

Critics of the Church.

Old Charges Repeated by Hostile Writers in West.

Macaulay's Comment.

Catholics are not numerous in Saskatchewan, and it seems to entail a struggle on laity and clergy to maintain their proper position.

There are material difficulties, and writes a correspondent of the True Witness, there are hostile critics who have free access to the press of the province.

In brief, they alleged that the Church was the opponent of science; that the Church hindered rather than preserved learning in the Middle Ages, and one correspondent was quite keen in the affair of Galileo.

There is not, and there never was on this earth, a work of human policy so well deserving of examination as the Roman Catholic Church.

The history of that Church joins together the two great ages of human civilization. No other institution is left standing which carries the mind back to the times when the smoke of sacrifice rose from the Pantheon, and when cameleopards and tigers bounded in the Flavian amphitheatre.

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ness, and of very different importance. But neither is revealed religion of the nature of a progressive science.

PROGRESS IN DIVINITY.

It is plain, therefore, that in divinity there cannot be a progress analogous to that which is constantly taking place in pharmacy, geology, and navigation.

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Vapo-Resolena. Established 1879. Whooping Cough, Croup, Bronchitis, Cough, Grip, Asthma, Diphtheria. Cresolene is a boon to Asthmatics.

Insult to Catholics.

American Aid for Earthquake Sufferers is Wrongfully Used.

Explanation Demanded.

The following letter has been forwarded to the True Witness, and fully explains its purpose.

St. Louis, Mo., March 22, 1909. To the President, Secretary and Officers of the American Red Cross Association,

Gentlemen: The American Federation of Catholic Societies, representing millions of American Catholics, desire official information regarding the enclosed despatch, published in the papers of the United States on Feb. 6th, and referring to an appropriation made by your Society. The despatch reads:

Rome, Feb. 7, 1909. "It is officially declared that the American Red Cross Association, through Ambassador Griscom, has put \$250,000 at the disposal of the committee organized by Queen Helena which has undertaken the establishment of an orphanage to be devoted to the care of children left homeless and without parents by the earthquake disaster."

Under date of Feb. 6th, 1909, the "La Civiltà Cattolica" published in Rome, states that a National Patronage of Orphans, under the name of "Queen Helena," has been erected by decree of the 14th of January and to it have been granted all legal rights for the protection of orphans, who have suffered by the recent calamity or who will need protection on account of any future disaster.

The "Civiltà Cattolica" states: "It is evident from the entire policy of the National Committee that the Pope was refused all voice in the disposition of the orphans. He never entered the committee's considerations except that it is trying and succeeding in hampering everywhere, for instance:

1. The Government (i.e., the National Committee) refused to send any of the wounded to the hospital of Santa Maria in Home so that the Knights of Malta had to make up a train themselves to go to Naples in order to get the wounded.

2. The Catholics officers of the Spanish ship Catalune were hampered in gathering the wounded and orphans at Messina to take them to Rome for disposition of the Pope. This ship has been placed under the direct control of the Pope by the Count of Camillas, the owner.

3. The Pope was interfered with in placing orphans in the care of the French priests, Santol.

From the above it appears that part of the money contributed by our fellow citizens, irrespective of creed or nationality, is being used by missionary societies and others against Catholicity.

Some of our Catholic fellow-citizens feared that such would likely be the case, but they nevertheless contributed liberally, thinking that in such a crisis and such distress haste was necessary and bigotry would not be allowed to have part.

But from the above statements it is evident that their fears were well founded and if it turns out that the statements are true, the Red Cross Society—though splendid in its aims—will never be trusted again by the 15 millions of Catholics of this country, nor by the 370,000,000 Catholics the world over.

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ILLNESS OF PASTOR OF NOTRE DAME. News has come to us of the severe illness at the Hotel Dieu of the Rev. Abbe Troie, pastor of Notre Dame Church.

CITY IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE. A deputation consisting of Dr. Leigh R. Gregor, of the McGill Arts Faculty, and Dr. Albert Lesage, Laval, waited upon the Catholic School Commissioners in order to interest them in their newly founded association.

THE DEFAMATION OF IRELAND. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in replying to the toast of his health at the annual dinner of the members of the Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin protested against the campaign carried on, in the interests of party, for the defamation of Ireland.

FOOD. The feast of the body, not the food, not the food of love a magnificent but his Christ. His invitation caused himself fast in the grand and intemperate yet for them they excused were held ate appetites Christ, they excused they were cause they were affairs of the time for the a knew what ex The worst sin an experience not acquainted aware of the of every big o in London, in New York, in In every big o tion. But G. His banquet, welcomed the

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