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 My Dear Sir:—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, it strenuously defends Catholic principles and rights, and stands firmly by the teaching of the Church. It is a paper of the highest quality and one of the best interests of the country. Following these lines it has done a great deal of good for the welfare of religion and country, and it will do more and more, as its wholesome influence spreads to the Catholic families. With my blessing on your work, and best wishes for its continued success, I am, Sir, very sincerely in Christ,
 Yours very truly,
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sandwich or two, a bottle of lemonade, a few cakes and oranges for the children. I passed through and through these happy groups, near enough to hear every word they said. I peered over the shoulders of a young mechanic. He was reading the evening—happy, bright, courteous, refined crowd; no hustling or jostling; but Celtic politeness and Celtic wit and humour. And then I thought of Portrush; and of their fellow-countrymen feasting in the field tenements of New York, or gasping for breath in the atrocious tenements of the Western States; and I thought that progress consists not in miles of gaslit streets, or millions of bricks piled squarely against the sky; but in human souls, taught to know their dignity, and the vast universe of their inheritance.

Father Sheehan knows his Ireland. But lest any should think his sympathies even unconsciously biased his views, we give in emphatic corroboration of his evidence, the testimony of a sturdy and aggressive Protestant Englishman. Mr. Harold Begbie visited the South of Ireland, prejudiced, as he himself confesses, against both the southern Irish and their religion. In his new book, "The Lady Next Door," he says:

"In Ireland I came face to face with this problem. In the South, where Catholic influence is supreme, the people are almost enchanting in their sweetness, entirely admirable in their beauty and contentment of their domestic life, wonderful beyond all other nations in the wholesomeness of their character. Instead of a lazy, thriftless, dissipated people as I had imagined them to be—the Irish of the South won my sympathy and compelled my admiration by qualities the very opposite. The charm which every traveller feels in the South of Ireland is the character of the Irish people, and my investigation has forced me to the judgment that this character is the culture of Irish Catholicism."

No well-balanced person will place the coarse, ignorant, materialistic, but wealthy vulgarism higher in the scale of civilization, than the gentle, refined, cultured and spiritual individual with less of this world's goods. How is it that wealth is so taken as the sole standard by which to judge the civilization of a nation or a race?

THE ACADIAN RECORDER

On the 16th of January, 1913, the Acadian Recorder newspaper of Halifax will celebrate its centenary. The first number of the paper was published on January 16, 1813, by Philip Holland. It was at first a weekly. Later it became a tri-weekly and then a daily publication as it is to-day. Messrs. English and Blackadar succeeded Mr. Holland as the publishers, Mr. Blackadar being the father of the present proprietor, C. C. Blackadar, Esq. When Mr. Blackadar died in 1863, his three sons, then lads in their teens, took charge of the newspaper, and they put it on a very successful business basis, and soon made it one of the best newspaper properties in the Maritime Provinces. During the Mackenzie regime the elder of the brothers, Mr. H. W. Blackadar, was appointed postmaster of Halifax, an office he worthily fills down to the present day. He is a facile and graceful writer with a vast fund of historical and local knowledge, and his weekly letters, signed "Occasional," are an interesting feature of the Saturday edition of the paper.

Some years ago H. D. Blackadar died, and Mr. C. C. Blackadar became the sole proprietor. The present proprietor has the unique distinction of having refused both a senatorship and the Lieutenant-Governorship of Nova Scotia. Besides his newspaper business, he is largely interested in many leading financial and philanthropic institutions, and he preferred the activities of his present position to the honors of public life.

Besides being an excellent evening paper, the Recorder has been noted for its fairness to Catholics and its sympathy for them in the assertion of their fair claims. Solid, carefully edited, and entirely free from sensation, it makes a very acceptable family paper. May it add many more years of usefulness to its long career!

THE SALVATION ARMY

The death of General Booth has called forth wide spread comment on the Salvation Army which he founded, and during his long life absolutely controlled. A man of strong personality and unquestioned sincerity, his supreme control of the army which he created was not likely to be questioned. Concerning the work of the Salvation Army we have little to say. Hardly anyone at all familiar with its activities will deny that the soldiers of the late general did useful social work amongst those who were in direct need; many also think they brought to the submerged tenth something of the light and consolation of the gospel of Christ, while many others look askance at their methods as bringing religion into contempt. It is interesting to recall that in the early days, one of the first prominent churchmen who said a kind word of appreciation for the Salvation Army was the late Cardinal Manning.

But whatever may be thought of the army, its work, or its methods, it may be interesting to glance at its prospects of holding together now that its general and founder has been removed by death.

Unity is the striking and undeniable characteristic of the Catholic Church; it is an ideal which those outside the fold vainly attempt to realize.

The Salvation Army was modelled on the military principle, with General Booth the supreme commander, and all the important offices under him given to members of his own family. This would seem to make for unity, but within the founder's life-time his son Ballington Booth broke away from the regular army, and started a schismatic branch which he called God's American Volunteers. Not even the approaching death of the father brought about a reconciliation, a fact that the old general keenly felt on his death bed.

The succession to the chief command devolves on another son. Family Compact, in the most rigid sense of the term, the military organization and discipline, may hold the organization together for a time. The simple elementary truths which form its creed will not easily lead themselves to controversy, yet it will be surprising if the Salvation Army does not follow the beaten paths of the sects into division and disunion.

TWO POINTS OF VIEW

The sorry spectacle of leading Unitarians stirring up the lowest dregs of Ulster Orangemen, and inciting them to war on innocent Catholic laborers, has to a great extent recoiled on the fomenters of lawlessness.

Sir John Simon, an English Protestant, at a Liberal dinner at Leeds a few weeks ago, said:

"Are you not struck by the fact—I confess to being immensely struck by it—that in spite of what appears to be the calculated provocation of these demonstrations, in spite of the violent and maliciously perverse language which these God-fearing men think it right to use about the followers of one of the great religions of the world—are you not surprised to observe the calm control and civic conduct with which the Catholic people of Ireland are behaving in the circumstances? The Catholic people of Ulster, and I hope it may prove to morrow of Belfast, have shown themselves entitled to a full measure of self-government, inasmuch as they have governed themselves."

It is, perhaps, even more illuminating and more interesting to read what the Protestant Unitarian Lord Hythe has to say in the same connection. The Duke of Westminster, some time ago, conceived the bright idea of raising funds for the promotion of Imperial preference by giving a dinner at £1,000 a plate. Some interesting replies were returned to the noble Duke's invitation. Lord Hythe, fellow-Unitarian, fellow-Imperialist, and fellow-Protestant wrote in part as follows:

"I would gladly subscribe £1,000 or even more, to a fund for furthering Imperial Preference, but it would be pure waste of money to do so under the present conditions. There is not the remotest prospect of Imperial Preference being carried so long as the Home Rule question is unsettled. As the Home Rule question is the one which divides the country, and the Empire to the racial and religious prejudices of Ulstermen."

True, Lord Hythe is probably opposed to the present Home Rule Bill, as he advocates the settlement of the question on federal principles; but the fact remains that he is as disgusted as the average decent man with the pariah-like cant about civil and religious liberty being endangered by Home Rule.

STOP IT

It is to be regretted that our Canadian dailies are copying to some extent the shocking methods of some of the yellow papers of New York. Each edition is a furious presentation of the news of the day dressed up in a style so sensational, vulgar, and big type, that the ordinary newspaper reader is becoming well-nigh disgusted. What do the publishers mean? This is a busy world, and are they under the impression that the average newspaper reader has time to look only at the poster headings and then throw the paper away. The old days have passed when a man could sit down and read his newspaper with pleasure. Crime and sport now hold the fort, and the educational features of the newspaper, which men appreciated so much, are becoming less and less by day. This craze is unbecoming, unbearable, and we fancy there will be a large constituency for the man who would engage in the publication of a daily newspaper giving the news in a sane and seemly fashion. Each make-up man on the daily paper wants to outdistance his neighbor in vulgar display of big type. This sensationalism may please a small percentage of the people who have been inoculated with the yellow virus of newspaperdom in New York, but it finds little favor with the better class of people. Another phase which has taken hold of certain newspaper people is to make a picture gallery or a typographical millinery show room of the front page, and to bring about this one gets but unfinished articles there. He has to search for the remnants elsewhere. This is annoying to the reader, and why the make-up man indulges in this is a mystery to us. When a man sits down to look at his morning or

evening paper he wants to read the news and when he begins an article he wants to finish it there and then. An old time printer who made up his page in decorous fashion, looking at the newspaper of to-day, told us not long since that if the asylums had their own there would be a considerable addition of newspaper make-up men within their walls. The make-up of a newspaper in these days is somewhat of a fashion. The first page may look like a poke bonnet to-day and a merry widow hat to-morrow. The first page designer will ere long have to be given the services of a Parisian milliner a few hours before press time.

IS IT BIGOTRY OR IGNORANCE?

The Women's Christian Temperance Union recently held a convention in the town of Renfrew. The President, Mrs. Wm. Pagsley, of Toronto, presented a variety of suggestions in regard to the betterment of moral conditions prevailing in the country. It is a thousand pities that sometimes they either ignore or cast reflections upon the Catholic Church—an institution that is doing infinitely more along the lines mentioned, although its adherents form only a moiety of the population, than is done by all the sects combined. A suggestion made by the President, Mrs. Pagsley, leads us to criticize this attitude towards the Catholic Church. She wishes to have such amendments made to the law that fallen women may not be dismissed by a fine; that the government establish a prison farm for such offenders. Does she not know that the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, a community of Catholic ladies, have established in various parts of the Dominion institutions whose special work is to provide comfortable homes for the fallen sisters, provide them with healthful employment, clothing and nourishing food. Before them is ever the example of purity of life, and before them too is ever set as models the beauty and holiness and sanctity of the holy Home of Nazareth. A few years and these unfortunate ones are sent into the world proof against its temptations and its snares. Is not this a better place for the wayward than a prison farm? Why do not the ladies connected with this temperance movement open their hearts to the work that is done by this splendid body of Catholic ladies who make sacrifice of their lives that the souls of the waifs and strays of humankind may be saved for eternity. Does bigotry stand in the way? Are they afraid that the fallen ones may become Catholics? Ladies of the Ontario Women's Christian Temperance Union, examine your consciences.

DR. HANNA APPOINTED

Many people even in Canada will be glad to hear of the appointment of Rev. Edward J. Hanna, D. D., as Auxiliary to His Grace the Archbishop of San Francisco, Cal. Dr. Hanna is Professor of Dogmatic Theology and of English Literature in St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, New York. He has for long been recognized as one of the ablest priests in America, while his personality has won the hearts especially of the late and present Bishop, priests and people of the diocese in which he has labored. In every sense of the term he is a true priest of God's Church and has won the affection of all who know him either personally or by reputation. In his new sphere of labor he will continue to perform his sacred duties in a manner which will bring honor to the great Archdiocese named and consolation to its faithful priesthood and its laity. His removal from Rochester will be a distinct loss to the seminary of St. Bernard, but it will be a great gain to the Southern Archdiocese. The publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD, although not knowing him personally, nevertheless wishes to extend him his warmest congratulations, coupled with the hope and the prayer that he may live long in the service of God's Church in San Francisco.

CANON TROOP

He came into the pulpit, did Canon Troop, with a pound of passion and an ounce of common sense. This reverend gentleman lives in Montreal. He is a Parliamentary Canon of a Parliamentary Church whose many-sidedness gives it a splendid variety. As becometh Canon Troop, whom we take to be in the very Low Church contingent, he takes the strong Ulsterite view of Home Rule. It is passing strange that a man of education such as Canon Troop would deliberately tell his congregation that "the efforts put forth by the Roman hierarchy to obtain Home Rule for Ireland formed part of the campaign which the papal authorities were waging in order to retain their fast dying