original owners, while a number of other tenants, whose eviction was pending, have been sold their holdings on what are considered terms.

These gentlemen are candidates for the office of town clerk of Dublin; James J. Henry, who has been for fifteen years assistant town clerk; Patrick McDonnell, town clerk of Bray; Henry Campbell, ex-M. P., formerly Mr. Parnell's secretary; Michael Hackett, solicitor; M. J. Murphy, B. L., of Elmpark, Rathfarnham; J. P. Lennox, B. A. secretary of the Licensed Grocers and Vintners' Association, and James E. S. Condon, B. A. L. L. D.

At a meet g held in Mallow on the 16 ult., Mr. Buckley, T. C., proposed that the Irish party should be requested to allow the seat for Northeast Cork, vacated by Michael Davitt, to remain vacant for some time, in the hope that that gentleman would be able to resume his Parliamentary position within a reasonable period, and that in the event of this being impossible, a representative should be chosen who should pledge himself to re-

sign immediately on Mr. Davitt becoming eligible. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

In the Exchequer Division, Dublin, on the 15th ult., an application was made to set aside the verdict given by Mr. Justice O'Brien in the case of Fox, landlord, against the Land Commission, in which the judge found that no prohibition should issue against the Land Commissioners in respect to the fixing of a fair rent on the farm of Thomas Langan, in County Longford. The Court held that the tenancy was vested in Langan and refused the motion.

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