## THE CHURCH AND FREE MASONRY.

A cable despatch states that Pius X. has ordered that at the christening of the Prince of Piedmont, the title by which the recently born son of the King of Italy will be known, no Free Mason, even though he be of the royal blood, shall be accepted as godfather. To non-Catholic Americans, says the New York Freeman's Hournal this discrimination may seem to indicate a spirit of unneces sary hostility toward an organization which they regard as simply a fraternal order which is not antagonistic to any form of religion. In holding this view they show themselves totally ignorant of the aims Free Masonry, which of European openly avows its hostility not only to the Catholic Church, but to every form of Christianity. It makes no secret of the use it would make success if it were possible for it to come off victorious in its hand to hand fight with the Church. It would de-Christianize society, and try to upbuild on the wreckage of Christian principles a system of morality which would wholly reject the moral sanctions that for nineteen hundred years have been recognized by Christian men and women as binding in the forum of conscience.

Such is the radical revolution Free Masonry would bring about. or quiet villages, the church bell But the Catholic Church stands in summons the faithful to Mass and the way. As guardian of divine truths she will not yield an inch. The anti-Christian propagandists, who supply Free Masonry with its watchwords, know this full well. Hence their determination to wage relentless war upon Christ's spouse. In France they are showing their hands more openly than in other countries, as shown in the following extract from the programme of the Propagandist Committee of the Grand Orient Lodge, as set forth by M Bourcet in 1894:

"We will rapidly sketch what should be the main lines of the Masonic Propaganda. We would have its action cover the whole ground, and prepare the emancipation of conby combating the futile teachings of the Churches and their influence. Let us labor to ruin clericalism and gradually sap the spirit of religion. Let us remind those who seem to forget, that the separation of Church and State is our constant aim. And for this end, by the way, let us preach by our example, ourselves in our own families, keeping our consciences aloof from Church influences, putting our principles into practice, and shutting out of our houses the priests, whom we desire to expel from civil society."

In the Masonic programme here outlined, we see what is the ultimate resisted. aim of the organization that is responsible for the bitter anti-Catholic war so actively waged in a country which was once known as "the eldest daughter of the Church." This aim is frankly stated in these words : "Let us labor to ruin clericalism and gradually sap the spirit of religion." Yes, that is it. Sap the spirit of religion. What more effective way of doing this than by getting control of the education of the young? M. Beauquier, a prominent French Free Mason, knew what he was talking about when in an address delivered before the Eastern lodges, in 1892, he declared :

"As I said just now, I come back to the point because I deem it essential, we must have with us within our temple all educators and instructors of youth. We shall never see and more zealous for its propagathe Republic set on a lasting basis tion. We hope that "A Convert's

divinity of her founder, they hold in contempt His promise to be with His spouse to the end of time. But that spouse has never for a moment en-tertained a doubt as to the fulfilment of that promise. She therefore faces Free Masonry with a courag as resolute as that she manifester when she fronted and conquered far more powerful foes in the long past.

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## A CONVERT'S IMPRESSION.

The readers of the Glasgow Observer are being favored nowadays with a noteworthy series of articles bearing the general title "A Con-vert's First Impressions." More invert's First Impressions." teresting and readable matter than is furnished by this particular copvert's experience on joining the Church we have not met with in long while. In the latest issue of the Observer, the writer discusses the spontaneity and naturalness of Ca tholic piety, and illustrates his point by many a graphic picture-among others, the following :

"Go to Ireland (and a more Catholic nation does not exist on the face of the earth), and there you see how simply and naturally the people prac tice their religion. There is an easy, unconventional style about the whole thing which is truly edifying. Not government selected and approved of one morning, but seven mornings of the week, whether in crowded cities

summons the faithful to Mass and Holy Communion-not after an ample breakfast of ham and eggs (according to the principle of that ty pical Presbyterian, Dr. Guthrie: 'porridge first and then prayers') but vith an unbroken fast—at 4 or 5 or 6 a.m., when Protestants are snoring in their beds. Cheerfully the people respond and Scotch folks would be astonished if they beheld the numbers who morning after morning, without any obligations but purely out of de votion, begin the day with Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. At midday the Angelus bell peals forth through streets and hills an 1 valleys.

In the afternoon there is a constant stream of visitors to the Blessed Sacrament, some remaining for long periods of time, so sweet do they find it to be in the presence of their Sa viour.

"At the corner of almost every street a little shrine is fixed, from which some holy face looks down upon you as you pass. On the country roads you suddenly find yourself kneeling before a wayside crucifix or shrine of Our Blessed Lady in the fields, and on the hillsides you hear the pious workers singing their sweet and simple hymns to Mary; and even the little children run up and take your hand and beg a holy picture or a rosary in a way that is not to be

"These are but samples to show how natural and simple and unaffected Catholics are in practicing their religion. I am not copying this from a guidebook, but writing what I know and have seen myself. They do not put on long faces and a special black suit and look preternaturally solemn on one day out of seven. They live in constant remem brance of their religion: and by everrecurring fast and festival, by rosaries, scapulars, crucifixes, medals and the Agnus Dei, it is kept before their minds and eyes." If the best of Catholics to the manner born were to be thrust into the darkness

and barrenness of Protestantism or unbelief for a brief period, they would love their religion more than they do, be more faithful in practicing it,

## CARDINAL LAVIGERIE TO HIS COUNTRYMEN. Timely Publication of the La Recommendations of the Great French Preisto

THE TRUE WITNESS AND CATHOLIC CHRONICLE.

Mgr. Lacroix, Bishop of Tarentaise who was the friend and at one time the secretary of the late Cardinal Lavigerie, has rendered a great service by the publication in the present circumstances in France of document containing the last recom mendations of the distinguished Cardinal to his countrymen. It is meet that, when the Prime Minister of France speaks lightly of abandoning the protectorate of France over the Christians of the East, the voice of the great ecclesiastic who did so much to spread French influence in Tunis, should remind Frenchmen their duties. It will be remembered that Cardinal Lavigerie was the spokesman selected by Leo XIII. for conveying the Pope's assurance to the French Government that the Church fully recognized the republic as the legitimate Government France, and for conveying the Pope's recommendations to French Catholic to cease making religious interests subservient to party interests and to rally themselves to the form of

by the country. Cardinal Lavigerie begins by a confession of faith which is in singular harmony with the almost unanimous declarations made by members of the French episcopate in connection with late events. "I declare," he writes, "in presence

of eternity which faces me, that I desire to die in the sentiments in which I have lived, viz., sentiments of unquestioning obedience and devotion to the Holy Apostolic See, and to our Holy Father the Pope, Vicar of Christ upon earth. I believe and have always believed what he believe and teaches. I always believed that away from the Pope or against the Pope there is and can be in the Church nothing but trouble, confusion, error and eternal loss. He alone has been established as the foundation of all unity, and consequently of all life in all that pertains to salvation. The same devotion which I have fo the Holy See I have also for Christian France and the African missions, over which I have been appointed. The peace, glory and even life of France are closely bound up with her Catholic faith, and conse quently with her devotion to the Holy Sce. I have done all in my power to maintain harmony between France and the Holy See, and I can say with truth that I die of my efforts, for the illness which is opening the grave before me is the conse quence of the almost superhuman fatigues which I underwent last year in Paris and in Rome to prevent a sensational rupture which was considered inevitable. And in this I was working even more in the interests of my country than in the inter ests of the Church, for the Church has been assured of immortality, which France has not. Year after year, as national traditions are abandoned, as faith and the respect of religion decrease, France seems become less and less in the world \* \* Will God take away from her the mission which He had entrusted to her, of defending and protecting in her own disinterested way ius-

tice, weakness and truth ? My last prayer is that this supreme misfortune may be spared her.

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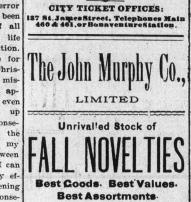
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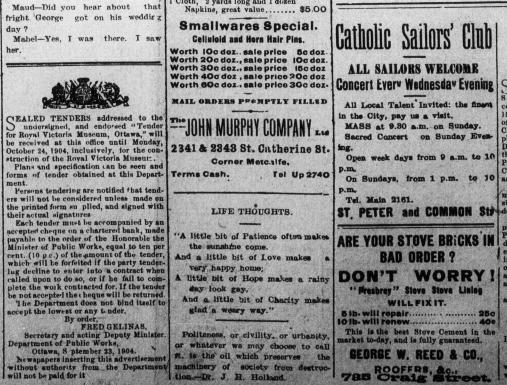
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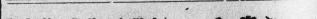
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> Cardinal Gibbons resume monthly sermons at the Cathe Raltimore on October 2nd. the large congr ached to spoke on the Feast of the dian Angels. The text was om the first to the tenth ve eighteenth chapter of St. thew. He said in part :

We are told in the Book of that the patriarch Jacob in a had a vision in which he be ladder extending from earth ven and the angels of God ing and descending. This vis veals to us the dignity of and the ministry of the ang God, who bear our prayers t throne of grace and return b us benedictions from our He

Father. The same ministry of the an eferred to in the Book of Tob are told there that the ang el, in human shape, accom the young Tobias on a long j and on his return revealed him the elder Tobias and said to "Prayer with fasting is good. thou didst pray with tears an the dead, when thou didst lea dinner and bury the dead, I thy prayers to the Lord." Humble and earnest pray this is the only sort of prayer onsidering-is the source of 1 the mind, of comfort to the hea of strength to the will. By we ascend, like Moses, to th untain. There He remove scales from our eyes. He disp clouds of passion, of prejudice ignorance which envelopes us. sheds a flood of light upon us enables us to see things a really are.

### MAN'S LITTLENESS REVE

Standing on that mountain, the shortness of time and l sses like a shadow, and we measurable length of eternit are penetrated with a sense o greatness of God alone and 1 tleness of man, and if we p anything attractive in him it cause he is shining with bo light. We observe how paltr trifing are all things earthly they are passing away; any the beloved John, we get a g of the heavenly Jerusalem. time, indeed, that outside of we acknowledge these truths. But it is only in prayer the fully realize them and relish and that the words of the are brought home to us: "We not here a lasting city, but w

one that is to come." It was while St. Paul was estacy of prayer that was re to him the mysteries of the lom of Heaven and was given an insight of the glory to "Which eye has not seen no heard nor the heart of man conceive." St. Thomas Aquinas was one

until there shall be found in every village a Free Mason schoolmaster.

With a Free Mason schoolmaster established in every French village the work of sapping the spirit of religion will be greatly facilitated. This explains why the present French Government which takes its order from the Masonic lodges, are driving the religious teaching congregations from French soil. They must be got rid of preparatory to establishing in every French village a Free Mason oolmaster whose duty it will be to teach the children committed to his charge that they must hold in contempt the religion of their fathers.

It would be a mistake to suppos that these sworn foes of the Catholic Church would rest satisfied with des troying her influence, if such a thing were possible. The fact that they are the avowed enemies of Christia nity in any shape must not be might of. Their hatred of Protestantism is less intense for the reason that it does not present so unflinch ing a front to their anti-Christian principles as does the Catholic Church. Then besides they feel that the inherent weakness of the Protestant sects will render them 81 easy prey if the Catholic Church, their most formidable opporent. can

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Once a simple peasant boy-Now the mighty Pope of Rom Wore that antique nickel toy In the vatican of home. And the Holy Father prays Though the nickel may be dim, That it mark the passing days Until time shall cease for him.

-Mrs. M. L. Rayne

Our way often lies between sharp rocks, dangers beset us on every side; one false step, and our h would be wrecked among the bro

machinery of society from destruction.-Dr. J. H. Holland. 785 Crais Str



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#### NOWLEDGE OF SIN BY PRA

While we need not expect that will reveal to us in prayer, as to St. Paul and St. Thomas, teries of the kingdom, He ighten us on a subject far. ul and profitable to us. H and His searchlight into the l med His searchlight into the l meess of our souls and disclo our hidden sins and tran our imperfections and ngs, our vanities and illu will "search Jerusalem lamps," as He said by the said by the will make His lamp shine ips," as He said by His pr temple of our hearts and la before us the dust of smaller which had accumulated there served for months—aye, for He will give us a knowledge e us the dust of smaller most practical and essential, showledge of ourselves. Prayer is a sovereign remed