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ENCYCLICAL LETTER OUR HOLY FATHER, By DIVINE PROVIDENCE POPE PIUS X.

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than solid usefulness; but not, pernumerous are those haps, SO who following the example of Christ, take selves the words of the Proto then phet, "The Spirit of the Lord is up on me, wherefore He hath anointed me, to preach the Gospel to poor, He hath sent me to heal the contrite of heart, to preach deliverance to the captives, and sight to the blind" (Luke iv, 18, 19). Who does not see, venerable brethren that as men are led chiefly by reason and liberty, religious education is th principal way of restoring the authority of God over human souls How many are there who hate Christ and detest the Church and the Gos pel more through ignorance than through wickedness of mind, of whom it can be justly said "they blasphem whatever they do not understand." 'And this is met with not only amongst the people and the masses in the humblest conditions of life, who are on that account easily drawn into error, but in the educated classes and even amongst those who are er dowed with no slight erudition. Hence the loss of faith amongst a great number. For it is not true that the progress of science extinguishes faith; this is done rather by ignorance whence it happens that where ignorance prevails want of faith does most mischief. And this is the reason that Christ gave the command to the Aposties: "Going, teach ye all nations" (Matt. xxviii, 19).

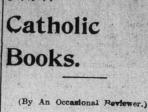
In order that his apostolate and zeal in teaching may produce the hoped-for fruit and that Christ' may be formed in all, let everyone, vener-able brethren, bear well in mind that nothing is more efficacious than charity; because "the Lord is not in the earthquake" (III. Kings, xix, 2s. Vain is the hope of drawing souls to God by a zeal that is bitter; nay, even to attack errors with bitterto reprehend vices too vehe ness, mently, sometimes does more harm than good. The Apostie no doubt exhorted Timothy, "reprove, entreat, rebuke;" but he also added; "in all patience" (II. Tim., iv, 2). Certainly Jesus has left us examples of this "Come to Me"-thus we read of His having spoken-"all you that labor and are burdened, and I will reiresh you" (Matt. xi, 28). By these weak and burdened people He meant no other than those who are the slaves of sin and error. How great in truth was the mercy of this Master! What tenderness. Divine what compassion towards all of every sort who were in trouble. Isaias truly described His Heart in these words "I have given My Spirit upon Him; He shall not cry, neither shall His voice be heard abroad; the bruised shall not break and smok ing flax He shall not quench" (Isaias xlii. 1, 2, 3). This "patient" and "kind" charity ought to be extended also to those who are opposed to us and persecute us. "We are reviled"thus St. Paul protested for himself-"and we bless; we are persecuted and we suffer it; we are blasphemed and we entreat" (I. Co., iv, 12, 13). Perhaps they appear worse than they really are. Intercourse with others, prejudices, advice and example which they receive, and finally false shame, have drawn them into the ranks of the wicked; but their will is not so depraved as they themselves would have people believe. Who will de-prive us of the hope that the flame timony of the tender charity with

cellent institutions, and We earnestly desire that they be propagated and flourish in city and country. But We desire that these institutions should principally and above all tend to produce and maintain constantly Christian life amongst those who hecome members of them. It is indeed of little avail to discuss many questions subtly and to speak with quence of rights and duties if all this be dissociated from practice. The present time demands action: but action which consists altogether in observ ing with fidelity and in their entirety the divine laws and the precepts of the Church, in the free and open pro fession of religion, in the exercise of works of charity of all kinds with out any consideration of self and

worldly advantages. Such bright examples of so many soldiers of Christ will surely be far more effective in moving and drawing souls than mere words and lofty discussions; and it will easily come_about that, fear being laid aside and prejudices and doubts removed, a great many will be drawn to Christ, making themselves in turn promoters of the know ledge and love of Him, which is the way to true and solid happiness. Un doubtedly if in every town and village the Commandments of God are faithfully observed, if sacred thing are respected, if the Sacraments are frequented, if care is given to every thing appertaining to the Christian life, there will be no need to go fur ther, venerable brethren, to restore all things in Christ. Nor is this of benefit for the attainment of Heaven ly blessings merely; it will also ensure the greatest advantages to the the age and to human society; for, this state of things being assured, the no bles and the wealthy will be just and charitable towards their poorer breth ren, and these will bear with calmness and patience the trials resulting from straightened circumstances; the citizens will obey not their own passions but the laws; and the duty of reverence and love will be observed towards rulers and those holding the authority of state, "whose power comes from no other but from God (Rom. xiii, 1). What more? Then at last it will be clear to everyon that the Church, as it was establish ed by Christ, ought to enjoy full and entire liberty and ought not to be subject to an alien authority, and that We in demanding that liberty are not only guarding the sacrerights of religion, but also providing for the common welfare and security of the people. For "godliness is profitable to all things" (I. Tim., in 8); and this being safe and flourishing, "the people shall" truly "sit in the fulness of peace" (Is. xxxii, 18) May God, Who is "rich in mercy

(Ephes. ii, 4), benignly hasten restoration of the human race; for 'it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth, but of God tha showeth mercy" (Rom. ix, 16). And let us, venerable brethren, "in a hum ble spirit" (Dan. iii, 39) beg it of Him through the merits of Jesus Christ by daily and earnest prayer Let us have recourse, moreover. the powerful intercession of the Mo ther of God, to obtain which, inasmuch as We address this Letter to you on the very day destined ommemorate the Holy Rosary, We ordain and confirm whatever Our predecessor decreed as to the dedication of this month of October to Blessed Virgin by the public recital of the Rosary in all churches, recommending also that the spouse of th most pure Mother of God, the patron of the Catholic Church, and SS. Peter and Paul, the princes of the Apostles, be invoked as intercessors.

In order that all this may duly come to pass and that everything may happen according to your sires, We implore for you the most



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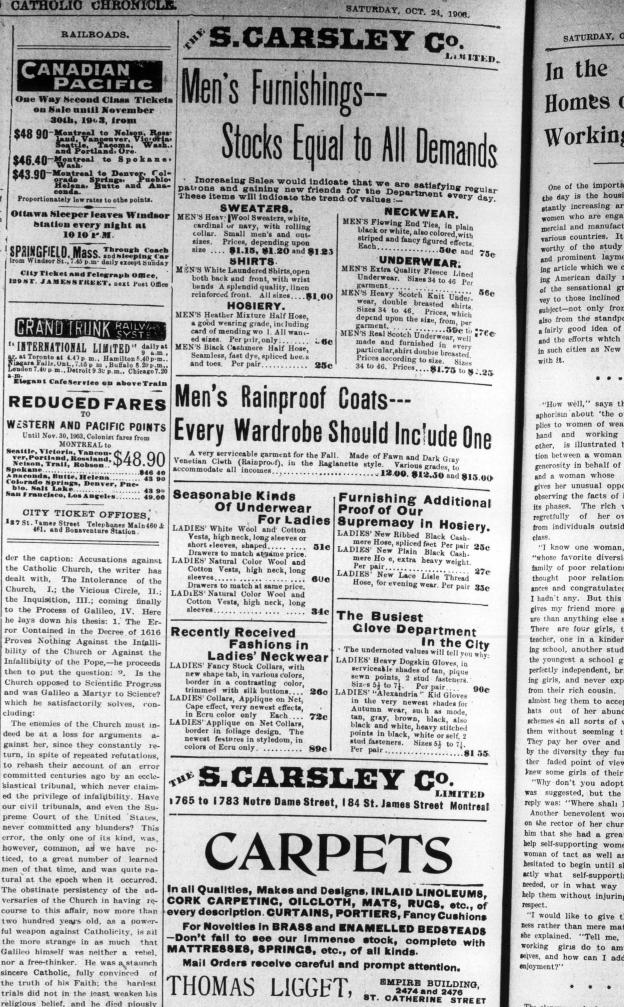
Christian Apologetics or A Ration al Exposition of the Foundations of Faith, by Rev. Father Devivier, S J.; preceded by an introduction on the Existence and Attributes of God, and a treatise on the Human Soul; its Liberty, Spirituality, Immortality and Destiny, by Rev. L. Peeters, S.J. Edited, augmented and adapt ed to English readers, by Rev. Jos. C. Sasia, S.J., II vols., \$2.50.-Father Pustet & Co., New York, B Herder, St. Louis; Burns & Oates, London.

As Catholics we like the old,-it is solid and substantial, tested by the experience of ages. Our Faith is old, and that is the proof of its divinity -our discipline is old, and on this very account we hold the more sacredly to it,-our liturgy is old, enwining itself about the affections, as the ivy does round the moss-covered oak, till it becomes almost one with them, and we cherish it wheresoever we chance to dwell, North or South or East or West. Yet human nature also yearns after the attractions of new-original, fresh, vigorous, active; this is what we are drawn to in the much-vaunted progress of the century just past, which, had it but earkened to the dictates of Mother Church, appointed its guardian and guide, acknowledging her authority and energizing under her control, could have wrought wonders for the betterment of mankind. But omitting these reflections and

coming to the volumes that have sugrested them, let us honestly affirm that we hail them with delight, since we find in them the old and the new amicably united. Indeed, Rev. Father Sasia has done an immer far-reaching service to the faithful on this side the Atlantic by opening to them the treasures Rev. Father Devivier and Rev. Father Peeters had stored up in the original French, and by superadding moreover the treasures derived from his own resources and gathered during twenty-five years of lecturing and teaching.

To afford an adequate idea of the results achieved would be hardly feasible within our allotted space. Suffice to say that the subjects treated are God. the Human Soul, Religion, Christianity, Catholicism. Step by step we are led first from the two postulates of natural reason that there exists a God, and that the Human Soul is spiritual and immortal, -which postulates are both cogently demonstrated against the Atheists, Pantheists, Determinists and the rest of their class,- to the acknowledgment of the necessity of Religion rendering to God His due and securing the Human Soul, spiritual and immortal, from what might lead to disaster beyond the grave. The abstract necessity of Religion established, we discover its concrete realization only in Christianity, and spe cifically in Catholicism, which outside Christianity even is a dark, dismal, intricate labyrinth, Catholicism being the sole true Christianity, "raised aloft like an ensign unto the na tions inviting those who do not yet believe and displaying to the children household that the faith they of the profess rests on a firm foundation, as the Council of the Vatican pro

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