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—Pope Pius X.

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 Luther the Second. This individual is greatly exercised at the presentation of a pastoral staff by his colleagues to the newly-elected Bishop of Montreal, whom he styles "head of the Protestant church" in this city.

no right to a crozier—not because such a staff is imitation and therefore misleading. That reason goes only a short distance. What harm 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 not a shepherd. His orders are not valid. He does not belong to the episcopate.

ANGLICAN ORDERS.

Anent the present to the new Bishop and the question raised by the Witness correspondent, Luther the Second, a timely article appeared in the Tablet lately upon the Anglican Orders. This we briefly summarize.

scarcely uttered an official word since the Synod of Jerusalem in 1672. Certainly she has said nothing about Anglican Orders. Her theologians have said something. "Very doubtful" was the decision of the most eminent Greek theologians, of the nineteenth century.

LA VERITE AND THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

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.

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

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The member Young Men's Society on Tuesday Spiritual Director O'Meara, by Hall, Point St. case of his the priesthood members were taking of a da sident, Dr. C the words of v lation on beha Society. He s Rev. Canon Friends: As Preside Young Men's S very pleas words of welc this evening, b further I want own unworthin task. This evening's welcome and ho honor a disti priest, who car years ago, and his friends, to that you coul him—the hono- privilege to be- pastor whose u nial way have his parish. Truly may it Canon, that yo our people. Y associated with ligious event in and every one name is ever on

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