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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 13th, 1905.

Mr. Thomas Coney
My. Dear Sir.—Since coming to
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UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA. Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1900.

Mr. Thomas Coffey:

Dear Sir: For some time past I have read you satimable paper, the CATHOLIC RECORD. and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published its manner and form are both good; and a truly Catholic spirit pervades the whole. Therefore, with pleasure, I; can recommend it to the faithful. Bless ng you and wishing you success, believe me to remain.

Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ. †D. Falconio, Arch. of Larissa, Apost. Deleg.

LONDON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1908

SPIRITUALISM. The spirits are going into photogra

phy. So far their studios are limited to

a few Anglican churches. Whether the business will be sufficiently remunera tive to open branches in the Methodist and Presbyterian chapels we cannot say. It takes time to develop new business lines, however novel and encouraging they may be. Of all the mortals to bring back to earth we venture to assert that the man or woman with the kodak is the most uninviting. Fiends we called them every time they strove to spot us when innocently recreating ourselves upon a quiet lawn or on the deck of a steamer or trying to catch the beauty of some landscape. Fiends they are still if any justice on the other side is done to injured feelings. Leave them alone, say we; for it was provoking enough that they should carry our photograph around with them in this world. To think that they are taking the same liberties with it in the other world passes the limit of our patience. These kodak flends from the other side of the Styx have not come our way yet-and we are confident they never will. It seems some of them appeared lately in England, that is, if we are to give credence to Archdeacon Colley, rector of Stockton, Warwickshire, He lectured in Manchester and at the close exhibited what he called " snirit photographs ' These were not photographs which these kodak-fiends had taken on the other side. and brought with them to sell or show their old friends. They were not enlarged portraits of the old boatman Charon, or of any of the judges whom ancient mythology placed in charge of One of them, we are told, was taken in March last. It showed the Archdeacon's mother who was dead for fifty years. Another represented his father. "A third print." says the report, "showed some archaic Greek characters, and around them in ten eccentric lines some microscopital writing which, according to the Archdeacon, contained a message from a friend who has been dead for twenty-five years." From the description given by the Archdeacon they have improved upon the ordinary kodak. This photograph was taken without a camera. Archdeacon Colley went to the house of a friend, took out three plates, sealed them and retained possession of them in his hands. His to the old system, under whose fosterfriend clasped his hands, and a lady had to take part. She placed her hand the beauty and strength of union. Now above and below the friend's hands. Then the friend went into a trance, ex- the natural order for cultivation and claiming: "They are writing." And development. It passed that way out came the photograph and the arch- Bacon and Locke dug the earthly chanaic Greek. For a sensible man to des- nel and turned the waters down the cribe this ridiculous scene to a congre- rocks of material hills and along the gation from a pulpit is more than plains of temporal utilities and comimagination can picture. The task is forts. People called it science, dangerous for weak-minded and the for so it may be. There may be strong-minded alike. The former may be inclined to practise the forbidden art; and the latter, scandalized by the farce, would turn away disgusted. We quote the description, not that any It is of the earth earthy: and conof our readers may try the experiment, but in order to show how careless non- ral. Science then let it be termed Catholics are of God's house. The Those who use it must remember that it whole story seems to us nonsensical. Its truth does not excuse an Archdeacon field of investigation than the horizon who uses his pulpit for the purpose of parading his own misconduct in this ne- range of the telescope and on the other

in history: these are, however, all the more to be shunned and dreaded as interventions of the evil one. When the Lord visits His people He does not come in the noise of the loud wind or the danger of uncalled for hand-clasping or any abnormal exercise of the faculties. None of these mark the coming of the Holy Ghost. All is calm: the intelligence is illumined, the heart kindled, the will strengthened. There is no crisis, no forgetfulness on awakening. Whenever we meet with the reverse we know that if any spirit is present it is an evil spirit. Catholics are protected because they are forbidden to indulge in any of these practices. They cannot conscientiously take part in them, were it only for amusement. These things are superstitious and alien to that faith of ours which is always intelligent. The art of photography has field enough in this world with the living. Let the dead rest in peace.

A WORD UPON FACULTIES.

Arguments seem to take place upon strange subjects. Here is a correspondent who lately had an oral controversy as to whether an excommunicated priest could hear confessions; again, whether such a priest could prepare a dying person for death. In danger of death, every priest has faculties to absolve-even ar excommunicated priest if others be unavailable. Outside of the sacrament of penance, which requires jurisdiction for its validity, an excommunicated priest can validly administer any of the sacraments of which a priest is the ordinary minister. Whether an excommunicated priest can licitly administer the other sacraments we must distinguish between excommunication tolerati and excom munication non-tolerati. The former can administer the other sacraments as often as they are asked to do so by the faithful. The latter cannot except in cases of great inconvenience. They cal administer Viaticum and Extreme Unc tion when the sick man cannot on account of the nature of his infirmity duly confess his sins, because in these circumstances he could not receive the sacra ment of penance. From these few words and the distinctions which they indicate three things are clearly in evidence The Church respects the validity of the sacraments-She insists upon the sanctity of her priests, and She opens as wide as possible the gates of mercy to the dying.

CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE.

One of the most useful tasks science could at present undertake is to explain its own principles and define clearly its own terms. The fault of all nominalist philosophy, and modern science is nominalistic, is that its language is obscure, shifting from point to point in the compass of thought. Unstable in use and unreal in meaning science brings confusion and unbelief in its train. It was the very opposite with scholasticism Its logic was unassailable, its termin ology exact, its system complete. What ever benefits scholasticism conferred upon the learning of its own age, its richest legacy to succeeding ages was the careful and well-ordered use of its language. All this perished when at the so-called reformation the scientific arrangement of theology made way with | tions was the foundation of the associathe secessionists for private judgment, tion which has already put its shoulder culivate it." nd the sacramental system for justifica. They were the pictures of tion by faith. - Learning recled under the blow inflicted upon Catholic theology by the would-be reformers. Reason found itself standing alone in the great hall-its higher light extinguished, its heavenly support gone. No more could it lean upon its beloved. No more would it appear coming up from the desert, rediant as the sun and beautiful as the gentle silver moon. The supernatural soon became dim. Philosophy sprang up whose principles were mater ialistic and whose conclusions threaten ed all religion. Protestantism rejected not merely Catholic creed and theology but scholasticism. A new order had to be created, a new language coined. It was not so easy. The only principles worth preserving had been engrafted ining care faith and reason had shown they must walk apart. There remained an initial point and a regular line along which the system ran. It is a poor substitute for what once produced saints and swayed the thoughts of scholars. cerns itself entirely with things tempois mere physical science-with no wider of sease, limited on the one hand by the vention are not altogether wanting science cannot satisfy the immortal soul able. The pennies of the poor and the quent in the future.

which is ever face to face with deeper problems than those presented by the natural elements. For several generations philosophy pursued a path of its ownseparate from religion. This would no do. Science and religion must unite. for in the ultimate analysis and search for truth there cannot be dualism in man's mind. But prior to such union it s essentially necessary that the term science be clearly understood. There is no quarrel in Catholic schools to-day between faith and science, for the sound eason that the two have always been nited and that faith is the higher light. Another reason why the term should be roperly understood is that science is coming too cheap. What passes for cience is often not the real article Union with that class of science is artificial, a make-shift, unconvincing and use less either for religious purposes or scientific advancement. We have a case in point -and we apologize for being so long in reaching it. The subject itself is wide. The difference between Catholic and By the report of synodical conferences Protestant is, we know, one of deep principle. It is also one of language. If side the church are making strenuous Christianity and science are to unite efforts to spread their various and con-Protestantism must change both its flicting doctrines amongst the red men heological and philosophical basis, and of the northwestern plains, as well as to in its language it should become more lefinite and real, less obscure and nom-

TO BE CONTINUED.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A most exquisite specimen of the ook-making art has been lately issued from the press of the above mentioned association. It is entitled "The Last Battle of the Gods," in allusion to the war which Julian the Apostate declared against Christianity. Its author is the Rev. Francis Clement Kelley. who has been instrumental in founding one of the grandest works of the cen tury. The first portion of the volume is devoted to a history of the newest missionary movement. The second part consists of a series of charming tales. written in a picturesque and attractive style, and breathing that intense earnestness and burning zeal which has caused this young western clergyman to ecome veritably a new crusader. The whole purpose of the book, as well as of the organization with which it deals, is to make known to the public at large the crying needs of the Church in the emoter districts of the Great Republic. Bishop Geddes in 1787 contains a brief

A few words concerning its origin and aims may be of some interest, in view of the fact that there is question of extending the Church Extension So ciety into Canada. In October, 1905, nineteen men assembled in the archiepiscopal residence in Chicago. They were representatives respectively of the far South, the far West, the Southwest and the North. They included two archbishops, two bishops, eight priests and seven laymen, and amongst the latter were lawyers, manufacturers, editors and captains of industry. They had met to consider the condition of those vast tracts of country that are churchless and priestless, where thousands of souls are lost because there is needs. The result of their deliberato the wheel and set in motion a ery that has, in a brief space, accomplished wonders in the spiritual domain. What has been already done can scarcely be described in cold type. In fact, it reads like a page of romance.

The Extension Society has its offices fitted up in "The Rookery" in Chicago, with a staff of competent workers, and where the methods are most business-like azine, "The Extension," issued monthly. at the low price of \$1.00 a year, and this, while supplying excellent reading, keeps the reader informedof the progress of the work and assists its revenues. It is impossible to particularize the good that has been done in the building of churches, supplying of priests, distribution of literature and assisting of missionaries, who have been struggling single-handed for years against almost insuperable difficulties. More than this, it has opened the eyes of the country at large to the heroic toils, the almost incredible privations, in some cases the absolute destitution, of these pioneer prelates and priests, who have been laboring in the wilderness for the cause of God, and has made manifest the necessity for united

Amongst the wonders wrought is the sending forth of a chapel car, fully equipped for the saying of Mass and the administration of the sacraments, in places where it is, so far, impracticable to provide church or priest. The success which has attended this venture is poetry and humor of Mr. Daly is known such as to encourage its promoters be- and appreciated throughout the continyond their wildest hopes. This car is ent of America. He deservedly takes the munificent gift of the Hon. Ambrose Petry, K. C. G., who also, it has been Dr. Drummond, the poet of the habisaid, has built twelve hundred chapels in honor of St. Anthony, a use of wealth, London with a bumper house and that eromancy. Marks of superhuman inter- by the search of the microscope. This by the way, which is highly commend-

mite contributed by the worker, have also been found in this, as in all Catho lic works, to be of immense value Every one, in fact, can do a little for the good cause. The list includes people of all classes and conditions. The Board of Directors and of Founders and Life Members, whose donations begin at a thousand, includes a goodly number of Archbishops, Bishops and priests, both regular and secular, besides prominen

laymen. May it be hoped that this splendid organization may extend into Canada. where it is scarely less urgently needed nd where, in the vast regions of the North-west, conditions are somewhat similar to those of the southern and western states. It is clear that its efforts would be for the material no less than for the spiritual interests of the country, since the supplying of churches and priests would attract a desirable class of emigrants and promote good citizenship in these already arrived. it is evident that the derominations outthe white settlers. And while honoring them for these efforts, it is the province of those who possess the one, indivisible doctrines of the Church of Christ to be still more urgent in their endeavors to spread the kingdom of God upon earth. A. T. S.

A SCOTTISH BISHOP AND THE

POET BURNS. Amongst those who kept alive the light of the faith in Scotland during the latter half of the eighteenth century was Bishop John Geddes. He was born in Banffshire in 1735, was ordained priest at the Scots college in Rome in 1759, and in 1779, while rector of the Scots College at Valladolid, in Spain, was named as coadjutor to Bishop Hay, of Aberdeen, Scotland. This consecration took place at Madrid on St. Andrew's day of the same year the function being performed by the Archbishop of Toledo, assisted by the Bishops of Nigel and Almeria. After his consecration he resided for a time in Edinburgh, but later took up his abode in Aberdeen. Bishop Geddes had considerable literary attainments, and on this account he be came acquainted with many distinguished persons, amongst them being Robert Burns. A letter written by reference to the post, who had recently emerged from his rural obscurity in Avrshire:

One Burns, an Avrshire ploughman has lately appeared as a very good poet, writes the Bishop. "One edition of his works has been sold rapidly, and another by subscription, is in the press.' On another occasion Bishop Geddes writes to the same effect : "There is an excellent poet started up in Ayrshire. where he has been a ploughman. He has made many excellent poems in old Scotch, which are now in the press for the third time. His name is Burns. He is only twenty-eight years old. He is in Edinburgh just now, and I supped with him once at Lord Monbodda's, where I none to minister to their spiritual conversed a good deal with him, and think him a man of uncommon genius; and he has, as yet, time, if he lives, to

active interest in the young poet. In the Edinburgh subscription list prefixed to the edition of Burns' poems, published in 1787, we find many the Scottish foreign colleges and monasteries, with Valladolid at their head, inserted, no doubt, by the amiable Bishop. The poet reciprocated the friendly feeling implied in the and up-to-date. It has established a mag- act. An interesting letter addressed by Burns to Bishop Geddes dated Feb. 3, 1789, has preserved the memory of their mutual regard. Among other things, we learn from it that the Bishop's copy of the poems was at that time in Burns' possession, for the insertion of some additional pieces, by the poet's own hand; and that Burns anticipated the pleasure of meeting the Bishop in Edinburgh, in the following

> The above information was taken from the old records in the Catholic Church in Aberdeen and has never before appeared in print. We doubt not it will be of peculiar interest to the large number of Scottish subscribers to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

month.

WE ARE PLEASED TO KNOW that London will have a visit from Thomas Augustine Daly, poet and humorist. Mr-Daly is on the staff of the Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times, a paper which ranks amongst the very best Catholic papers of America. The rank with James Whitcomb Riley, and tant. We trust he will be received in his visits to Canada will be quite fre-

"THE WORLD TO-DAY," a very in. fluential publication, deals with the nomination of Mr. Debs, the Socialist for President of the United States. The religious attitude of socialism, it says, "as viewed by most of its eaders, can be no longer disguised. Socialists are materialists and agnostics." It is quite true the Socalist cor vention adopted a plank to the effect that it was not concerned with religious beliefs, but our secular contemporary contends that this was a mere expedi ent until the time came for a campaign of materialism. Morris Hillquit, a noted socialist, puts the case in very candid fashion: "We should not." he says, " go out in our propaganda among the people who are still groping in obscurity and tell them that they must first become materialists before they can become members of the socialist party." This is very plain speaking ndeed. If there are any Catholics who have a leaning towards the new propaganda, beautiful to look at, but only lead sea fruit, we trust they will ponder on the pronouncement of Mr. Hillquit. True happiness both here and hereafter will be found in close alliance with the Catholic Church.

Transcript, Mr. E. M. Thompson, was present at the Quebec celebration. Writing to that paper he remarks that "many Protestants suppose that the Church gives very little to the people in return for what it takes from them but that this is an error due to prejudice. The fact is, he says, that the Church renders the people of Quebec great service not merely in the spiritual but also in the temporal order. The test of a civilization, he declares, is Does it produce a people remarkable for industry, morality, good humor fecundity, good manners, physical strength and contentment? All these things are found in French Canada, and therefore, Mr. Thompson concludes We English - speaking Protestants have more to learn from Jean Baptiste and his Church than they have to learn from us." All which we respectfully submit to the consideration of our non Catholic neighbors of the Baptist Methodist and Presbyterian denominations, who spend large sums of money by employing missionaries in the province of Quebec for the purpose of converting the habitant from the 'errors of Romanism."

A CORRESPONDENT of the Boston

In Indiana one of those poor unfortun ates calling himself an "ex-priest," and whose name is Delaney, is going from place to place lecturing against the Catholic Church. He will have audiences, because there will be always with us people who carry about with them a large stock of bigotry and a small stock of common-sense. This individual was never a priest no did he even study for the priesthood. He at one time aspired to be a Christian Brother but was expelled from Epiphany Apostolic College at Baltimore, because he figured in a number of doubtful transactions. He finally disappeared, but has now turned up as an ex-priest. We might add that he attempted to enter the Lutheran and Baptist communions, but in each case was expelled because of charges of embezzlement, the truth of which he admitted. We would advise our non-Cathfriends to beware of ex-priests. If they give them encouragement trouble is in store for them.

BISHOP CONATY, referring to the Total Abstinence Movement, says there are "not wanting men who regard it as productive of good for drunkards, while they do not hesitate to call it fanaticism when an appeal is made to them to become total abstainers, even though it be for the purpose of saving others from the dangers of drink. Now, the Board of Health that would occupy itself in time of an epidemic with simply relieving the plague-stricken, while neglecting to take measures to dry up the sources of the plague, would not be considered as possessing good judgment nor capable of providing for the welfare of society." We know many good Catholics who never touch intoxicating beverages but who cheerfully became members of Temperance Societies with the purpose of showing their less fortunate neighbors a good example. This is the real Catholic spirit. Would we had more of

MANY A MODEST, unpretentious, Catholic servant girl has by force of good example been the means of bringing into the Church people prominent in social circles. It is one of these girls who caused Mrs. Annie M. Davis, the widow of a well-known Boston silk merchant, to become a Catholic. Some years ago, accompanied by one of her domestics, she visited several Catholic churches of Boston, and was so deeply impressed that she began to study the catechism, receiving instruction from her faithful helper. In many a home of the wealthy, servant girls, by exemplary conduct, and by the fulfillment of their religious obligations, become real missionaries.

ONE OF OUR NON-CATHOLIC contemporaries draws attention to the fact that considerable space is given to Catholic Church news in some of the secular dailies, and because of this a suspicion has crossed his mind that the "Romish Church" is gaining entrance into the editorial sanctum. We would ask our esteemed contemporary not to be perturbed. Even if all he advances were true there is no danger whatever of our civil and religious liberties. We would like to whisper in his ear a bit of news of which he seems to be entirely in ignorance. Here it is: A priest will never be found button-holing reporters but the reporters have a habit of buttonholing the priests. Scarcely if ever is it the case that a priest is fond of newspaper notoriety. He has a habit of minding his own business, and he has a well-established horror of the newspaper lime-light.

A NON-CATHOLIC LADY in Portland, Oregon, Mrs. Mason, left \$1,000 to the Sisters of the Good Shepherd, \$2,000 to St. Vincent's Hospital, and liberal donations to other Catholic charities. This might well be taken as a rebuke to the many wealthy Catholics, both men and women, who remember not God and His Church when making their wills. It is well, of course, to provide suitably for one's own, but it is a poor will that ignores God's kingdom upon earth. We have in mind wealthy Catholics who left large fortunes to their relatives but not a penny to the Church. We have also in mind some cases in which these fortunes were spent in riotous living, and premature death and dishonored names were the portion of the legatees.

OUR FRIENDS OF THE JEWISH faith have taken steps to put a stop to caricatures of their nationality on the stage. In this they are quite right. The action taken by the Irish people has had salutary effect. We now seldom see the ragged Irishman under the influence of whiskey and holding a short black pipe n his mouth. The average Jew and the average Irishman are very different from what they are represented in the playouses. There are, of course, some Jews nd some Irishmen who are no credit to their kind; but this may be said of all nationalities. The best way of stopping these vulgar misrepresentations is to avoid going to places of amusement where they are permitted.

THE BREWERS of the United States have placed themselves upon record as opposed to indecent and lascivious advertising in connection with the sale of liquors. They have resolved that any ember making use of such obscene matter will be expelled. This should be placed to their credit. Some of the matter referred to is shocking in its indecency and comes to us for the most part in the shape of pictures on calendars.

or the CATHOLIC RECOR OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE SAINTS.

The Catholic Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, is comprised of three great component parts, the Church militant, the Church suffering, and the Church triumphant. The Church militant is that part which is struggling manfully here below against the obstacles of the world, the flesh and the devil, that it n, and thus mature it self for its eternal glory in heaven. The Church suffering is that portion of the Mystical Body which has ceased to fight, and is now undergoing the process of cleansing, that it may be made fit to take its appointed place with those members who are more closely united with the head. The Church triumphant is composed of those members who have both finished their warfare, and whose process of purification has been accomplished either here on earth, or in the refining fires of purgatory, and who now by their perfect union with Christ, their head, form an integral factor with him in the work of the salvation of their brethren.

But notwithstanding that these three are in a sense separated from one another; notwithstanding the fact that the circumstances of death and suffering are the causes of conditions that delay for a time the fullest and most perfect state of union, nevertheless they are intimately associated one with another by an indissoluble union; and the source of that indissoluble union is Jesus Christ their Head. They have all been made members of His Body by their baptism, and as a consequence, members one with another. They have become, by union with Him, a living body, and they derive their vitality and their intercommunion from the divine spirit, which has been diffused through each

individual unit.
Such being the case, those who have now passed beyond the veil, and are reigning in eternal bliss, being all members of that same body of which we of earth form a part, are intimately connected with our affairs on earth. They watch our actions with deep interest; they sympathise with us in our sorrows, our afflictions and our cares they are sharers with us in our true joys, and they join with us in the prayers and intercessions which we offer to God for the welfare of our souls and for the salvation of our fellow beings. By their union with their Head and ours, which is Christ, they form, as it were, a part of re were, a part of us. Our joys are their joys, and our sorrows and afflictions are the subject of their prayers. They pray, not for themselves, for their time of suffering and of conflict is past, but for

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