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THE BIBLE.

One of the old charges brought against Catholics is that they are deprived of the reading of the Bible. Although at the present day this farce is pretty well exploded there are certain romancers who love to dwell on their old-time hobby. Spain has always been a favorite field for the indulgence of these vagaries. In contradiction to this, hear what a celebrated lecturer once said before a crowded audience in the Royal Academy of Madrid, and from which it is not difficult to infer that the Bible is well read, understood and appreciated in Spain.

There is a book—the treasure of nations—in whose pages all our great poets have gone to drink in divine inspiration, and from which they have learned the secret of elevating our hearts and transporting our souls with superhuman and mysterious harmonies. This book is the Bible—the book of books. In it Dante saw his terrific visions; from it Petrarch learned to modulate his complainings; from that burning forge the poet of Sorrentum drew forth the splendid brightness of his songs. And, to speak of our own Spain, who taught the great master, Fray Luis de Leon, his sublime simplicity? From whom did Herrera learn his lofty, commanding and vigorous intonation? Who inspired Rioja with those mournful lamentations, full of pomp and majesty? In what school did Calderon learn to soar up to the eternal mansions, as upon the wings of the wind? Who placed before the eyes of our great mystical writers those bursts of sublimity and those sweet accents of burning charity and chaste love? Suppress the Bible in imagination, and you suppress all that is beautiful and noble in Spanish literature.

In the Bible is written the annals of heaven, of earth and of the human race. In it, as in the Divinity itself, is contained that which was, which is, and which is to come. In its first page is recorded the beginning of time and of all things; in its last the end of all things and of time. It begins with Genesis, which is an idyl; it finishes with Apocalypse of St. John, which is a funeral hymn. Genesis is as beautiful as the first breeze which refreshed the world, as the first flower which budded forth in the fields, as the first tender word which humanity pronounced, as the first sun that rose in the East. The Apocalypse is sad, like the last ray of light, like the last glances of the dying; and between that funeral hymn and that idyl we behold all generations pass, one after another, before the sight of God. "A wonderful book, which the human race began to read thirty-three centuries ago, and although reading in it every day, every night, and every hour, have not yet finished its perusal! A book which when the heavens shall fall together like a gigantic scroll, and the earth shall faint away, and the sun withdraw its light, and the stars grow pale, will remain alone with God, because it is His eternal word, and shall resound eternally in the heavens.

LAST MOMENTS OF MAXIMILIAN.

The widow of General Miramon, who was Maximilian's companion in captivity and who perished with him, has written her memoirs. They are as yet unpublished, but a friend was allowed to read some portions of the book, among others the chapter describing the last act of the melancholy drama of June 19, 1867. We give these touching pages as follows:

The prisoners had been incarcerated in the convent of the Capuchins, a square, heavy, massive building constructed in the usual model of Spanish convents. On the first floor a narrow court with high walls led into a corridor thirty six feet long and about nine feet wide, upon which opened three cells. They still bore the names which had been given them by the Capuchin Sisters. The first, called "Eleven Thousand Virgins," was occupied by Gen. Mejia; the second, called "Santa Rosa," by Gen. Miramon, and the third, "Santa Theresa," more spacious than the others, was allotted to the emperor. The austerity of the cloister was evident in the interior of these cells, transformed into prisons. A brick floor, whitewashed walls, a narrow camp-bed, two or three chairs, a table and washstand of the simplest description.

It was about 8 o'clock in the evening, and the emperor was at dinner, seated on the camp bed with a tray on his knees which held the dishes. On the little table of white wood was a candlebra with several wax candles which lighted the room, and Maximilian's shadow was thrown with vivid distinctness on the straight, bare white walls. Near him were Gen. and Mme. Miramon. All three were silent and absorbed in mournful thought. The general, worn out by the insults which had been heaped upon the vanquished, by his long hours of imprisonment, and the struggle to defend his honor—not his life, for that he knew was in the power of judges who knew nothing of pity—was profoundly touched by the faithful devotion of his young wife, and never had he loved her as well as in these dark hours of imprisonment and despair. He held her hand in his, and involuntarily carried it to his lips. This gesture was observed by the emperor and his eyes filled with tears. The general and Mme. Miramon, deeply affected, thought that a recollection of the empress caused this sudden emotion.

"No," said Maximillia, "but I never realized until now the extent of your devotion to me, and I suffer acutely in being the cause of your separation."

"Ah! sire," said Miramon, "if I had listened to the counsels of my wife, I would never have been here."

The hour had struck.

The condemned got into a carriage and were driven along the streets of Queretaro through a crowd which pressed around them with every mark of respect and sorrow. Handkerchiefs were waved, and the sound of loud sobs reached their ears. The prisoners returned the greetings of the crowd, among whom they recognized many familiar faces. Some minutes before 7 o'clock they arrived at the Cerro de las Campanas, which was about two miles from the city. They descended from the carriages, walked half-way up the hill, and leaned against a clump of cactus trees. The officer commanding the troops, Gen. J. Garcia de Leon, read the order of the day, condemning to death any person attempting to oppose the execution, and the word was given to the condemned. The sun was already high in a cloudless heaven, shining in the deep azure of that grand attitudes, flooding the whole valley with an intense light. The Cerro, like an immense rock flung in the valley, rose bare and yellow, with here and there on its sides green clusters of cactus and fig trees. A square of four thousand men surrounded it in straight lines. They were in full uniform, with bayonets gleaming in the sunlight. Beyond them was a dense and motley crowd. On the West, through the prairie, the road to Celayo wound like a long, white, dusty ribbon. The lines of snow white terraces in Queretaro were plainly visible, dotted here and there with green trees and surmounted with cupolas and numerous crosses. In the distance rose the blue peaks of the Cordilleras.

The officer commanding the platoon who were to fire approached the emperor and besought his pardon for the duty he was about to perform. The emperor distributed among the soldiers several gold coins bearing his effigy, and requested them in firing to spare his face. Then he embraced the Gens. Mejia and Miramon, and as the latter was placed on his right hand Maximilian said in a loud voice:

"The brave deserve respect from monarchs even in death. General, pass to the place of honor."

Miramon passed to the centre. With a perfectly firm, distinct voice the emperor addressed the crowd:

"Mexicans, the men of my race and country are born to make their people happy or to die martyrs. May my blood be the last shed for this unhappy country. *Vive le Mexique!*"

Then Gen. Miramon, with the same clear, ringing voice that had sounded on the battle-field, cried:

"Mexicans, before the council of war my defenders sought only to save my life. At this moment, when, I am about to appear before my God, I protest against the name of 'traitor,' which has been thrown in my face to justify my condemnation. Let the Mexican people clear the name of my children from such a stain of infamy, and may my country be happy. *Vive le Mexique!*"

Gen. Mejia, raising his eyes to heaven, said:

"Most Holy Mother, I pray that Thy Son may pardon me, as I pardon those who have condemned me to death."

The soldiers fired, and as the wreaths of smoke slowly cleared away they could see Maximilian writhing in his blood. He groaned faintly, "*Hay Hombre!*"

A second volley of musketry ended his sufferings.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CATHOLICS IN AUSTRALIA.

Australia, although made up of a number of British Colonies, is so far away as to be very little thought about by people generally in Canada. The population is not quite equal to that of Canada, yet the wealth of the country far exceeds the wealth of Canada. The imports of all kinds into Australia is the highest per capata of any country in the world and double for each individual to what it is in Canada. In no other of the British Colonies is the population of Irish Catholics so great in proportion to the total number, over one-fifth of the entire population being Irish Catholics. They have a Cardinal of their own and over a score of Bishops and Archbishops. It is pleasing to know that they have generally accumulated wealth or a competency and take rank among the best people in the country. We are aware that at present there are in Canada many young or middle aged Catholics who are looking for good business chances by which they may better their conditions and we feel that if we can benefit them by information we will be conferring upon them a blessing.

The business connections between Canada and Australia for a number of years have been principally confined to books and other goods sold by subscription, and this has been the outgrowth of the energy and business capacity of Mr. J. W. Lyon of Guelph, proprietor of the World Publishing Co., and his partners resident in Australia. Ten years ago Mr. Lyon sent an experienced man to Australia to examine the opportunities for selling books. The first month after his arrival his profits amounted to over two thousand dollars. The same man has followed the business steadily ever since and has made over one hundred thousand dollars, so we are informed, principally from the sale of Catholic books. Mr. Lyon has since been three times to Australia personally, and has through his agents and business connections sold several million dollars worth of books. Fully one hundred men have made reasonable fortunes in Mr. Lyon's employ in Australia. The goods handled have been of a general and religious character, but by far the most successful of all the men have been a number of young Catholics who have made a speciality of religious books and general Catholic goods. Among these is Mr. Frank Coffee, formerly of Guelph, and an old friend of ours, but by the way no relative. During the past nine years he has accumulated a fortune of nearly one hundred thousand dollars in the handling of books and goods for the Catholic trade, and he has now become a partner with Mr. Lyon in his immense business. Mr. Samuel McCardle, of Dundas, Ont., who also went to Australia for Mr. Lyon, has made a fortune of nearly a hundred thousand dollars in the Catholic trade. Mr. Thomas Smith, a Catholic, also formerly of Dundas, has made a large amount of money selling books and goods there. We understand that one hundred dollars a week is frequently made at the present time by good canvassers in Australia in Mr. Lyon's employ. But there has been a constant difficulty in securing competent men specially adapted to the Catholic trade. Although in the sale of general books and goods there is a tendency on the part of the public generally to get tired of buying, this is not so with the Catholic people, as there has never been enough suitable men to properly represent this branch of the business, and a good number could now be employed with a clear certainty of making a fortune if they possessed the right energy and abilities. Mr. Lyon's firm either manufacture or are agents for all the best and most saleable Catholic books and goods, which they never sell until they have been submitted to the Cardinal and clergy generally for their approbation. The firm now consists of Mr. J. W. Lyon, who resides in Guelph, Canada, and Mr. Frank McNeil and Mr. Frank Coffee, who reside in Sydney, N. S. W., Australia. All enquiries should be addressed to Lyon, McNeil & Coffee, Guelph, Ont.

CATHOLICITY.

Catholic Columbian.

Catholicity is a body of facts, a system of doctrines. The Incarnation of the Son of God is the central point. The most prominent fact is the manifestation of the Son of God as the son of man. He gave a new principle to life, which is Himself. He infused a new spirit into man, the worship of God in spirit and truth. He came into the world of darkness and enlightened it. "He came unto His own and they received Him not." He gave to them, who received Him, power to become the sons of God. He gave to them life everlasting, a life beyond death and the grave. He established His Church and declared that the gates of hell could not prevail against it. Catholicity, therefore, is not a conception of man. It is a revelation Jesus Christ made to man. He dwells in His Church according to His promises, "Behold I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world." His promises cannot fail. The Church teaches, with authority, the word of God.

It has the Sacraments, instituted by Christ, the channels of God's mercy to man. She, alone, has the sacrifice of Calvary's Mount perpetrated daily on her altars. She alone has a hierarchy, holding throughout all ages, to the faith, given to the Church by its Divine Founder, from her establishment, nineteen centuries ago. She alone can point to the long line of the successors of St. Peter. She alone can produce for imitation and encouragement to a holy life glorious examples in every age and in every walk of life. She can point to the works of these her children, with commendable pride and say, "They are mine." She has, in all ages, been consistent with the truth which she alone has the power to communicate.

Princes, powers and potentates have risen up against her. The history of the world gives them a place in its pages, their past is recorded, but even the world has forgotten them. She alone can say of empires, thrones, kingdoms and governments, "They were, but I am." Her existence is historical, past and present, her works are peace to the world, her authority is divine.

As she has triumphed over the enmity of the whole world, from her establishment to the present, so shall she to the end of time, triumph. The fiercest persecutions that ever shocked the cold hearted world were waged against her, they were of no avail. The blood of her martyrs was the seed from which millions of children burst forth to battle for her life and win the most glorious victories over the world, the flesh and the devil. Though her age is centuries, yet she is always in the springtime of life!

She has always been crowned victor in the most furious controversies that have ever engaged the attention of man. She never fears persecution. She remembers her Divine Master and Spouse. She glories in the Cross of Christ and her children have that confidence in her which no mortal agency can inspire. She is, and must ever remain, the wonder of the world. The world grows old, but she is unchanged by time, place or circumstances; her faith is "As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be." The storms may bend her head, but they can never crush her.

These storms call attention to the mission in which she is engaged for the triumph of man over the passions which degrade him. Her children rank amongst the most illustrious that have ever graced the world. She has always fostered all which may truly elevate man.

You will find her children among the heroes of the world and in every walk of life. She is in the world but her life is the work of divine charity. She is the continuation of the life of Jesus Christ on earth. Her mission extends to the end of time. She preaches the gospel to every creature. The poor have the gospel preached to and practiced towards them. Pestilence, famine or fear of death cannot drive her priests from the post of duty. When the scourge of death makes a desert of cities, places and whole countries her priests are with the suffering. When death thins their ranks others march to the front, fill up the gap, lest the people in their dying moments lack the reception of the Sacraments. Like their Divine Master, they give their lives for their flocks.

This is only a glance at what is, has been and always will be the history of God's Church. If you ask where this may be found in the Catholic Church, we say to the young, ask your parents and elders, among your friends, of the terrible epidemics which have ravaged our fair country, in the not far past, and they can tell you of the devotion of Catholic priests to their duty in the hierarchy as well as in the priesthood; nay, more, they can tell you of women, virgins consecrated to God, made strong by our holy religion, walking as angels of mercy, soothing the burning head with cooling lotions, binding the wounded limbs, giving drink to the fever parched lips, comforting and cheering with heavenly words the dying struggles of their patients, and when death has snapped the cord of life, preparing them to be received into the boson of mother earth.

These are the examples which the Catholic Church gives of the charity of her children.

S. S. M.

THE BANK OF LONDON IN CANADA.

The fourth annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of London in Canada will be held on the 20th July, 1887, in the head office of the bank in London.

The following report of the directors will be submitted for the consideration of the shareholders:

London, June 30th, 1887.

The directors beg to present the fourth annual report of the bank, accompanied by the usual statement of liabilities and assets.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

The net profits of the year after deducting expenses of management, interest on deposits to date, and making allowances for bad and doubtful debts, amount to		$19,081 37
Balance at credit of profit and loss account last year		6,093 03
		$25,174 40
From which have been paid two half-yearly dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum		15,041 68
Leaving a balance at credit of profit and loss account		$10,132 72

The rates obtainable for loans during the greater part of the past year have ruled low, but the disposition at present appears to be towards higher money, and if such should continue we will no doubt, with other investors, obtain a corresponding benefit.

The policy of your directors has been to hold proportionately large cash reserves during the past year, which will no doubt meet with the approval of the shareholders.

The branches of the bank have been visited by the Inspector several times and thoroughly inspected during the year as usual, and the directors are pleased to state that the various officers continue to discharge their duties satisfactorily.

HENRY TAYLOR,
President.

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

Liabilities—		
Bank of London notes in circulation		$215,710 00
Dominion Government deposits, payable on demand		12,354 44
Deposits held as security for execution of Dominion Government contracts		4,000 00
Other deposits payable on demand		328,201 12
Other deposits payable after notice or on a fixed day		601,186 20
Due to agents in United Kingdom		20,081 71
Due to banks in Canada		1,378 72
Total liabilities to the public		$1,182,912 19
Capital paid up	$223,588 13	
Reserve fund	50,000 00	
Dividends unclaimed	142 26	
Dividend No. 7, payable July 2, 1887	7,631 09	
Balance at credit of profit and loss account	10,132 72	291,494 20
		$1,474,406 39

ASSETS.

Specie		$ 40,892 72
Dominion notes (legal tenders)		55,396 00
Notes of and checks on other banks		69,417 87
Balance due from agents in United States		16,055 52
Due from banks in Canada in daily exchanges		12,755 48
Deposited in other banks in Canada		81,162 64
Dominion Government debentures		25,884 58
Cash assets immediately available		$ 301,664 81
Loans secured by stocks and debentures on call, or at short notice		77,274 57
Loans to municipal corporations		28,516 99
Other current loans and advances to the public		1,036,223 05
Past due bills not specially secured		9,687 58
Past due dills secured		2,258 16
Other assets (including safes and office furniture H. O. and branches)		18,781 23
Total		$1,474,406 39

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Among the many motives which serve to impress the Christian soul with the salutariness of devotion to the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, perhaps there is none that exercises a greater influence than the thought of Her twofold maternity—that She is the Mother of Jesus and our Mother. It is a thought that brings home to the mind at once the realization of Her great dignity and power, and of Her willingness to assist us. This has been beautifully expressed and developed in a discourse by the late Father Farrell, whose sermons have been recently published by M. H. Gill, of Dublin. Speaking of a mother's love, he says: "It is unselfish and everlasting, patient and ineffaceable; it never tires, never gives up; time can not weaken it, ingratitude itself can not kill it. Even in this cold world the mother will not forget the son whom she has borne. . . . He may have placed the early wrinkle on her brow, and sown the silver streak upon her hair; he may have planted thorns in her pillow and made her heart ache with very anguish for his follies and his crimes; still she remembers only that she is his mother. When all her schemes have failed, when his sins—as sins always do—have found him out and dragged him down, when the hand of sorrow has bowed him to the dust, his mother's hand is there to soothe, his mother's heart is there to sympathize, his mother's love is there to pour balm into the wounds that sin and sorrow have inflicted on his soul. And Mary is your Mother; you have it on the words of the dying Saviour—'Behold thy Mother.'"

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BY M. E. FRANCIS.

Only a frozen bird, I hear you say:
No great mishap in woods alive with son
Woods that in summer evenings calm
long
Echo again with throstle's roundelay.
Yet when the winter still and drear is o
When skies are blue again and boughs
green,
Sun rays that flicker down, the leaves
tween,
Breezes that rustle past with whisper l
Will seek in vain one form they loved
kiss.
Echoes that wait the summer songs o
more
Will—list'ning for a voice they used
know—
One sweetness mis

Only a humble grave—a brother gone
To that far land whence none return ag
One gone—but countless others still
main;
When the world teems with life, what m
ters one
Stay—mark the word "dear-loved" u
the stone,
And flowers here, still blooming fresh
sweet,
And there the trace of oft-returning feet.
Doth not the very air seem faint with sig
Vain longings the beloved to recall?
Surely this man was dear at least to o
What of the millions living? Here th
lies
Somebody's al

Only a wasted life! Ah, hapless fate!
Not all succeed though all the prize wo
gain.
Toil as they may, some ever toil in vain,
While others win their heart's desire—
late.
The strong, the brave, press on, unconque
still,
And if the busy struggling crowd among
One chance to fall, unheeded by the thro
The greater good redeems the lesser ill,
His laurels full to others in the strife—
Wherefore at this—a common lot—rept
Friend, say you so? What if this wa
life
Were yours or mine

EPISCOPAL VISITATIO

The Bishop of Kingston in Cornw

A NEW CHURCH TO BE ERECTED FOR
FRENCH-SPEAKING POPULATION.
Cornwall Freeholder.

His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Cl
arrived in Cornwall from Kingston
Saturday for his official visitation of
parish and the administration of the
rament of Confirmation to the yo
people. A very numerous gathering
the parishioners, with the esteemed pa
Rev. C. B. Murray, met the Bishop at
depot, and the joyful strains of the m
furnished by the St. Jean Baptiste b
gave additional joyousness to the occa
The band headed the procession, w
was immediately formed, and His L
ship was conducted to the presby
where he assumed his pontifical robes
entered the church in accordance with
ceremonies ordained for the solemn re
tion of the Bishop on the occasion o
pastoral visit. This rite was concl
with the imparting to the kneeling
gregation of the Episcopal benedictio

On Sunday morning the Bishop
brated mass at 7.30 and Rev. F
Murray celebrated mass at 8.15. The
mass was sung by the Bishop's Secre
Father Kelly, of Kingston. At the
clusion of this mass two addresses
presented to the Bishop, one from
English-speaking parishioners and
also from the French, as follows:

To the Right Rev. James Vincent Cl
S. T. D., Bishop of Kingston.

May it please Your Lordship—

We beg to approach your Lordsh
this occasion of your Pastoral Visit
of the Parish of Cornwall, to offer
our filial homage and bid you a h
welcome.

We recognize in your sacred perso
representation of Jesus Christ in
government of the venerable diocese
Kingston, and we rejoice that o
eminently gifted has been chosen to
over and guide this portion of the L
vineyard in the way that leads to
eternal kingdom.

Your Lordship's labors for the adv
ment of religion in this Diocese are
known to us, and we beg to offer yo
congratulations on the steady advanc
the church's work since your a
amongst us as our chief pastor.

Your tender care for the little o
the flock has touched us most deeply
discern in them the hope of the ch
the future men and women of Ca
And our Catholic instinct as well a
teachings of Mother Church, tells us
vital importance of having them
oughly instructed from the first da
reason, in the saving truths of Salv
and trained in the ways and teachin
Catholic life, that they may beco
after years the consolation of our Spt
Mother, the pride and bulwark o
young country, and walking in the p
righteousness, safely reach the hav
salvation.

In this parish, Your Lordship's pro
interest in and pastoral care of th
dren has been specially made ma
and it is with feelings of thankf
not unmixed with self congratul
that we witness the extension of our
olic Schools.

To Your Lordship's zeal do we o
presence amongst us of the religious
to whom is committed the trust
education of our daughters. Conse
to God for the training of the y
their lives are a continued sacrifi
the welfare of the charge commit
them, and well and faithfully do th
work.

That Your Lordship may long ba