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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

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ARCHBISHOP RYAN.

It is not often that a man of positive character is the recipient of such tributes of praise and love as are tendered to the Archbishop of Philadelphia.

He has tact it is said—to account for his influence. Politicians, many of them, have tact and are respected for it.

THE MAFIA IN NEW YORK.

The Mafia Association, which is an Italian Society analogous to the Anarchists, is strongly suspected of being at the bottom of a number of murders in New York State.

On this gang, it is expected, will be fastened the guilt of blackmailing in scores of cases, as well as four or five murders and counterfeiting on a large scale.

evidence complete which will connect them with the crime. One of these men is said to have been the actual murderer, while the other two aided in its perpetration.

Two men among those arrested, named Murillo and Supo, are alleged to be respectively the President and Treasurer of the Mafia Association.

THE PERSECUTION IN FRANCE.

Mons. Combes, the French Premier, has taken another step in advance in his war upon the Catholic Church.

Advices from Rome state that the Pope is greatly afflicted at the determined persecution carried on by the French Government against the Church.

The attempt of Premier Combes to precipitate a schism by the nomination of three Bishops to fill vacant Sees without consulting the Pope, has not so far been successful.

The Episcopate have not been cowed by the persecution to which they have been subjected, into yielding to M. Combes, but they continue to protest vigorously against his anti-Catholic and anti-Christian policy.

To cultivate the mind would really be a very unsatisfactory sort of thing unless we cultivate that which truly makes us men—that is, our moral character.

THE TORONTO STAR ON THE MASS, etc.

An esteemed correspondent directs our attention to a letter from a correspondent of the Toronto Star, which appeared in that journal in its issue of 13th April.

The Star correspondent tells that these immigrants are devout worshippers, a fact of which we are fully aware from other sources of information.

There was nothing quiet about the ceremonial garments, and five minutes after the service opened, the front of the hall resembled a couple of Grand Lodges in solemn convulsion.

A despatch from New York states that the Rev. Paul James Francis, an American Episcopal monk, who is called "the Minister-General of the order of Atonement," with headquarters at Garrison, has been charged by Bishop Coleman of Delaware with openly advocating recognition of the Catholic Church and of the Pope as the Head of the whole Christian Church.

Some friend presented a mountain at Garrison to the monk, which was valued at \$300, and he erected on it a monastery, under title of the Atonement, and a second religious house for women under the same title which is under charge of his sister as Lady Superior.

Our correspondent says that the writer of the article in the Star is evidently one of those smart Alecks whose only ambition is to show how awfully clever he is at saying funny things.

The Star refused to insert a letter from our correspondent taking exception to the frivolous way in which a solemn religious service was described, and the reason given for the refusal was that the writer "did not intend any irreverence."

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But who may that Head of the Church be? King Edward VII.? The Kaiser William? The Abyssinian Negus? or the Gregorian Patriarch of Armenia?

We have not the least doubt that the Star's correspondent has grossly exaggerated the whole scene in order to create a laugh at the expense of religion.

The Bishop he describes as "a little fellow with tip-tilted nose." This is surely a flippant style to adopt regarding the minister of God in the act of discharging his duty.

The vestments used by the Bishop in the celebration of Mass were certainly not frivolous or ridiculous; for they are those which the Catholic Church uses in divine service, and which express symbolically the sufferings and passion of Christ.

It was surely a most opportune time for the Galician immigrants to hold a divine service of thanksgiving to God Who had led them safely through the perils of a long journey till they were almost within sight of the promised land towards which their footsteps were directed.

A STRANGE HERESY TRIAL.

Brother Francis is in the Diocese of Delaware, and Bishop Coleman is preparing the documents to try him on a formal charge of heresy.

There is no doubt that Christ intended that His Church should be one. He built His Church—not Churches—on a rock, and against it the gates of hell shall not prevail.

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Not one of these has ever claimed to be by divine appointment the Head of the Universal Church, though they do occupy that position in regard to the local schismatical or heretical Churches of their respective nations;

Even those who now deny the right of the Pope to rule the Church of God, admit that the Church appointed him to the Supremacy tacitly if not expressly.

The passages of Scripture which we have quoted and others also show that the appointment of Peter was of divine and not ecclesiastical law.

THE LATE SIR OLIVER MOWAT.

Our readers have already learned of the death of Sir Oliver Mowat, Premier of Ontario, on Sunday April 19th, and we have now to record the fact that from all sides, independently of party politics, the deepest regret for his loss and the keenest sympathy with his bereaved family were expressed.

Many beautiful floral tributes were sent by friends of the deceased and its provinces to manifest their respect for the deceased as a Christian statesman who labored honestly and indefatigably during his long life for the welfare of the whole community; for it is the universal appreciation of all classes that the best interests of the country were always dear to his heart.

The honorary pall-bearers at the funeral, which took place on Wednesday the 22nd inst., were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Hon. J. M. Gibson, Chief Justice Moss, Chancellor Boyd and Sir William Mulock.

The general sentiment of the letters and expressions of sympathy and regret which were sent to show condolence may be summed up by the following resolution which was passed by the Winnipeg City Council, and forwarded to Toronto:

"The Municipal Council of the City of Winnipeg in Council assembled, tender to the relatives of the late Sir Oliver Mowat their sincere sympathy, and at the same time wish to bear testimony to the integrity of one who has long been one of Canada's statesmen and citizens."

His (Sir Oliver's) ripe years and long services have endeared him to the whole people of Ontario, particularly to the people of Canada, and was known wherever the institutions of the country were known; and he endeared him to the members of this House, or to many of them who shared with him in a greater or less degree, the responsibilities as well as the pleasures of legislation; and he endeared him more particularly to those of us who were his colleagues, who knew his zeal in the public service, his great desire to maintain in its fullest integrity the honor and dignity of the Assembly, and his unremitting efforts to maintain at a high level the legislation of this House.

enced and to-day deplore the loss they had sustained. He said:

"Sir Oliver Mowat was a great party leader and a great public man, and he was also a good man with all that these two expressions imply, and to arrive at a proper estimation of the character and service of Sir Oliver we must remember that he desired to perpetuate British institutions on the continent of North America.

Mr. Whitney concluded by stating that Sir Oliver Mowat's political friends will not be the only mourners on the present occasion. The Conservative Opposition are proud of his services to the country, deplore his death, and offer their earnest sympathy to the family he leaves behind him.

THE CARTHUSIAN MONKS AT GRENOBLE.

The Paris correspondent of the London Times says that Dom Haglin, Prior-General of the Carthusians, has written a letter to Monsieur Combes, President of the Council of Ministers, in which he says:

The outrage against religion which was perpetrated at the house of Mr. Moses Goldsmith of Cincinnati, and which has already been mentioned in our columns, has aroused the greatest possible amount of indignation in that city, and Protestants equally with Catholics have expressed their condemnation in most vigorous language.

We already published the condemnation uttered by one Jewish Rabbi, who deemed it his duty to denounce the occurrence in his synagogue. Several Protestant ministers have also denounced it in terms equally energetic, among whom is the Rev. Mr. Blodgett of St. Paul's Methodist church, who said in his church:

"The press of this city has in the past week had much to say about a social gathering in one of the most elegant homes in this city. At their gathering a ballet girl personated a Sister of Mercy. The community has been more shocked than if a murder had been committed. Two things are demonstrated in this general indignation.

"First. That the slums are not all in the lower down-town districts. It is about times that we established missions in some of the most aristocratic quarters of this city. The slum artery is in the heart rather than in the tenement house or mansion of the rich.

"Second. Sacred things and callings must not be caricatured. The impersonation of the sacred work of a priest, rabbi or preacher, of a Sister of Mercy or deaconess, either in a play of a theatre or in a social gathering in a private home, is injurious to morals and an insult to God Almighty.

Rev. D. G. said: "We are reaching effect in Cincinnati. Ants alike, why man in the city. Sisterhood will purity and sell man who has mask the garb cloak of one tinkle the dancer revelers discern he and his gu-

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