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PAUL,
Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1909.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

"Orphan Hours, the Year is dead!
Come and sigh, come and weep!"
"Merry Hours, smile instead,
For the Year is but asleep:
See, it smiles as it is sleeping.
Mocking your untimely weeping."

Thus Shelley, in his "Dirge for
the Year," written on the 1st of
January, 1821. And elsewhere:

"Where art thou, beloved To-mor-
row?
When young and old, and strong
and weak,
Rich and poor, through joy and sor-
row,
Thy sweet smiles we ever seek,
In thy place—ah! well-a-day!—
We find the thing we fled—To-day."

The Old Year, indeed, is dying!
But ere it fades, let us not forget
its gifts and graces—the many hours
of mirth, the good desires, the fer-
vent prayers, the health and leisure
or, perhaps, the sickness sanctified;
the riches of plenty, the Holy
Masses, the stories of our reputa-
tion at the feet of Jesus with Mag-
dalen, and, then, our presence at the
banquet of the Lord, while the very
angels envied us our blessed share!
These, and more, the memories of
1909!

But, before God, has the dying
year been for us a season of merit?
How have we served our Maker?
How have we loved our neighbor?
How have we striven after Heaven?

"The years of thy life in the balance
Eternity's measure sublime,
What are they but drops in the
ocean,
But grains on the sand shore of
time?"

Or again:
"Years roll through the palm of
ages,
As the dropping Rosary speeds
Through the cold and passive fin-
gers,
Of a hermit at his beads."

Then will come the New Year!
May it be for all men a happy and
thriving happy New Year in God's
finding! May it bring added health
and happiness to our Holy Father,
to our Archbishop and his worthy
Auxiliary, to all our good and de-
voted priests, to the self-sacrificing
Brothers and Sisters who are giving
their lives for us, to our painstaking
lay teachers, to our friends and to
our foes, to those who wish us
well and to those who wish us ill,
to the old and the young, to the
strong of body, and to the dear ones
of whom disease has made its prey.
Again, to all, a Happy New Year!
Let 1910 be God's Year! It shall

witness in our midst the glorious
pageant of Jesus in the Sacrament
of His Love.

"Give thy heart's best treasures,
From fair Nature loams;
Give thy love—and ask not,
Wait not a return!
And the more thou spendest
From thy little store,
With a double bounty
God will give thee more."

May the Mother of God make of
1910 a year of plenty for us all in
the everlasting records of His An-
gel!

THE NEW BISHOP OF LONDON, ONT.

It is rejoicing news for us all to
hear that Very Reverend Doctor M.
F. Fallon, O.M.I., has been chosen
as the new bishop of London, Ont.
Dr. Fallon needs no introduction to
our readers, or to English-speaking
Canadians in general. A man of ve-
ry superior intellect, he is also of
remarkable physique, an indefatiga-
ble worker who always makes of
an undertaking a telling success. It
must be remembered that it was
Dr. Fallon who practically took up
the fight against the anti-Catholic
kingly oath of office. His work
while at Ottawa University made of
him a brilliant national figure, and
he it was again who organized the
Buffalo province of Oblates. In a
word, he cannot but rank with the
peers of the episcopacy in Canada
and the United States. The Holy
Ghost, we feel sure, has ratified the
choice made for the diocese of the
Forest City. He may indeed feel
justly proud of the clergy over
whom he has been placed, true, sin-
cere, holy, hard-working priests,
who, more than anybody else, will
thank God for the Bishop sent them
by Heaven. Dr. Fallon is a mem-
ber of the Oblates of Mary Immacu-
late, truly a wonderful congregation
of missionaries, and a veritable se-
minary for the episcopate.

That God may spare him for many
long years, that other honors may
be made his share, and that his
zeal and earnestness may meet with
the undying success he so fully de-
serves, is the prayer of all our
readers, and of every true, loyal
son of the Church.

THE IRISH NOT A MISSIONARY RACE.

We lately came across the perverse
statement that the Irish are not to-
day a missionary race. In reply, let
us simply say:

If it were not for Irish priests, the
Church in England would still be in
its second infancy after the Reforma-
tion;

So would the Church in Scotland;
Irish priests kept the faith alive in
the United States in nine-tenths of
the cases;

You will find scores of Irish
priests, brothers and nuns among the
members of the clergy and orders in
France;

They are doing the Church's work
in Australia, South Africa, New Zea-
land;

The Irish priests are out in India
too, with nuns and brothers of their
race;

The Irish clergy are at the head
of over three hundred papers and
periodicals, all fighting for the
Church's interests;

Irishmen and men of Irish blood
are responsible for nine-tenths of the
conversions of non-Catholics to the
faith;

Ireland sends out hundreds of
priests and religious to the Eng-
lish-speaking world each year;

Irish men and women are at the
head of the religious orders in the
whole English-speaking world;

Men of Irish blood are responsible
for our two Extension societies;

So really a missionary people are
they that you will not find in their
papers insult and outrage for the
bishops and clergy of any national-
ity;

The Irish people are well known
for their readiness to untie their
purses-strings;

Look at the number of the col-
leges, convents and universities they
can show in the United States, if
you think they are only beggars in
Canada;

The Irish Catholic members of Par-
liament stood by the Manitoba
schools, independent of party alle-
giance;

The Irish paid their solid dollars
each time their sons or daughters
were educated at any college;

There are hundreds of Irish priests
and religious in the worst mission
fields of the world;

Nine-tenths of the English books
that defend the Church were writ-
ten by men of Irish blood.

Redmond and his Nationalists
voted for their secular foes in favor
of Catholic schools for England;

Irishmen are chaplains to Eng-
land's army and navy, and to those

of the United States;
Ireland has never apostatized, nor
did she ever draw the Papacy in the
mud;

Tens of thousands of priests and
hundreds of thousands of religious
have Irish blood in their veins;
Marshall MacMahon, of France,
was of Irish blood, and we know
what kind of Catholic he was;

Ireland has never had, and has not
to-day, any national heresiarch;

Religion is taught in the National
schools of Ireland.

Her national holiday is that of her
apostle, St. Patrick;

"The Irish people," says O'Con-
nell, "would not erect even a splen-
did shrine to Liberty on the ruins
of the temple."

Irish faith does not thrive on
schism.

WORD "OBEY" ELIMINATED.

The Rev. E. R. Adams, pastor of
the Forest Avenue Christian Church,
Chicago, has stricken the word
"obey" from the marriage ceremony,
and will require no woman to pro-
mise to "obey" her husband. Dr.
Adams declares the Bible places wo-
man on an equality with men, and
the idea that she is inferior to the
husband belongs, he says, to the
"Dark Ages."

Now, first of all, we are thankful
to know that it is "he" who says
what he does about the Middle
Ages. We do not like to hear a cul-
tured Anglican, for instance, dis-
parage the old days of Europe, but
we know that very little knowledge
of history is required of a preacher
among the Campbellites. According
to the ritual of the Catholic Church
there is no question of asking the
wife to "obey." She and her hus-
band are instructed in their duties
before they marry, and it is un-
derstood that they will live, not as
cannibals, but as Christians, ready
to put up with each other. The Re-
formers changed all, and their suc-
cessors are changing things all over
again. But that should cause no
surprise, for the Bible itself has been
cast to the winds. The prevalence
of divorce, for instance, although
forbidden by Christ our Savior in
the Gospel, and the facility with
which it is obtained in the United
States and most European coun-
tries, is truly deplorable, and makes
the ceremony of marriage beyond the
pale of the Church often a very
mockery. The only non-Catholic
ministers who are really fighting it
are a few truly admirable Anglican
bishops and clergymen, with a scat-
tering of right-thinking preachers in
the other sects.

Reverend Adams condemns the
"Dark Ages" on the score of justice
to womanhood. Has the poor man
never heard that it was during the
selfsame calumniated ages that wo-
man fully got back her rights? Has
he read two chapters of history
aright?

Whatever there is of worth in his
own sect, was inherited from the
Church that civilized Europe, after
having conquered Rome and the Cae-
sars; from the Church that made
Christians out of the Huns and Visi-
goths, the Vandals and the Ostro-
goths; from the Church that sent
Patrick to Ireland, Austin to Eng-
land, Boniface to Germany, Metho-
dius and Cyril to Russia; from the
Church of Gregory and Innocent;
from the Church of John Chrysos-
tom and Basil, and Austin of Car-
thage and Bernard of Clairvaux. The
"Dark Ages" against womanhood?
Humbbug! When will those preach-
ers cease raving?

But to be just to the Middle Ages,
we must judge them by the prin-
ciples and ideas of those times, and
not of our own. The Church could
not do all in a day. Even if the
converted Vandals were uncouth for
a long while, they could not have
withstood the moral atmosphere of
our great cities. They may have
had no notions about our perfumery
and were strangers to our theatric-
als; but those who preached to
them did not proclaim the gospel of
divorce, for all that. The scholars
of Germany, and of the world, have
studied the story of the Middle Ages
but their findings are food too
strong for a Campbellite meeting-
house. The great romantic school
of all nations had to go back to
the Middle Ages for themes of
grandeur and chivalry. From the
deep study of them a Von Stolberg
and the Schlegels, with a Newman
and a Brunetiere, became Catholics;
but after a slight glimpse of them a
Voltaire, a Payne, and an Ingersoll
remained deaf. With whom do the
preachers stand? Ours to question,
theirs to answer. It would be well
for Rev. Adams's country were it to
go back to the standards of old on
questions pertaining to decency.

Would there have been one million
divorces in the last twenty years, if
the ideals of his country were those
of the Middle Ages? But enough.

The wisdom of our forefathers and
the very foundations of the State
are ruined by the destructive morals
of to-day and by the creeds of the
hour that teach and inculcate every-
thing save the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ.

SOME CLAIMS OF THE CATHO- LIC CHURCH.

In the November number of one
of our truly great magazines (as
Father Talbot Smith would say),
the Catholic World, we came across
a remarkable article by Bertram C.
A. Windle, M.D., F.R.S., a brilliant
Irishman (among the many), on
"The Intellectual Claims of the Cath-
olic Church," in which he shows
that "those who take the trouble to
study it in the dry light of science
will soon discover that our Church,
from the intellectual standpoint, is
just as much a matter for marvel
and for thankfulness as it is from
any of the many other standpoints
from which it may be viewed."

Mr. Windle does not deal with all
the claims our Church has on the
minds of the intellectual, but he
gives a few facts which that most
objectionable of creatures, the "su-
perior person," would do well to
study, at least as far as his intel-
lect will permit him. Without taking
our bearings from Mr. Windle, di-
rectly or solely, we think we can
(and may) name a few of the
Church's claims, as follows:

(a) She is the only Church Christ
founded, even if Whitaker's Alma-
nac names more than a hundred
sects for England alone.

(b) She is the only One, Holy,
Catholic, and Apostolic Church—
even if Chiniquy's books, Rev. Clot,
Mother Eddy, and Deacon Jasper
Johnson say the contrary.

(c) She is the only Church whose
ministrations reach the children of
all nations, a matter belonging to
her Catholicity, but solely disputed
by the founders of the Campbellites.

(d) Her philosophy and theology
presuppose in those who study them
some education. They were never
meant to be understood by self-or-
dained exhorters or self-immortalized
sciolists.

(e) The greatest poets, littera-
teurs, scientists, general scholars,
philosophers have, in ninety per-
cent of the cases, been Catholics.
What was Pasteur? What is Lo-
renz, Von Roentgen, etc! etc?

(f) Even Darwin got his cue from
the Schoolmen.

(g) The great scientists who are
not Catholics are not Protestants
either; they are infidels. So are
the best theologians outside the
Church. Catholic argument, when it
does not win them, at least
"smokes them out."

(h) The Catholic Church is the
only one where poor and rich, igno-
rant and learned, feel equally at
home.

(i) She is the only Church that
can win a Newman, a Manning, a
Von Stolberg, a Schlegel, a Brown-
son, etc., etc., etc.

(j) She is the only Church, as
Comte de Mun says, who can give
God's answer to the agitated social
body.

(k) She is the only Church that
can boast of hundreds of thousands
of monks and nuns. What is the sa-
crifice of a Christian Endeavor
when compared with that of the
priest, brother, and nun among lep-
ers?

(l) She is the only Church that
tries seriously to save the child.

(m) The only Church that has ci-
vilitized the world. Here and there
others turned up, once the savages
had lost their thirst for blood.

(n) There is even, as the late
Father A. F. Hewit, C.S.P., once
said, a distinct charm in the word
"Catholic" for those who retain the
Christian tone and temper of mind.

(o) She is the only Church infid-
els find worth fighting.

(p) Christ was fought by all
classes of men in Jerusalem; His
Church has inherited the common
hatred of all heretics, infidels, Jews,
and schismatics.

(q) The unbroken chain of her
Popes forms the backbone of general
history. Luther is dead, but there
is still a Pope.

(r) The Church, as Archbishop
Hughes once said, is not a foreigner
on any continent or island of this
globe.

(s) She is the only Church that
can speak with authority, and the
only Church that truly respects the
Bible.

(t) She has given the artist, the
musician, the sculptor, the architect,
etc., etc., their noblest themes, the
themes that immortalized them.

(u) She is the only Church that
deserves the common hatred of such
blackguards, as Luther, Calvin, Hen-
ry VIII, Zwingle, and Knox, and
such chaps as Chiniquy, Combes and
Clemenceau.

(v) She is the only Church that

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(w) The Church that can make a
man confess his sins, although she
can have him sing hymns, strain
his eyes, and strike his breast in the
bargain.

(x) She is the only Church whose
doctrine can bear the scrutiny of
common sense.

(y) Like her founder, Jesus Christ
she never changes. Her priests can-
not teach and preach according as
every wind of doctrine moves.

(z) She is the only Church that
has never yielded, never faltered,
never gone back, never made a com-
promise with infidelity, never let go
the Old Testament or the New, ne-
ver hesitated in the conflict with
kings or people when Christianity
was at stake. She defied King Hal
and disobeyed Napoleon. From la-
test cable reports, she is not going
to fall just because Kenist Jr., Re-
verend Graham, "Goliath of Galt,"
Sam Blake, or Jasper Johnson says
she shall.

The Chinamen have an alphabet of
several thousand characters. That
is the kind we need when writing as
we now do, for the purpose of enu-
meration. "We may look back on
the Church," says the Very Rev. Dr.
Zahn, "at any period of her histo-
ry, and we shall find that she was
progressive then as she is to-day;
that then, as now, she was the one
power capable of directing and car-
rying with her the genius of the
world." And, "when a man impu-
dently contends that the Church
stifles mental freedom (or ever has
stifled it), he only proves that dull
bigotry has stifled his own, and
contradicts the whole history of hu-
man thought," remarks T. W. M.
Marshall. We are willing to admit
the honesty and sincerity of many
who disagree with us; willing to
confess that faith is an infused and
theological virtue; but what we
could never understand is how a
man can be willing to accept a part
of Revelation and leave the rest.
An infidel may have some little re-
course to logic, but a heretic has to
swear away all economy in order
to subvert as such. What we say in
this article is meant for honest
minds only.

MORE DESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS!

The following has appeared in our
generous dailies:

Geneva, Dec. 17.—(Special).—The
police to-day confirmed the report of
a wholesale exodus of members of
the Black Hand who mean to find a
new field of operation in America.
It developed also that no less than
sixty of the characters of whom forty
have been expelled from Switzer-
land are making their way by cir-
cuitous routes to the United States.
These men formerly were part of a
gang of 2,000 Italians employed in
the construction of the Loetschberg
Tunnel through the Berner alps.
This scene of industry became a hot-
bed of Black Handers, four of whom
are now in custody here awaiting
trial on charges of blackmail, as-
sault and murder.

Now, perhaps some of the two
thousand gentlemen spoken of in the
above news despatch have heard
how easy it is to enter Canada, and
our hardware merchants, if not the
second-hand stores, should employ
more salesmen, in consequence. We
must not, however, confound and
confuse the honest hard-working
Italian immigrants with the loath-
some fellows whom the Government
of Italy banishes to our shores. We
can get no better immigrants than
the good Italians, and they can
suffer no more cruelly than at the
hands of their own fellow-country-
men of the wrong kind. Nor is Southern
Italy what Northern Italy is. The
Salvation Army is willing to give
us some very desirable immigrants
in the shape and form of reclaimed
criminals, but our jails are too
small, and the ocean too big. Ralph
Connor ought to send them "Mr.
Brown," or, again, "Mr. Brown"
could go through Ontario and preach
the Monk will still be popular,
on the subject of murder. If we however.

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continue to get the kind of desirable
immigrants we are getting, we
shall soon have to use "Dread-
noughts" on Craig River, between
St. Lawrence and Beaver Hall
streets. In some parts of Europe
they are abolishing jails and peni-
tentiaries, and we are not surprised.
The prisoners are evidently hearing
the "Call of the Wild," and are
coming to us in all haste.

JUST A SHORT LETTER.

To the Editor of the True Witness:
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 28, 1909.

Dear sir,
I am enclosing a clipping tak-
en from a daily paper, it deals, as
you will see, with the action
and letter of a man, who left the
Church, just because our churches
are poorly ventilated. Most likely
you saw the same in some papers or
other. What do you think of it!
Please tell your readers.

Yours sincerely,

Yes, indeed, we had read of the
gentleman in nine or ten of our
dailies, and had smiled as we read.
If that good man could only find
how the air of his parish church has
improved since he stopped going to
it, he would, if he is honest, blame
the right party. Fraud, as Dante
says, must leave its sting in every
conscience. But "men," according
to Balmes, "frequently deceive them-
selves before they deceive others."

GOLD BRICKS AGAIN!

Our readers know what we think
of hypocritical proselytizers. Re-
spectable Protestants—and they are
the very vast majority among their
brethren—have often been warned.
Some have taken heed, but many,
have taken heed, but many, alas!
very many, will not take us serious-
ly! The following from our respect-
ed contemporary, Register-Extension,
speaks for itself. Says the editor:

"And so the Rev. George M. At-
las, Presbyterian missionary, lectur-
er and evangelist, has disappeared
with the funds of his confiding coun-
trymen. We warned the Mission
Board some time ago that these
Greek missionaries were worth
watching, but our warning fell upon
deaf ears. This was the gentleman
who discovered that the Catholics of
Laghorn worshipped a holy ass. Our
evangelical brethren are now con-
vinced that the holy asses are not
confined to any particular city."

But Brother Atlas inherited a fa-
mily trait. One of his ancestors was
no ordinary thief: he could not be
ly burglarize a poor-box, but carry
off the world in the bargain. "Ma-
could go through Ontario and preach
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