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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1908

A "WITNESS" CORRESPONDENT'S WAIL.

The Anglicans of Montreal have been scandalizing some of their neighbors-amongst them one who signs himself in a letter to the Witness This individua Luther the Second. is greatly exercised at the presentation of a pastoral staff by his religionists to the newly-elected Bishop of Montreal, whom he styles "head of the Protestant church" this city. We have no wish to join in this family quarrel. Nor need we pay special attention to the anti-Catholic wail of the poor man. For all we know he may be excited bewas not invited to subcause he Whether he was overlooked by not being put on the committee, or whether he does not care about the pattern of the staff, or whether he does not believe in the historic episcopate is not the point. He shows bad taste in writing the letter he did and in signing it by such pseudonym. Even the Witness points out the inconsistency of the latter But the note by the Witness renders confusion worse confounded. claim that its correspondent is better situated than the original Luther in that he has "an abundant choice of churches with which to worship, is a libel upon the first principles of Christianity. One church was founded with the Divine promise of ceasing protection from error. There was no choice of churches ever to be left to the private judgment of individuals. Men were commanded to hear the church. If an angel came down from heaven with another gospel or another pastoral staff he was anathematized. The sheep know the voice of the Shepherd who is always One, always Catholic, always Apos-Bad as Luther the First rendered his situation, it was better than that in which the Second finds himself-a Babel of confusion with only his own judgment for guide Furthermore, the Witness makes an observation which does not commit it to episcopacy, but which in a canny way admits that the insignia of the episcopate belongs to the members of the "historic episcopate." If Anglican Church possesses this "historic" body, the Witness sees no reason why the people or flock of last two might be retained in name the newly-elected Bishop should not give him a crozier, nor why the Bi- reality, no grace conferring power or shop himself should not use it. Lu- special Presence. Another reason ther the Second is decidedly wrong. peculiar to the Greek Church itself is He objects to the present b its ritualistic character. What with grace, the validity of Holy Order, croziers and stoles and copes Anglican Church, in this man's opiis fast descending the hill at the bottom of which he sees Ro manism. The question of questions is whether these vestments signify in any other than a bishop's hand would mean nothing. And the bi-

such a staff is imitation and there That reason goes fore misleading only a short distance. What does imitation of Rome do so far as real power is concerned? The reason why the Anglican bishop should not have a pastoral staff is that he is shepherd. His orders are not valid. He does not belong to All the imitation the episcopate. and ritualism in the Anglican church should not ruffle Luther the Second in the way it seems to do. should these things lead to Rome if it did not dawn upon those who use them that they signify spiritual power and jurisdiction, and that mitation is a fraud, and that they must seek that power where along it can be found? Supposing ritualsm what objection can a narrow would-be theologian make? Luthe the Second spares none of his prelates. The newly elected Archbishop of York, who had been offered Mon treal, comes in for his wrath, does the Bishop of London. And the worst of all was Lord Halifax waiting on Pope Leo XIII. and asking him "to take the Protestant Church back again to the tender mercies of the Roman Church." Luther the Second has evidently fallen upon evil days, although he sees a source of gratitude. He is thankful that Montreal has escaped the Bishop of Stepney. He advises a public meeting of Protestants to examine whether he and other Luthers are to be governed by "bell, book and candle" unadulterated King James edition of the Bible. Protestantism It all comes is in serious danger. of a small present to a bishop-elect. When a layman with neither bell nor book nor candle undertakes to vern his Church we know the re This is not the only case sult. Men like this Luther the second are through the woods. Their antipathy for Rome is stronger far than their is childish. Their wail, piteou though it may be, by reason of religion, is contemptible and unreason-Their correspondence speakng, as in this case, of "mass is vituperation and ignorance. Luther the Second rouses ou disgust with himself and his tottering institution. He is only more witness in a court full of them proving Anglicanism the city of confusion.

ANGLICAN ORDERS Anent the present to the new Bishop and the question raised by the Witness correspondent, Luther Second, a timely article appeared in the Tablet lately upon the Anglican Orders. This we briefly summarize A meeting took place in the present fall of the Anglican and Eastern Or thodox Churches Union. Notwithstanding the assertion of one mem ber of the Greek Church to the con trary, the Greek Church practically the validity of the Anglican They always refused to ac knowledge them. Whenever the ques tion was raised the best they could say was that they were very doubt Their chief theologians ful. went further and denied any validity; and they have always reordained unconditionally Anglican clergymen who wished to become Orthodox priests There is the first principle in The Orthodox Church holds exactly the same belief about Sacrament of Holy Orders and Eucharistic Sacrifice as do Catho

Now two glaring defects lics. Anglican doctrine and practice throthe gravest doubts upon the Sacra ment of Orders and the Sacrifice st them. These are the insufficiency of the Anglican rite and the very doubtful continuity prior to that one of these faults vitiates the Orders, and the other the Sacrifice Insufficiency of rite and want of continuity affect both-for whatever invalidates the Sacrament of priesthood must also extend to the act of sacrifice. Again it is to be observed that the Orthodox Greek Church up to very lately looked upon Anglicans as Protestants-as who had left the Latir people Church-as having given up tradition, honor to the saints, sacrific and sacraments-that whilst the and external ceremony, they had n that the Greeks believe that the dies out in heretical or schismatical Thus the Greek Orthodox bodies. Church would hold that Holy Orde in the Catholic Church is not valid. They have applied it too. Now as to evidence, it is to be noticed that the Orthodox Church has never officially condemned Anglican Orders for the sole reason that she has not shop must be a real bishop with ju-risdiction. An Anglican bishop has subject. The Orthodox Church has made any declaration at all upon the

an official since the Synod of Jerusalem 1672. Certainly she has said thing about Anglican Orders. Her theologians have said something. 'Very doubtful" was the decision ol the most eminent Greek theologians, of the nineteenth century. A Provost of Berlin, one of the greatest authorities on liturgies and historical dogma, says that the Church England has neither the Apostolic succession nor certainty about dogmas, nor true teaching about the Holy Eucharist nor valid orders. It is needless to add to this evidence. The practical test is the manner in which the Orthodox Greek Church those Anglican clergymer treats who join the Orthodox Church. terchange of compliments is one The Sacrament of Holy Orthing. ders and the validity of the Eucharist are quite different. When such cases occur if a convert wishes to be a priest he is treated as a simple layman. He receives just the same treatment from an Orthodox bishop as he would get from a Catholic bishop. If anything he treated worse, for they generally rebaptize him. The temptation for the Orthodox Church to take quite a different stand is undoubtedly strong It is therefore creditable that she clings to what tradition has universally prescribed. Whether the Orthodox Church will continually hold out against the Church Missionary Society of Palestine remains to b All evidence goes to show seen. that should such a yielding take place it would produce a schism; for there is a strong school in the Orthodox Church which would accept a compromise. We thus see how the Greek Church really regards Anglican orders. The Catholic view of them was the official repudiation of them by Pope Leo XIII. A "pasto be found all along the shore and toral staff," therefore, in the hands of an Anglican bishop has no significance. It possesses no power, nor love for their own church. Their cry does the election bestow it, nor any ceremony which may be held pretending to give consecration to the individual. The whole drama looks

OF COLUMBUS.

like a play in which actors should be

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more realistic, more serious

more logical.

La Verite published in Quebec devotes a whole page of its last issue to an attack on the Knights of Columbus, which it denounces as a machination of the Irish Americans to diminish the influence and prestige of the French Canadians in the United States. It is difficult to see on what grounds La Veritè, and La Croix, of Montreal, which has been publishing articles along similar lines, base

such assertions While we have no reason to doubt the good faith of the two papers in we must deplore their course in attacking a society posed of Catholics who have banded together to help, as much as in the power of laymen lies, the work of the Church. The latest reports from the United States show that the Order has been paying for missions in various portions of the United States while in Mexico their influence has been of the best and the prelates of that country recognize the associa tion as the best that has ever been established in that country.

That the object is to diminish the prestige or influence of French Canadians is an entirely gratuitous state nent. It is possible that some people in the New England states have not received the consideration which they considered they were entitled to. This, however, does not by any the other was means prove that matter. The National Advocate of the so-called reformation. It is not the order is Mr. Joseph C. Pelletier, a leading French Canadian of Boston, while throughout New England eminent French Canadians hold high

offices in the various councils. In the province of Quebec, though the earlier councils were composed for the vast majority of English speaking Catholics, Mr. Joseph Mercier has been for years a National Trustee representing this jurisdiction, while the State Deputy for Quebec is Dr. N. A. Dussault, Quebec. The ritual of the order has been translated into French by such an eminent French scholar as Rev. Abbe Camille Roy, of Quebec, and this version is in use in French councitizens of St. Hyacinthe, Three Rivers, Valleyfield, Granby, Sorel, as well as of Montreal and Quebec, including the Solicitor General of Canada and provincial Ministers, are members of the Order. In Montreal two French-Canadian Councils are in existence, officered by leading citizens, and the bringing together of English and French speaking Catholics in the gatherings of the order. cils of New England; while leading lics in the gatherings of the order would continue to develop and that their socials would be always of the nature of the one they were then en-

An article from the excellent periodical Wednesday evening a Leap-Year tea

dical Ave Maria gives reasons why this society should encouraged, while one of the most ardent members of the society His Lordship Bishop Roy, coadjutor Bishop of Quebec, is published, and director of L'Action Sociale, the great Catholic daily

True, the Knights of Columbus in New York took the leading part in a monster demonstration at which eminent citizens of the great American metropolis, members of Knights of Columbus, addressed thirty thousand citizens of New York and presented resolutions protesting against the action of the French Government in suppressing the religious orders and robbing the French Catholics of their property and their schools. While this might be interpreted as an expression of enmity to France, surely La Verite and its imitators will not be found among those who will blame such action.

It is to be feared that La Verite has been once again deceived by the watchful enemies of Catholicity, who are insidiously trying to propagate rumors and declarations of a nature to alarm members of the Order, be cause the opponents of the Church recognize that the Knights of Columbus constitute a strong defence for the principles upheld by

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The Merchants Bank of Canada directors are to be congratulated upon its splendid showing. They were not taken unawares while the coun try was passing through the severe money stringency simply because they took the precaution of holding a larger amount than usual of assets in cash or in loans, thus enabling it to meet quickly all calls. present position of the bank is very strong, its total assets having increased from fifty-two millions fifty-six and a half millions. The profits were \$738,597 on a paid up capital of \$6,000,000, and its assets are \$56,598,625 and the capital is supported by a rest of \$4,000,000. In their report the directors made the assertion that a clearer financial LA VERITE AND THE KNIGHTS outlook was ahead and the general renewal of trade is looked for

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T. Ryan, and if there is anything in the rumors that are going about, the guests are to have one of the most sumptuous feasts that has ever been

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