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POPE LEO XIII.



SATURDAY, AUG. 1, 1903.

AUGUST.

- 2—Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori. Doct. Dup. Maj.
- 3—Monday—Invention of St. Stephen, first Martyr. Sem.
- 4—Tuesday—St. Dominic. Conf. Dup.
- 5—Thursday—Transfiguration of B.V.M. "ad Nives." Dup. Maj.
- 6—Thursday—Transfigurations of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Dup. Maj.
- 7—Friday—St. Cajetan, Conf. Dup.
- 8—Saturday—S.S. Cyriacus and Companions, Martyrs, Sem.

La LIGUE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT. (The Teaching Confederacy.)

We are indebted to "Le Journal" of Montreal for the most valuable information, that we are now in a position to convey to our readers, regarding an unwholesome organization, which, under the pretense of spreading instruction, has tried to implant its false and most damageable principles in Montreal.

The so-called "Ligue de l'Enseignement" was founded in 1864 on the "Mot d'Ordre" one of the unknown leaders of Free Masonry; and it was first established in Belgium, on the 16th of February, 1865, after a put-up study and competition among all the Belgium lodges.

Fruitless attempts were made in 1865 to establish the same in France, but finally owing to the energetic and persevering efforts of a certain Jean Mace, it found there also a home. And since, it has been the constant aim of all the promoters of the "League" to implant the poisonous seed of their damnable teaching in every part of Europe. To the said Jean Mace, the Free Masonry proved its gratitude by bestowing upon him the title of Senator.

Likening kindred organizations the "League" has been manoeuvring an anti-clerical campaign, hypocritically advocating gratuitous and compulsory training in schools from which religion was eliminated with a discreet policy.

Free-Masonry did all it could to make adepts. It concealed its true object as often as it was thought necessary. Thus it succeeded in enrolling ministers and exministers, honorable members and senators of parliament, mayors and councillors, lawyers and doctors, school inspectors and teachers, journalists of both sexes, merchants, etc., etc.

All this, bear it in mind, was the work of Free-Masonry. To prove it we need only quote the words of Francolin, a free-mason, at the convention of 1879.

"Wherever there is a child," he said, "wherever there is a school, there also shall the hand of Free-Masonry be, in order that the celebrated word may prove to be true: The School and Free-Masonry are one and the same thing, and always in opposition to the dark International (the Church) shall be found watching and devoting itself the black International of the sons of Hiram (Les Juifs-Maçons)."

Such is the work of the League ("Ligue d'Enseignement") pursued in Europe, such the objects which its adepts had in view in their attempts to establish in Montreal a branch of that league under the title of Circle de la Ligue de l'Enseignement de Montreal (Canada.) Failing to ensnare the good Catholics of Quebec they have for the time being put on the mask of hypocrisy and disclaiming to have anything to do with the French league. But in this they had depended too much on the good nature of the people of Montreal! They had failed to see the advancing guard that has just pulled down and torn to pieces the mask with which they tried to hide their hypocritical faces. "Le Journal" has just proved by the most unobjectionable historical documents that the base born League of Montreal was to be but an offspring of the French teaching Confederacy. Nay it had even been registered under the No. 2890, and given a name in case it might come to light and live.

Thanks to God and to the good common sense of the French Canadian Catholics of the Province of Quebec, "La Ligue de l'Enseignement" is no more.

But Catholics all over should be on the alert, for in this incident it is impossible not to see the danger that threatens us. The advocacy of gratuitous and secular instruction independently, from all religious training, must have a close relationship with the aims pursued by the French Teaching Confederacy.

The Catholics of Winnipeg, therefore, are to be congratulated for their persevering efforts in reclaiming their educational rights and privileges.

CURRENT COMMENT

The exhibition week has passed with its usual variety of attractions, some of which, as it was remarked by the Telegram, were not altogether desirable, but as a whole quite of a nature to afford a nice passtime to the crowds. The attractions at the grand stand were particularly good. We feel it our duty, however, to enter a protest, against one or two numbers of the programme which we considered as immoral, and therefore unworthy of any encouragement. We can easily understand a man, who, to save the life of his fellowman, would venture into a daring feat, that might cost his life; but we are still to learn how any one could be justified in exposing his life for the mere amusement of the onlookers. No Christian moral principle, no human reason could excuse such an inhuman act. By bringing such men here the exhibition board is certainly making a grave mistake, and we truly believe that half of the multitude were rather disgusted than amused by the loop-the-loop feat, and much more so by the bicycle rider's daring dive. To force the people to witness such a sight is what we could hardly forgive the board of management. That is like taking us to pagan times, when gladiators fought with wild beasts to amuse the blood-thirsty Roman people. We have often heard those who severely condemning the "Bull Fight" which to this day seems to be an attraction for the Spaniards and Mexicans, although many Americans and Canadians are not loath to witness that kind of a fight, but we may safely say that the danger to human life in a Bull Fight is nothing compared to the daring feats to which the visiting public at the exhibition grounds were treated. Unless the life of a prairie wild animal or of a mere spectre of an old and totally disabled horse is to be preferred before the life of a man, we fail to see how intelligent and human beings could consistently condemn what is done in Mexico for instance, and permit

such an immoral exhibition as that of a man dashing from a tremendous height and with a fearful speed into a pool of water some three feet deep, with at least one chance in ten of killing himself. There are laws and just laws, to punish those who enjoy themselves in pugilistic achievements, is not that scene, however though disgusting in itself, far less likely to bring fatal results. We do hope for common decency sake that Winnipeg has seen the last of the bicycle diver's daring leaps.

The Provincial Election held last week resulted in almost too great a victory for the Roblin Government. We do not propose to enter into any high criticism of the electioneering methods followed throughout the campaign, particularly by the Free Press, but we cannot help giving the system a most unmeasured condemnation. We heard many gentlemen say that if the one tenth were true of the charges made against our governing ministers, this country would not be fit to live in. Admitting that no government as a rule is immaculate, we feel that its members should possess honesty enough at least to command the respect and confidence of the community at large. If the Manitoba people were to be judged by the vile attacks which our local papers launch at times at one another, we would deserve to be pitied indeed, but we think that such a pity should rather be extended to the Press in general for its actual lack of respect for principles and accuracy of statements as illustrated in our last electoral campaign. We beg those who may have read the slanderous attacks so vilely lavished on both the present and past administration not to believe the one tenth of them to be true. A slanderous tongue is a devouring fire, what of an editor's pen that is worn out in continually distilling a deadly poison?

The following words recently spoken by Archbishop Farley at a confirmation ceremony are a timely warning:—

"Try to know God, but more than this believe in Him and have the courage in face of all ridicule and scorn to declare your belief. You need more than the knowledge of the Apostles to enter the Kingdom of God. You may know the Bible from cover to cover, and then fall. Judas had all the knowledge of the apostle, but was lost. You need courage greater than that of the soldier who faces death. Many a general who has ridden into battle with all the appearance of a hero has not been brave enough to stand up before his army and make the sign of the cross. Ridicule is a more powerful enemy than shot and powder. It makes many a man quail whose animal courage would enable him to face the din of battle. Never be ashamed of being a Catholic. Boldly declare your belief in Catholicity and you will prove yourselves to be greater heroes than many the world has crowned."

DON'T WEAR "PEEK-a-BOOS."

Rev. W. G. Miller, in charge of St. Joseph's parish, Waukesha, Wis., spoke at the masses on a recent Sunday against the wearing of lace and net waists, otherwise the "peek-a-boo" waist—the term by which he referred to this article of female attire. He severely censured the custom in vogue in fashionable society of exposing the shoulders by women through the wearing what he termed immodest garments, and urged the mothers of his congregation to see that their daughters avoided these "scandalous" articles of dress.

The above may not sound very pleasing to the ears of the Matinee girl, who writes in the Winnipeg Town Topics, but it might do her good to devote some of her leisure moments to meditate upon the lesson contained therein. She may, like many of her sex, find a certain vanity satisfaction in wearing, instead of a decent garment, what she styles herself, the spiders web, but perhaps is she forgetting that it is not always safe to take pleasure in such dangerous doings. Some flies may be quite inoffensive, but others there are whose bite is very poisonous. The garden of Eden weakness, after all has proved more

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