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Mr. Thomas Coffey. My Dear Sir—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is directed with intelligence and ability, and above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. Dear Sir: For some time past I have read your admirable paper, THE CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.

LONDON, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1909. REV. MR. KNOWLES AND HIS TRAVELS.

Some men should either stay home altogether; or, if they travel, they should take a guide with them. The Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Galt, is one of these. He has been abroad, so that our advice is locking the stable after the horse has been stolen.

ANGLICAN ALL SAINTS' DAY.

When an Anglican minister undertakes to explain any of the Saints' festivals he is between Scylla and Charybdis. The rock and the whirlpool are too much for him. This feature of liturgy is too indelibly Catholic for even those who hold the continuity theory.

DR. MILLIGAN'S CHURCH UNION.

What happy thoughts some people have. We really enjoy them. How different a world it would be if newspapers had cogitations, neither poetic nor prophetic, but beaming with self-importance and radiant with self-righteousness.

uninterrupted testimony that not to them belongs the glory but to God's Holy Name. It is shabby to have a feast of All Saints, and turn to them and say: "We do not worship you; we have no idea of praying to you."

WHAT OF THE DEAD.

A correspondent has sent us an address by a Brooklyn minister upon the question, "Where are the Dead?" He maintains they are in an unconscious state—having no experience of interior feeling and no thought of what is going on.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS TO FRENCH CANADIANS.

It is not hard, indeed it is unsatisfactorily easy for an erroneous conscience to justify itself. As an example we have the Presbyterian excusing its French Canadian missions not because the French Canadian Catholics "are not Christians, but because their Christianity is of an imperfect kind."

Whatever their diversities may be now, when they enter Dr. Milligan's Catholic Church these differences will cease. They will feel that they are brethren—doing others as you know they will do you.

GOLDWIN SMITH'S RETIREMENT.

Professor Goldwin Smith announced the other day that on account of old age he had retired from active journalism. We do not hesitate to express our regret. This feeling is not based upon the fact that we were, even frequently, in accord with Dr. Smith.

A DESERVED HONOR.

A fitting recognition of personal worth and public service was the banquet lately tendered Hon. Charles Murphy, Secretary of State, in his native city, Ottawa.

Those who maintain that these two churches are not identical, although they admit with a crimson blush Rome as a sister, do not hesitate to say that Rome fell. They would have the world believe that Rome is no longer holy. We call our correspondent's attention to what we deem an important safeguard, the insisting upon the epithet "holy" being applied to the Roman Catholic Church.

IRELAND'S INDUSTRIES.

We have received from Dr. Ambrose, nationalist member of the Imperial Parliament, a very comprehensive statement of the present condition of industrial life in Ireland. He treats of the conditions existing there a century ago and those of the present day, showing plainly by elaborate statistical returns that Ireland's commerce has been steadily on the decline.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

We have received a letter from our esteemed friend, J. P. T., upon a point which excites the branch theorists. It is the distinction between the Holy Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church. Our correspondent proves from excellent authority that there is no ground for any such distinction.

drinking. The lone drinker is looked upon as one who has contracted a great fondness for the cup that cheers and later on inebriates. The man who thinks he can take a glass and leave it alone does not want to be counted in that class. Therefore he loves company.

VERY OFTEN we notice deliverances of some of our distinguished Bishops which should be indelibly impressed upon the minds of our people. "I need not tell you of the sorrow," says Bishop Hartley, of Columbus, Ohio, in a recent pastoral, "that fills the heart of many a poor old Catholic father and mother as they find their sons and daughters, surrounded as they may be with the wealth and honors of the world, but faithless to God and apostates of the faith."

WE ARE pleased to notice that the nuns in Barcelona, who were not murdered by the followers of Professor Ferrer, are about to bring their slanderers before a court of justice. A paper in Toulouse, France, made the statement that during the recent disorders in Barcelona numbers of murdered victims and many instruments of torture were discovered by the gentlemen who entered the convents to free the nuns from their thralldom by cutting their throats and saving them from too much worldly wealth by stealing what could be carried away and putting in flames all irremovable. Under the direction of Right Rev. Mgr. Santol, of Barcelona, the whole of the twenty-six religious communities have entered a case of libel in the law courts of Toulouse against the editor of the paper referred to.

THERE ARE times when some of the ministers of the sects, imbued with the goodly share of charity, express the warmest feelings of regard for their non-Catholic neighbors, and once in a while, too, they say pleasant things about the old Church. They lay it down as a principle that there should be more charity all around, so that a better feeling might prevail amongst neighbors.