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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

Mr. Thomas Coffey: 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.

NATIONALISM IN CHURCH.

There is not in a young country much danger of nationalism directly affecting the Church. The spirit which fostered Gallicanism in France or later in Germany made war upon Catholicism as an open enemy of the State is hardly known upon this side of the Atlantic.

and again proposing one or other idea which indicates an undesirable friction. The same difficulty is found between all mixed races. Considering that vocations are not plentiful, that these problems have an economical side, that divisions really weaken the whole body, we for these and many other reasons regret misunderstandings which, arising from differences of language and temperament, gather intensity and terminate at times with uncharitable and un-Catholic results.

AN ENQUIRY.

An enquirer puts a question to us which may throw us upon one of the horns of a dilemma. He asks: "How comes it that so many Catholic priests are opposed to liquor traffic and so many in favor of it? Is it not a moral issue? Would not local option be beneficial to the public—in fact the common good? If it is for the common good why do not all Catholic priests favor it?"

quite so severely as the local option advocates. There are other faults more dangerous to our generation than even intemperance. There is irreligion. Whilst the number of intemperate people in a parish is very small, the number of careless persons is continually on the increase.

THE PAPACY.

An esteemed correspondent writes us: "On discussing religious matters with non-Catholics I am often told that the spiritual jurisdiction of the Pope was not recognized outside of Rome, by any of the Christian churches throughout the world, until some time about the ninth or the tenth century; in other words, that there was no Pope during those first centuries of the Christian era, that he was simply Bishop of Rome. Another matter which they deny is that the Greek Church was ever in communion with the See of Rome."

despotic, since it is a divine commission to be exercised in support of truth and piety. St. Peter exercised this power in the first Council of Jerusalem. "It hath seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us," was the decree which Tertullian describes as the exercise of Peter's binding and loosing. But what is the testimony of the Fathers? St. Cyprian in the third century is an important witness from the attitude of opposition which he assumed to Pope St. Stephen on the subject of baptism administered by heretics.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD AND CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

More by accident than intention we find ourselves giving prominence to this fund of Christian Science. Fad it is, since it does not take in the whole life and purpose of man. It plays upon one string—runs to excess in one direction and avoids the material with erroneous zeal.

above every creature however perfect—never outside His creation however vast it may be—within it, yet perfectly distinct from it; beneath it, supporting it; above it ruling it, most intimate with every being, separated from them by an infinite distance. All is not spiritual, all is not corporeal. The spirituality of God is not the spirituality of creatures.

ST. JEROME'S COLLEGE.

THE 30TH of Sept. was a notable day in the annals of St. Jerome's College, Berlin, diocese of Hamilton, when the substantial new edition was formally dedicated. We publish in another column a report of the proceedings. The work of the good Fathers of the Congregation of the Resurrection, from a small beginning to the present day, would make an interesting chapter in the history of the Catholic Church in Ontario.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF GREAT BRITAIN.

John Heniker Heaton, M. P., the father of penny postage, is highly pleased at the establishment of that rate between Great Britain and the United States, and asserts that Ireland will benefit greatly in the matter of small money orders.

THE OVER-ENTERPRISING AGENT OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

one day last week found the news market rather dull and set his wits to work, in the seclusion of his little den, to bring out something brand new from Rome. He stated that Cardinal Merry del Val is about to resign his position at the Vatican because he is not in touch with some of the English-speaking Bishops.

TO A NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWER AT QUEENSTOWN.

Cardinal Gibbons said he felt that there would be no objection in the United States, such as had been in London, to the carrying of the Sacred Host through the streets. "Catholics," he continued, "would not be afraid to hold a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in New York or any other of the large cities of the Republic."

is in large part confined to those who are noted for leading un-Christian lives and who scarcely ever attend a church of any description. It is a pity that there are men of the cloth to be found who at stated periods pander to the prejudices of ignorant people.

SENSATIONAL WEDDINGS.

some of them for advertising purposes, are an abomination which should be tabooed amongst every community of Christian people. Shame upon the man who calls himself a minister of the Gospel and yet would lend himself to such an outrage upon a sacred Christian rite.

A DESPATCH FROM ROME.

dated the 28th, states that the International Sporting Congress, which was organized as a feature of the celebration of the Pope's jubilee, is the most important that has ever been held in Rome.

AN AMERICAN PAPER TELLS US THAT A PERSON OF WIDE EXPERIENCE DECLARES THAT FEW CATHOLIC MARRIAGES TURN OUT UNHAPPILY.

and that in cases where trouble comes the cause oftentimes is through drink or other failings. We may add that this is observable in cases where a newly married couple are not in close touch with the Church.

THE MAN WHO IS IN THE HABIT OF RETAILING DELICATE JOKES WAS RECENTLY GIVEN A WELL-DESERVED REBUKE BY MR. BRYAN.

Democratic candidate for the presidency. As soon as he had finished his coarse tale Mr. Bryan turned his back upon him with a remark which cut him to the quick.

HAS IT EVER ENTERED INTO THE MINDS OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES WHO HAVE GONE TO LIVE IN SPARSELY SETTLED DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTRY.

where visits of the priests are necessarily few and far between, the great importance of procuring sound Catholic reading for their families. A good Catholic paper and a small library of the best Catholic works will be found a treasure the value of which it were difficult to estimate.