

Echoes and Remarks.

The source of the fine arts is in the seat of love divine, in the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

"In the fierce unceasing combats, Let our tranquil war-cry be—Omnia pro Te, Cor Jesu! Heart of Jesus, all for Thee! —Rev. Matthew Russell, S.J.

There is a statement in circulation to the effect that, in the State of Maine, between a hundred thousand and one hundred and fifty thousand apple trees have been planted this year. As Maine is a prohibition state the citizens need hard cider.

Before Catholic fathers send their sons to McGill University next term; they might politely ask the authorities of that big school if godless professors will be permitted to give impious and blasphemous lectures on the New Testament and deny the divinity of our Saviour. Let the lecturers betake themselves to American universities!

The Toronto Telegram is beginning to find out that the Register-Extension can deal effective blows. It is really surprising what good work our contemporary's aggressiveness has already done. Orangemen are beginning to see that, after all, they are only dupes. They pay Sproule a big salary, and he howls with a vengeance.

A Protestant weekly says that we "have too blunt a way of stating facts." That is a compliment. Facts are facts, and heretical slanders are sinful fiction. The last thing we wish to be is a sugar-coated Catholic. We dearly love hundreds of Protestants, and that is why we abominate the ridiculous systems under which they are living. Thanks!

When we are dealing with our many Protestant readers, we take it for granted that they are honest men of sense, and so we should believe it an act of hypocrisy and a blatant insult to half state Catholic belief for them. Nobody will make us believe that scores of good Protestants we happen to know are not well-meaning. Why, then, should we not tell them the plain, blunt truth?

The French Government have been using a renegade nun to rob the congregations for them. "Sister Candide," as she is called, is simply one of the thousands of embezzlers represented by M. Duez and the other official thieves abetted and sanctioned by Briand's Parliament. It is no tribute to the French people to say that they are willing "lamb," and that they can be so easily "fleeced." No other people could stand for half such nonsense.

The Belgians are a sensible people; they are not like their neighbors in France. A Belgian makes use of his brains. The industrious little country will again have a decent government to look after its affairs. It might be well, however, for Belgium to strengthen its Catholic forces all the more. Holland, too, is awakening; the Catholics in that country are a strong unit, as is the case in Germany and Austria.

The Rev. H. E. Benoit, Anglican priest for the few French people belonging to the Church of England in Montreal, is very enthusiastic over the results achieved in Sabrevois College. From all appearances did not English-speaking children attend its classes, and were the missionary fund not generous, the college would have to close its doors. The Rev. H. E. Benoit is the gentleman who made the eighty converts from Catholicism whose addresses could not be found in the City Directory.

A London despatch says that the Italians are about to impose heavy taxes on big hats, because women have seemingly lost their judgment regarding hats and coiffures, and this is not the only one in which the Italians, both men and women, have lost the balance of their heads.

They are making quite a fuss over the bones of an Indian warrior found on St. Ann's Island. Three prominent men of Wallaceburg have quarried out the departed. When the benighted Catholics do honor to the relics of God's saints, they are said to be idolaters.

The Ottawa Free Press says that if the Methodist Church wants to attract young men to the ministry it must make the inducements as attractive as in mercantile pursuits, consequently they must have more remuneration. The Apostles left mercantile pursuits for something more attractive, but the salary is not stated, at least in the Bible.

Some of the German admirers of Martin Luther the vile are finding fault with the Holy Father for telling the truth about the arch apostate. The Germans in question, when they found the truth about the hero in question too shocking to print, stopped the researches which were well under way for the writing of his life. Every man reserves to himself the right to kick his own dog.

Another preacher declares he was once an admirer of Catholics, but, like Paul of Tarsus, was struck by the light! Somebody must have hurled a lighted lamp at him; or, perhaps, he pulled down the street lamp, his main sin.

We sincerely hope from the bottom of our hearts, that the incarnate demon or demons responsible for the sacrilege in St. Michael's, will be secured and treated with the full severity of the law. The Irish people of Montreal should contribute funds towards paying for the services of two or three champion detectives to investigate the matter.

Father Phelan, of the Western Watchman, is going to Europe again, and nobody could deserve a holiday more than he does. Although now more than three score and ten, he is still parish priest and still editor of the ever-glorious Watchman, giving us a splendid page of editorial each week and a really good sermon, one worth reading and worth hearing. We hope Father Phelan will enjoy his trip abroad.

The Daily Telegraph, Quebec, is working hard toward the betterment of the old City. May its endeavors be blessed with more than abundant success. Quebec's future day will be all the grander for the longing, the striving, and the waiting. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has proved its friend. He knows what gratitude is. St. Roch's sent him to Parliament, and it is glad it did to-day.

Quite a number of Catholics who intend to spend the summer away from their parish church, must remember that people cannot faithfully observe the Third Commandment by simply spending the time of holy Mass discussing how they will endeavor to improve the services, etc., at their own church, once their vacation is over. "Lead, Kindly Light," sung in the evening by some new acquaintance will not suffice.

Priests in vacation resorts have often, in their parish work, met with negligent Catholics from the cities. These religious failures generally get in tow with some self-canonized critic, whose home is in the vacation spot. The result is a schismatical synod of many sessions. What they all need, however, is a very hearty confession and a cessation of bad habits. This is not fiction, nor is it fancy. Let the failures do what most Catholics do, that is, continue to serve God when absent from home.

The late Mr. Napoleon Tessier, secretary of the Department of Public Works, and former student at St. Laurent College, never gave up a practice of his school days, which consisted in approaching the Holy Table on each first Friday of the month. With his brother, a distinguished Holy Cross Father, he once drove thirty miles over bad roads to attend to his holy practice. He died on the first Friday of June, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and there is something of a coincidence to the story. Other young lawyers have no time to do what Napoleon Tessier was wont to do. So much the worse!

It has been said with truth that no Consistory for several years has been so much talked of, and so long expected, as that which has been announced by the press almost every month for the last year. The latest rumor to the effect that the Consistory will be held during this or next month has no foundation, as it is certain the Holy Father has deferred it until the end of the year. Several complications of a diplomatic character render the selection of ecclesiastics for membership in the Sacred College difficult, and, what is more, we are told that Pius X. is in no great hurry to make many new Cardinals. The resignation of Cardinal Lorenzelli from the archbishopric of Lucca has made, in his person, another addition to the Cardinals of the Curia.

A deputation of the aristocracy (save the mark!) of Lucca went to Rome to represent to the Holy Father that it would be advisable to choose a prelate distinguished by nobility of birth for their new archbishop, the other required conditions to the contrary notwithstanding in a prelate of humble birth. The Pope listened very patiently to the petition, and then quietly reminded the bearers of it that the Cardinals had chosen a man of very simple birth to be head of the Universal Church, and that even Lucca was not so important a diocese as Rome. Half those European dukes and counts lay claim to domains that would not constitute a good-sized farm in Canada; and only one-eighth of the other half have anything to be proud of. A mosquito that should happen to drink a little of some king's blood would have as much claim to royalty and kingly honors as the majority of them.

In 1878, when Memphis, Tenn., and the entire South were suffering from a scourge of yellow fever, the Brothers of the Christian Schools living in Memphis, at one of their meetings, discussed the possibility of preventing the recurrence of such epidemics. The Brothers who took part in this conference were Brothers Maurelian, president; and Brothers Anthony, Abban, Osmind, Bernardine and Flavin. It was resolved to invoke the aid of the United States in behalf of Federal sanitary precautions. As a result of this agitation there was enacted on March 3, 1879, an act of Congress establishing "a national board of health," on which there were eleven members selected from among the best physicians and scientists in all parts of the United States. The whole of the United States has been benefited by the movement inaugurated by the Brothers. The rate of mortality in Memphis is now so reduced as to be able to vie with the lowest in the country.

THE BATTLE IN WESTMINSTER.

The British Parliament met again on June 8. There had been a truce ever since King Edward's death; and though it is true that moderate men on both sides of the House of Commons are rather intent on settling business matters before the battle royal is resumed against the Peers, yet little is to be gained from further cessation of hostilities, since the more things go, the more will each side gather strength for argument, for or against the maintenance of things as they now stand with the Lords. Time will but add acrimony to the impending debate; the longer the wait, the direr shall the bitterness be. Even the Lords themselves are in a quandary, ever since they voted for the Rosebery resolution, with 175 votes for and only 17 against, its provisions.

Quite a lot has been written as to what will next happen, and as to the policy the Lords will make their own. The Tories have added villainy to the situation, by trying to enter the Queen into the trouble, and by making capital of the King's death. It is evident that they are all afraid of Redmond. In the main he it is who is forcing legislation on them all. With the Pall Mall Gazette, all England has at length come to understand that the fearless Irish leader has to be reckoned with. Some assume, or try to assume, that the Liberals in fighting the Peers, are attacking the Throne, but the people, the nation, know better. They work through their representatives. Reform of the Lords means no insult to the Crown, which is made all the more secure by removing all elements of dissolution. The following from a noted publicist is very inspiring just now, if we are only willing to take what is to be taken, using the traditional grain of salt:

"On one side is the question as to whether the Liberals, who permanently include forty-five per cent. of the electors, and at alternate elections include fifty-five per cent. are to be forever excluded from the government of the Empire. The status established by the rejection of the Budget, following as it did upon the rejection of the Education Bill, the Licensing bill, and the Plural Voting bill, all of which were passed by majorities of more than two to one, in the House of Commons, is that whoever may be in office, the Conservatives shall always be in power. On the other side the Conservatives urge that should a revision of the British constitution be effected on the lines indicated by His Majesty's present advisers, there will be no check upon the competence of the Lower House to propose, and, without appeal to the electorate, to pass into law, schemes involving the most fundamental and revolutionary changes. Were the House of Commons to be supreme, within the limits of a single Parliament, it is asked by prudent Conservatives what guarantee would remain that even within these limits Englishmen might not be deprived of every right of person or of property which they now enjoy? . . . If the House of Lords be very far from an ideal guardian of Constitutional rights, nevertheless it exists, and it is argued that there must be some method of securing an appeal in cases of fundamental importance, from the people's representatives to the people."

A RAY OF HOPE.

Ireland is in a quandary. The French elections have done some good. The Comblists admit that they were defeated; and it was even hinted that, like Waldeck-Rousseau after the general elections of 1902, M. Briand would resign. The Government organs, however, have spoken, and the Premier will again marshal his forces into action. French parliamentary etiquette makes it imperative on the First Minister to be able to face the Chamber with a united front and a definite policy.

Combes, we said, was defeated; and so it is. The Radicals and Radical-Socialists must now submit to the combined forces of the Left Republicans and the Moderates. That is some hope. At any rate, the Chamber is improved, and it may be something better than an asylum for the hopelessly insane during the coming sessions.

At Saint-Chamond, his constituency. M. Briand gave evident signs that he is aware that France has been acting out the fulfilment of a mad programme. The country is the laughing-stock of the nations. Frenchmen in power, when left to themselves, make good and trusty tyrants. Parliaments were never intended for France. Not so with the French-Canadians.

If Briand means to remain Premier, he must, evidently, have recourse to moderation, even if such a virtue is high unwelcome in his country. If France wants to cease being the clown among nations, tyrants of all degrees and departments shall have to abdicate. Its rulers believe that they successfully govern when they can terrorize people into submission. They are a funny lot, and the Church shall ever have to fear them, even when they bring gifts and holy offerings.

The people are growing restless; they are weary of bondage, and are willing to do something else than shout "Vive somebody," or admire their stunted soldiers in red trousers. Germany, with characteristic Teuton iron, is ready as it is to deal a death-blow, and all the "Vive" patriotism in the world cannot save the distracted people from the stalwarts, if they again cross the Rhine.

We love France, and that is why we hate to see the French people hounded into all kinds of submission by the classes of people they get for rulers—even if—seemingly, every body in France must be an emperor of some kind.

THAT "IRISH LETTER."

We have often had a word to say on the Daily Star's ignoble Irish letter. "T.S.B." is now "J.B.," even if sometimes he is nobody. Mr. Watterson, when in Baltimore, was European correspondent for a daily in that city! It is an old trick!

But what people of Irish blood object to, on the part of Sir Hugh Graham's big paper, is that it should, seemingly, take side and issue with every damnable faction that arises in Ireland to counteract the work of the Nationalists. The "Irish Letter" just now is trying to serve up acceptable news concerning Wm. O'Brien, Timothy Healy, and the All-for-Ireland rot. A while since they preached, slyly preached, the tenets of Sinn-Fein. We protested, and several other Catholic papers protested, against that ignoble Irish letter. We angered the Star a little; but just as it intends to serve up wishy-washy excuses for sermons, so does it mean to prostitute its columns to the depths of its "Irish Letter" infamy.

The Star gives English people creditable news from England. "Wattle" furnishes a delightful letter, each Saturday, on Scotch life and doings, but the Irish readers must content themselves with taunt and insult, in the shape of political roguery and reports of bravos and murders. The Irish are a good-natured people, and so are the Catholic readers of the Weekly Star and Family Herald, who have had no protest to make against the foul "Foreigner," due to the pen of Preacher Gordon, Winnipeg.

We are willing to admit that the Star is, on the whole, a decent daily; willing to grant the thoroughness and erudition of its editorial writers; but we are, likewise, forced to confess that there are two or three individuals behind the screen who delight in the narrow little mazes of bigotry and insolence.

We wish our Catholic societies would make objectionable features in the dailies an impossibility; not that we want warfare, but simply to convince some gentlemen of the fact that we are an element in Montreal's population with which they must reckon.

As long as people are willing to put up with gross insult, they will welcome deluges of it. Let us get a little public spirit! To the garbage barrel with the "Irish Letter!"

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THE ACCESSION OATH.

Following is from "The Thunderer," long the average Englishman's modern substitute for the Bible:

"With regard to the Declaration of Faith, the majority of Ministers have expressed themselves emphatically in favor of the modification of its terms. It was at first suggested that a modification might be possible without statutory sanction, but this is not possible. It is understood that there is some question whether the Declaration of the King's Protestantism should be drafted so as to avoid the mention of the articles of the Roman Catholic faith denied in the present declaration, the statement of the nature of the King's Protestantism implying disbelief in these articles; or whether the present Declaration can be sufficiently modified and the framework kept. Whatever form may be adopted, it is the Ministerial intention that the words 'superstitious and idolatrous' shall never again form part of the Royal Declaration. It is likely that the effort will be made to secure a measure of agreement among Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders before a bill is brought in."

The "Roman Catholic leaders" who will fight for England's Catholic rights will be mainly Irish Catholics, as usual; just as men of our blood, Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and Mayor Guerin, have given England a shock, over the selfsame Oath.

Surely to goodness there is sufficient Parliamentary tact and knowledge left in England to frame a declaration that shall bear no insult for millions of loyal subjects. Is England still under an interdiction? There are twelve millions of Catholics in the British Empire, several millions more than the entire force of Presbyterianism throughout the world.

Nine years ago the Canadian Parliament, high unanimously, passed this resolution:

"That such Declaration is most offensive to the dearest convictions of all Roman Catholics. That the staunch loyalty of his Majesty's Roman Catholic subjects in Canada, comprising about forty-three per cent. of the entire population of the Dominion, and throughout the British possessions, should not be rewarded by their being chosen alone amongst believers of all creeds, and branded as idolaters by their Sovereign. That in the opinion of the House the Declaration referred to in the above Act of Settlement should be amended by eliminating therefrom all expressions which are especially offensive to the religious belief of any subject of the British Crown."

John Bull must remember that, as Mayor Guerin told him, he cannot afford to slight Catholics any longer. Then Cardinal Moran has sent kindly advice from the Catholics of Australia. We are not rebels, but neither are we slaves or patriots. When in Canada, King George declared that "the Catholic Church has amply fulfilled its obligation, not only to teach reverence for law and order, but to instill a sentiment of loyalty and devotion into the minds of those to whom it ministers."

The following letter sent our distinguished Catholic contemporary is not out of place here. It will add to the struggle.

Editor Catholic Standard & Times:

I desire to express a few thoughts in reference to the oath that King George V. is expected to take. As it now reads it is peculiarly inconsistent and illogical in respect to the army and navy, for how can a monarch expect loyal service from men whose religion he is asked to brand as 'idolatrous and blasphemous'? I firmly believe that if the Catholic soldiers and sailors of His Majesty's army and navy would make a strong and vigorous protest it would effect the withdrawal of every obnoxious statement. King George V. deserves credit for his manly attitude in objecting to the

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oath, and a vigorous protest from the men he depends on to defend the empire would settle the matter for all time.

ROBERT J. MCINTYRE,
Allentown, Pa., May 21, 1910.

A Ghastly Deed.

A woman, described as an "Italian missionary worker," shot herself to death in Pittsburgh last week. She committed the ghastly deed in the presence of her class of nearly 200 children, bidding them watch her and follow her example in case their burdens should ever become too heavy for them to bear. This is only a startling and extreme instance of what the class of missionary workers called "soul snatchers" by Archbishop Glennon are giving their victims as a substitute for the faith they take away. Happily the "religion of humanity" is not logical. If it were, suicide would be the only recourse when the burdens of life become too heavy to shoulder without discomfort—Catholic Universe.

Concert and Social.

Mayo, P.Q., June 4.—There was quite a successful box social and concert here on June 1st. A large number from Buckingham and Thurso attended. Rev. Father Routhier, of Masson, gave a splendid selection of magic lantern views which were most interesting and amusing, and the music, singing and recitations by the young ladies were highly appreciated, judging by the loud and prolonged applause. Those deserving of special mention were Misses R. Burke, M. R. McCoy and C. Sloan. Miss Mary Burke had charge of the music and singing and did her share in making the concert a success. The musical programme was as follows:

Welcome Song, solo by Misses R. and E. McCoy. "The Drunkard's Lone Child," song, Miss Rita McCoy. "The Convict's Escape," recitation, Miss Ruth Burke. "Old Ireland," solo by Miss E. McCoy. "The Valley Lay Smiling," solo by Misses Esther and Ruth Burke. "How They Saved St. Michael's," recitation, Miss Rose McCoy. "Meet Me in Old Ireland," solo by Miss F. Walsh. "Has Sorrow Thy Young Days Shaded," solo by Miss Mary Burke. "Michael Dwyer," recitation by Miss Clara Sloan. "God Save Ireland," duet played by Miss Maggie Dunigan and Miss E. McCoy, sung by the Misses M. Burke, R. McCoy, E. Burke, E. McCoy, R. Burke and F. Walsh.

The people of Mayo wish to thank Rev. Father Routhier most sincerely for the magic lantern entertainment. After the concert the boxes were sold at Rev. Father Barrett's house. Then all repaired to the old school to enjoy their contents. After supper Mr. M. McInerney favored those present with dance music which was well enjoyed by the young folk. The worthy pastor, Rev. Father Barrett, deserves great credit for he did all in his power to make the evening a pleasant