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THE APOSTOLATE OF THE PRESS.

In sympathy at once with the customary New Year greetings and the unique New Year Intention of the League of the Sacred Heart, The Register acknowledges the receipt from many friends both clerical and lay, of cordial wishes for its prosperity.

A well-known Catholic teacher writes: "May this Intention prove to be a source of blessing, especially upon the editor of The Catholic Register and all who come under his beneficent influence."

The head of a large and happy Catholic family writes: "The Register is sincerely looked for each week in my family. We wish it abundant success in the future and the compliments of the season."

A successful business man says: "My first New Year greetings are to The Register with a candid declaration of my gratitude for services rendered the Catholic community."

There are many other letters in the spirit of the foregoing; and in acknowledging them we would say that they comprehend in the fullest sense of the Intention for January—The Catholic Press. Let the Catholic people hold their press in esteem, speak well of it and not stand on the look out for causes of fault-finding.

The Catholic press of Canada has done noble work in the past and in such a land as this there will always be occasion for the continued performance of its religious and social mission, which unites with the defence of Catholic principles the promotion of national amity and progress.

SOME DOWIEITE DOINGS

Out of a Catholic hospital not a hundred miles from our office comes to us a Dowie publication distributed through the sick wards by some agent of the so-called Church of Elijah H. Dowie's Zion Mission literature.

Dowie is running in Zion City the most amazing trust that the susceptibility of the American people to fake influence has ever tolerated.

None of Dowie's dupes will ever have any reason to believe in his Gospel of restoration as far as their money and property are concerned.

We have from time to time received through the mails parcels of Zion advertising catalogues which we have never noticed, for the reason that there is always plenty of raw material available to the bold charlatan provided he can secure free advertising for his pretensions.

In the printed matter that appears to have been circulated through the hospitals there is published a most blasphemous and scurrilous attack upon Catholics and Catholic doctrines.

FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

Though Port Arthur has fallen Russia will never blush for the deeds done in her name by the heroic defenders of that fortress.

Out of the carnage and hate of the conflict on New Year's day came the note of surrender, couched in phrases as formal and courteous as the grand old generals of French Canada would have made them.

The Japanese have shown themselves in victory worthy of more praise than their incredibly fierce attacks could ever have won them.

HAS THE BALLOT FAILED?

At the Separate School Board elections last week a discussion was raised as to the efficacy of the ballot and the comparative merits of the open voting.

We observe that The Toronto News has been shouting for the ballot for Catholics all the week.

A HAZY LETTER WRITER.

The letter of Public School Inspector J. H. Knight, published in another column, which has already become the subject of some characteristic leader writing in the Toronto press, is in its way a curiosity.

his letter to the Minister of Education, no wonder the affairs of School Section No. 4, Emily, have got into a tangle.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

The re-election of Mayor Urquhart in Toronto for a third term is another proof that he is the child of fortune.

It would be better for the press of Toronto to confine the discussions affecting our municipal candidates within legitimate bounds.

A Remarkable Epistle

Lindsay, Dec. 31.—Mr. J. H. Knight, Public School Inspector, has sent to the Minister of Education the following statement regarding some extraordinary proceedings on Wednesday last at Downeyville:

"I beg to report that I attended the annual meeting at Downeyville, School Section No. 4, Emily, on Wednesday, December 28. The adoption of the trustees' report was moved just after my arrival.

"When it was proposed to hold a meeting after adjournment for the election of public school trustees, the priest said they had no right to do so.

To the Electors of Ward 4

Toronto, Jan. 3, 1905. Editor Catholic Register:

Dear Sir,—Permit me through your paper to thank the electors of Ward 4 for the generous support given me during my aldermanic candidature.

Acknowledgement: The Sisters of St. Joseph, House of Providence, gratefully acknowledge their debt of gratitude to all those whose generosity rendered possible the maintaining of so many poor during the past year.

The more like a woman's hand the more accepted her heart.—Dobay.

HAY'S 'CASTILIAN DAYS'

A Review of the Venomous Anti-Catholic Book of Which the U. S. Secretary of State is the Author.

(Edward J. Flood, A.M., in Standard and Times.)

It may not be amiss to review at the present time the book bearing the foregoing title, by Mr. John Hay, now our Secretary of State.

Mr. Hay was secretary to the American legation at Madrid for a year—1869-1870. His "Castilian Days" purports to be a study of the country and its people, made personally and not derived from guide books.

Now, as to the book proper. His first sentence is, "Madrid is a capital with malice aforethought." Not Madrid, but everything Spanish is so, "with malice aforethought."

(10) "The flirting of intelligent fans, the flashing of those quick smiles, where eyes, teeth and lips did all their dazzling duty, and the satin twinkling of those neat boots in the waltz are harder to forget than things better worth remembering."

(23) Speaking of the Plaza Mayor of Madrid, he says: "The mind so ineffectively revolts at the contemplation of those orgies of priestly brutality which have made the very name of this place redolent with the fragrance of scorched Christians, etc."

(25) Speaking of the bill for civil marriages and the secularization of education, he says: "There is much oiling and blessing, but the fangs of the serpent are much less prompt and efficient than of old."

(35) "She is a firm believer in relics also. . . . When Baciocchi lay near his death, the Empress, and the doctors with great mystery that she would cure him, she came into his room and hung on his bedpost a little gold-embroidered sash containing (if the evidence of holy men is to be believed) a few threads of the swaddling clothes of John the Baptist."

(37) "The piety of the Spanish women does not prevent them from seeing some things clearly enough with their bright eyes."

(43) "His labor of exhortation and confession was rarely wasted. There were few sufferers who recovered from the shock of that solemn ceremony in their chambers."

No wonder you left Spain in a year. One of those "prodigates" must have furnished you with the following description of a sick call by a priest:

"I knew you were gullible, and gave you a fine account of an Italian war dance, which you were not shrewd enough to recognize."

(41) "Why those probes, those lancets, those multifarious drugs, when the object in view could be so much more easily obtained by the judicious application of masses and prayers?"

(45) "Cardinal de Retz saw with his eyes a man whose wooden legs were turned to capering flesh and blood by the image of the Pillar of Saragossa. As no authority is quoted, and as the Cardinal died in 1679, Mr. Hay feels comfortably safe in his treatment, for anonymous accusations are the chief stock in trade of anti-Catholic bigots of all types."

(46) "These masses are the most important and expensive incident of the funeral. They cost from two hundred to one thousand dollars, according to the strength and fervor of the orisons employed."

And so he continues throughout his book of 414 pages. Lest the reader may become weary, I shall skip many pages in order to show that there is no Catholic ceremony, or practice, or institution that does not furnish an opportunity for his spleen.

(72) "So the formula of the Church comes to the nunnery of the (101) Speaking of St. Isidor: "In process of years this lazy lout has become a great saint, and his bones have done more extensive and remarkable miracle work than any equal amount of phosphate in existence."

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(126) "The apparition of the Virgin to St. Ildefonso is a 'dive' fancy of a cunning or dreaming priest, and the veil attributed to St. Leocadia is a 'rag' (191)."

(206) "San Christo's Church brings forth this: . . . 'The Saviour is merely a saint, and reduced to the level of the rest.'"

(276) "So simple a thing as a Spanish proverb is made to do 'stunts' for Mr. Hay. 'The widespread error about the wickedness of parsons' boys has extended into Spain—'Padre santo, hijo diablo,' they say—'father saint and son devil.'"

"Widespread error" is good. No one who knows the Spanish language could distort it to refer to the Catholic religion. It simply means that a saintly father may have a wicked son. This may not be complementary to certain sons, but it is sometimes true.

(280) Spanish politics: "It is not so much dishonesty as it is a total absence of conscience in political matters. It is the morality of Loyola improved by Machiavel. Not only does the end justify the means, but it also justifies itself."

"Another great saint is vilified, but as he was a Jesuit, of course, Mr. Hay must belittle him. There is a standing offer of \$500 for any one who can show that a Jesuit ever taught that 'the end justifies the means.'"

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ed against the Church. As a "statesman" he must possess broad views so I shall give a few extracts to show the correctness of his knowledge in other respects.

(193) St. Isidor's feast day near Madrid: "The Celt is here lord of the land. These large-mouthed, short-nosed, rosy-cheeked peasant girls are called Dolores and Catalina, but they might be called Bridget and Kathleen."

(361) "The sport of cudgeling and tramping and stabbing a helpless fugitive is too tempting to be without by any mob of Celtic blood."

(370) "It was, perhaps, not so much sympathy as the morbid appetite for horrors, so common in the Celtic race."

As Mr. Hay's knowledge of Catholicity is taken from the "Maria Monk" variety, so his knowledge of the Celtic race is taken from the pages of "Puck" and "Judge."

The edition of "Castilian Days" from which I have quoted was issued in 1890, when Mr. Hay was 52 years of age. The poisonous compound of his "youth" is again offered as a wholesome draught to the American people.

Baroness Macdonald Received by the Pope

Rome, Dec. 31.—The Pope yesterday received in private audience in his study, Baroness Macdonald, widow of the late Canadian Premier. The Pontiff, on this occasion, spoke in French for perhaps the first time in a private audience.

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Sympathy from Canada

Montreal, Dec. 27.—A special despatch from Paris published in La Presse to-night gives the text of a letter signed by all the Roman Catholic Archbishops and bishops of Canada, addressed to Cardinal Richard, Archbishop of Paris, expressing sympathy with the Church in France on its troubles, and hoping that the status of the Church will be again fully recognized.

The letter protests strongly against what it terms the persecution of the Roman Catholics in France.

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