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weapon of a loyal and sincere Cath-  
olic press.**

—Pope Pius X.

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their best interests, they would soon  
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of the most prosperous and powerful  
Catholic papers in this country.

I heartily bless those who encourage  
this excellent work.

PAUL,  
Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1909.

### SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA.

The tales the world hears of Rus-  
sia are not usually of a flattering  
character. It is the fashion to be-  
lieve that in Russia there exists only  
tyranny and despotism, and that  
there is a sad lack of freedom of  
conscience. It is generally accepted  
that those beliefs, other than the  
orthodox religion, are persecuted  
and tormented because of their fail-  
ure to believe in the same tenets as  
those of the ruling house. Again, we  
repeat, it is the fashion to believe  
those things because they have been  
constantly reiterated. Naturally, one  
comes to accept as true statements  
that are constantly repeated through-  
out the reading world. Knowing this  
it comes, then, somewhat in the  
nature of a surprise to read in the  
letter of a True Witness correspond-  
ent who writes from Odessa, that  
the Russian government provides  
teachers in the National schools to  
impart religious instruction to the  
children of various denominations.  
These teachers are clergymen and  
receive compensation from the gov-  
ernment for their services. We read  
that there is a Jewish Rabbi and a  
Catholic priest included amongst  
these teachers. This statement will  
surprise many persons because it  
is generally understood throughout  
the rest of the world that the ad-  
herents of the Jewish and Catholic  
beliefs are severely persecuted in  
Russia. It would appear, after all,  
that in some things Russia can lay  
claim to commendable liberality.

### INSPECTION OF CONVENTS.

We are often told that the Eng-  
lishman regards his home as his cas-  
tle. So it should be. It is quite  
evident that a considerable section of  
the members of the British Parlia-  
ment hold a similar view. This  
is suggested because of the largeness  
of the majority by which requests  
for permission to introduce a bill  
asking for the inspection of monas-  
tic institutions was defeated. Cap-  
tain Craig, North Devon, asked for  
leave to present such a bill; in do-  
ing so he regretted the absence of  
Mr. Corbett, North Down, a mem-  
ber identified with similar previous  
attempts. In the course of his argu-  
ment he made the assertion that  
conditions in convents and monaster-  
ies placed them on a par with Chi-  
nese labor, and that in Ireland, where  
the sale of a large house took  
place, the opportunity was  
greedily taken by these Catholic  
societies for the purpose of starting  
fresh industries. Mr. T. P. O'Con-  
nor undertook to reply to Captain  
Craig's statements and did so stur-  
dily, closing by remarking that these  
women in these religious organiza-  
tions were the real Christian. Com-  
munist and Socialist in the world.  
The bigoted effort of the Orange par-  
ty met with prompt defeat. So the

matter rests, apparently, for an-  
other year. This notion has been  
brought before the House annually  
for a period of twenty-five years,  
which is evidence that the Eng-  
lishman is a strong respecter of estab-  
lished rights.

### SOME CATHOLIC IDEALS.

Montreal is a Catholic city, that is  
to say, the majority of the popula-  
tion is composed of members of the  
faith. This being so it should  
follow that the Canadian metropolis  
ought to be governed according to  
Catholic ideals. Is this city so  
governed? An answer to that ques-  
tion would be, it is feared, of a  
negative character. Without having  
any desire to pass judgment upon  
the testimony offered before the  
Royal Commission, such statements  
as have been made before Mr. Jus-  
tice Cannon indicate that there ex-  
ists now, or did exist, excellent  
reasons for the institution of that  
commission. Conditions prevail here  
that are unworthy of such a city.  
There are many things which should  
be removed. There is always the  
answer that some conditions are  
necessary evils, but such an answer  
is unchristian. No evil is necessary  
while tolerated vice has, because of  
the passive protection afforded, far  
reaching consequences that in them-  
selves are greater evils. Apart  
from the unpleasant topics, much  
could be said of the very appearance  
of the city. It is slovenly, unkempt  
and with but little of that charm of  
neatness which the chief city of the  
Dominion should possess. Our roads  
are poorly constructed and suffer  
from lack of efficient maintenance; it  
is, doubtless, difficult to efficiently  
maintain that which has been con-  
structed unscientifically. If there  
ever was such a time as the Dark  
Age, then our methods must have  
belonged to it. Throughout Amer-  
ica Montreal is known as a great  
Catholic city. It is but natural then  
that visitors, who cannot be ex-  
pected to know all the particulars of  
our civic administration, or to  
know the full truth, will proceed  
from here with mistaken ideas. It  
is exceedingly unfortunate that there  
should be any basis on which to  
construct mistaken ideas. In prac-  
tice we have strayed very far from  
the idealistic and are in sore need  
of regeneration.

### FAIR WEATHER CHRISTIANS.

When does the Devil suspend opera-  
tions in Hell, betake himself to the  
cooling shades of the heated spell,  
and allow the big lumps and the lit-  
tle lumps to rest in Sheol? The writ-  
er cannot answer his own question;  
frankly, he believes that His Satanic  
Majesty is very busy during the  
summer months. Temptations come  
no less frequently when Nature is  
decked in all her finery than in the  
dreary days when vegetation is dead  
and the world is hoping for the re-  
turn of the sunshine. The question  
with which we began was prompted  
by the following, taken from a re-  
cent issue of The New York Herald:

"Many New York pastors will  
leave the city for their annual vaca-  
tion between the middle of June and  
the first of July. A few will go to  
Europe, but more will rest in cot-  
tages in the mountains of this State  
or New England. With very few ex-  
ceptions the churches and synagogues  
will remain open all summer, and  
assistants will be left in charge. The  
pastors will come into the city for  
funerals and other urgent calls. In  
some churches the evening service  
will be discontinued, and where  
there are not large enough congrega-  
tions to make it worth while to  
open the main auditorium the chap-  
els will be used. But the regular or-  
der of worship will continue through  
June."

Of course, neither Catholic places  
of worship or Catholic pastors are  
included in the Herald's paragraph.  
The edifices raised in honor of the  
true faith open their welcoming  
doors in all four seasons; their pas-  
tors are ever to be found ready for  
duty. It is not necessary for them  
to, discontinue any service, nor to  
open chapels because the "main au-  
ditorium" proves too large for small  
congregations. Truly we are now  
minded of an answer to the question:  
if the Devil does take a holiday he,  
doubtless, spends it in the neighbor-  
hood of a darkened temple.

### SOCIALIZED RELIGION.

Some of our separated brethren  
are discovering that their systems  
have removed their religious organi-  
zations from the masses, that they  
are suffering losses and that there is  
a lack of sympathy between preach-  
er and people. It is argued that the  
methods of seminaries are inade-  
quate, that students are taught too  
many "dead" subjects, and that not  
sufficient attention is paid to the  
"live" topics of the day. Two cler-  
gymen recently contributed articles  
to The Outlook on this subject. One  
concluded his criticism by suggesting  
that the chief aim of these semina-  
ries should be to teach "the social  
character of religion, and special-

ly, the social application of Christ-  
ianity." These men admit that their  
organizations are out of touch with  
the masses, that workmen stand  
aloof from the Protestant bodies,  
and are giving their attachment to  
Socialism. Therefore, argues one,  
religion must take on a tinge of  
Socialism to win them back. It is  
a remarkable fact that many non-  
Catholic writers have persistently  
overlooked the main cause of the de-  
fections from their own ranks and  
the firm hold the true Church main-  
tains upon its own children, the  
workers. One notable exception we  
find in General Booth who has re-  
peatedly said that the Catholic  
Church is the only church that free-  
ly offers its solace to the work-  
man. We now find another excep-  
tion,—it being taken for granted that  
the writer is not a Catholic. In the  
New York Evening Post an editorial  
writer dealing with the complaints  
of non-Catholic critics, says to them:  
"Take the great fact of the rela-  
tion of the Catholic Church to  
workmen. This is seldom re-  
ferred to in the laments of Protest-  
ants over their slackening hold upon  
the toilers, yet it is most signifi-  
cant. Here we have a vast religious  
organization, the very life-blood of  
which in this country has been the  
attachment and devotion of the  
working-classes, but do we find it  
saying that it must move heaven and  
earth to bring itself up to date and  
become 'socialized'? Nothing of  
the kind. On the contrary, it has  
been cast against Socialism, and  
the Pope is as much opposed to  
the 'modernity' in labor and political  
movements as in theological. Doubt-  
less, the Catholic Church in the  
United States loses its power over  
many immigrants and other work-  
men by its antecedent faith  
ought to be in its communion. But  
making all allowances for such de-  
fections, it retains a wonderful hold  
upon those very masses which, we  
are now told, can be won over only  
by petting labor unions, and taking  
up with half-baked doctrines labelled  
'socialology.'"

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Peter's Pence will be collected  
soon. That occasion is worthy of a  
big effort.

A southern sociologist asserts that  
it is only the idle negro that is a  
"bad nigger." The idle of any race  
are its bad men.

Roosevelt visited the Catholic mis-  
sion at Nairobi on Sunday. That  
will be pleasant reading for the bi-  
gots at home.

Two new parishes have been re-  
cently added to this diocese. This  
sees prosper under the excellent ad-  
ministration of His Grace Arch-  
bishop Brucjesi.

It is usually said of poets that in  
life they are refused bread and in  
death rewarded by a stone. Mistral  
proves an exception. The Provencal  
poet was honored at Arles on Sun-  
day by the unveiling of a monument  
to him. And he is yet alive.

The annual church parade of the  
Montreal garrison proved an im-  
portant affair. The Catholic bri-  
gade, consisting of the 65th C.M.R.  
and the Mount St. Louis Cadets  
mustered in strong force and made a  
gallant showing.

Two thousand members of the New  
York Police Department attended the  
annual religious service at St.  
Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday. In  
Brooklyn on the previous Sunday a  
similar number paraded for their an-  
nual departmental Mass. They do  
some things well, these Americans.

The Scotch are a thrifty race.  
Glasgow and Edinburgh School  
Boards will give free books to  
poor children if they attend Board  
Schools, but not if they are entered  
at Catholic establishments. One  
wonders if they are as careful in  
collecting the bawbee from Catholic  
sources.

Joaquin Miller, the poet of the  
Sierras, was sharp in his address  
before the graduating class of Cali-  
fornia College. He insisted that the  
college graduate should work with  
his hands as well as his brain. He  
told the students that in Pennsylva-  
nia penitentiary he had found twen-  
ty-eight lawyers, forty-five doctors,  
and many bankers and merchants,  
but no farmers. Sons of the soil  
breed but little sin.

A straw, raised from the ground,  
in virtue of obedience, is worth more  
than martyrdom suffered for self-  
love.—St. Teresa

No one realizes how selfish they  
are until they fall in love; then,  
strangely enough, they get more un-  
selfish too.

The most unhappy of all men is  
the one who cannot tell what he is  
going to do.

Give no alms to a man who begs  
well, but reserve it for the silent  
beggar.

Only when grief finds its work  
done can God dispense us from it.

## Current Topics.

### ACCIDENTS TO THE WORKERS.

Throughout North America indus-  
try collects a heavy toll of life each  
year, and to that toll is to be added  
a long list of victims maimed and  
injured. The toll is particularly  
heavy in the United States; the rail-  
ways in the Republic yearly furnish a  
list of dead and wounded which if  
given as war statistics would indi-  
cate a bloody conflict. In Canada  
we can supply a lengthy list each  
year, much larger than it should  
be. From the Labor Gazette we  
find that in the month of April  
there were 250 workers victims of  
accidents, of that number 64 were  
killed.

In the preceding month there were  
78 fatal and 194 non-fatal accidents  
reported, a total of 272, and in  
April, 1908, there were 105 fatal  
and 184 non-fatal accidents, a total  
of 289. The number of fatal acci-  
dents reported in April, 1909,  
therefore 14 less than in the pre-  
ceding month and 41 less than in  
April, 1908. The number of non-  
fatal accidents reported in April,  
1909, was 8 less than in the pre-  
ceding month, and 2 more than in  
April, 1908. Altogether there were  
22 industrial accidents reported in  
April, 1909, less than in the pre-  
ceding month and 49 less than in  
the same month of the preceding  
year.

The following is a record of the  
accidents of the month by industries  
and trades:

Trade or industry.	Killed.	In- jured.
Agriculture .....	10	24
Fishing and hunting .....	9	5
Lumbering .....	4	12
Mining .....	7	6
Building trades .....	13	13
Metal trades .....	4	43
Woodworking trades .....	1	13
Printing trades .....	1	4
Textile trades .....	1	4
Food and tobacco pre- paration .....	2	2
Leather trades .....	2	2
Railway service .....	13	20
Navigation .....	8	5
General transport .....	17	17
Civic employees .....	1	1
Miscellaneous .....	2	8
Unskilled labor .....	5	7
Total .....	64	186

### EMIGRATION OF CHILDREN.

Emigration statistics furnished by  
the British Board of Trade show a  
slight increase of emigration from  
the United Kingdom for British  
North America during the months of  
January and February, but a de-  
crease in emigrants of British ori-  
gin. The total number from British  
ports in the first two months of  
1909 was 6,875, an increase of 302  
over the previous similar period. Of  
the total number the British emi-  
grants numbered in 1909, 4,358, a  
decrease of 908 from that period of  
1908. While efforts have been made  
to stop the emigration of agricul-  
tural laborers from Ireland, England,  
Scotland and Wales, other forces are  
at work endeavoring to increase the  
emigrations of children. In the Cana-  
dian Gazette, London, we read:  
"Approximately 70,000 children are  
at present dependent upon the rate-  
payers of Great Britain, and it is a  
matter for surprise that more ad-  
vantage is not taken of Canada's fa-  
cilities for their absorption. Probab-  
ly not more than 250 children a year  
are emigrated by the various Boards  
of Guardians. Yet the success of  
child emigration is undoubted.  
Since the late Miss Rye began her  
work in 1869, no fewer than 60,000  
children have been transferred to  
Canada. The children are placed out  
on farms with carefully selected fos-  
terparents, where they quickly adapt  
themselves to their environment and  
become absorbed as useful and effi-  
cient members of the farming commu-  
nity. They are regularly visited and  
inspected by representatives of the  
Homes and of the Government until  
they reach the age of eighteen, and  
every opportunity is given them to  
become future worthy and responsi-  
ble citizens of the Dominion."

### TARIFF TINKERS INTEREST CANADA.

For trade reasons the tariff tink-  
ering now in progress in the United  
States is of considerable importance  
to Canada. It is of as much import-  
ance in the Dominion, in due propor-  
tion, of course, as it is in the  
States. Canada is a big customer of  
her neighbor, while the Republic is  
compelled to seek in Canada certain  
things now fast disappearing in her  
own country. Our own tariff is a  
work that is of immediate interest  
to every person in the country,  
which is not surprising when it is  
realized that modern tariffs can be  
more harmful than war, in the econ-  
omic sense. The New York Post is  
so interested in the matter that it  
made a canvass of the Senate, and  
its examination of the Senator's re-  
cords shows the following professional  
and business statistics:

Farmers, 10.  
Merchants, 4.  
Corporation lawyers, 27.  
Lawyers without special leanings,  
40.  
Bankers and holders of bank stocks  
21.  
Manufacturers, 11.  
Holders of railway stocks, 19.  
Holders of industrial stocks, 19.  
Holders of steamship interests, 6.  
Holders of mining interests, 17.  
Holders of lumber interests, 9.  
Connected with public utility cor-  
porations, 8.  
Owners of large tracts of land, 9.  
Rated as poor men, 10.  
Rated as millionaires, at least, 22.  
Indefinitely reported to have lean-  
ings toward corporations, 16.  
Upon its findings the Post com-  
ments: With all respect to the vis-

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dom, sagacity, and business ability  
of the Senators, we deny that it is  
possible for a large number of them  
to deal with tariff issues in anything  
like a judicial frame of mind. We do  
not believe it is likely, for instance,  
that a Senator like Simon Guggen-  
heim can have an unbiased  
opinion as to what should be and  
what should not be the tariff on  
ores, or that Senator Carter of Mon-  
tana could form a proper opinion as  
to what is the right tax on wool  
and woollen garments. Yet upon  
these men rests largely the decision  
as to what the average citizen is  
going to pay for the next few years  
for the clothes he wears, the things  
he eats, and the material he uses.  
Can any one maintain that they will  
give the country a "scientific" re-  
vision of any schedule?"

## Random Thoughts.

June.  
Roses.  
Brides, too.  
So be merry.  
Hear the country groan.  
McGill has unloosed seventy-one  
new doctors.  
Can the health of the people stand  
the strain.  
Hear the schoolboy chortle as he  
counts the days.  
Now is the time for the grownups  
to think of holidays, too.

Will it be the mountains, the sea-  
shore, or a compromise at Dominion  
Park?

Quite a lot of persons spend their  
holidays at Blue Bonnets waiting for  
the unexpected.

This is the season when so many  
folk become affected with bright  
ideas on picking winners.

It is an easy gamble that the  
bookie knows the business better  
than the man who puts up money to  
the contrary?

The fool and his money are soon  
pried apart, but the crop seems to  
be fully up to the standard for this  
season's market.

Silence may be golden, but when  
you learn that Mme. Nordica re-  
ceived \$128,000 for singing last sea-  
son you may feel like making a  
noise.

It isn't polite to make remarks,  
but that Englishman who saw air-  
ships by night and noted the flash  
of searchlights, really ought to take  
something for it.

SEUMAS.

## Vacation Trips.

If ever there was a favorable op-  
portunity to visit the Western  
States and the Pacific Coast, it will  
be this summer. The attractions  
there are as numerous and the rail-  
road fares as low as any reasonable  
person could expect.

Of course, the Alaska-Yukon Ex-  
position, to be held at Seattle, Wash.,  
from June 1st to October 16th, will  
be the main feature, and this has led  
a number of our large patriotic, so-  
cial and benevolent bodies to hold  
their Annual Conventions in the West  
this year. The Grand Trunk Rail-  
way System is granting special low  
excursion rates which can be taken ad-  
vantage of by the general public, as  
well as the members of the different  
organizations mentioned below, and  
it is for this purpose we wish to  
draw the attention of the public gen-  
erally to the matter, as we know  
that a number of people who would  
like to arrange for a vacation trip  
to the Pacific Coast this summer  
have an idea that these special low  
rates are only intended for the dele-  
gates of the fraternal bodies. Such  
is not the case, however, as anyone  
who wishes to make this trip can  
secure these rates on application to  
any of our agents, or by communi-  
cating with Mr. J. Quinlan, District  
Passenger Agent, Montreal.

The following are some of the or-  
ganizations who will hold their an-  
nual convention in the West this  
year:  
National Association Woman's Sur-  
frage, Seattle, Wash., July 1 to  
7, '09.  
Epworth League, Seattle, Wash.,  
July 7 to 12, '09.  
I.O.O.F., Seattle, Wash., Sept. 20 to  
25, '09.  
National Irrigation Congress, Spo-

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to 17.  
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ing, or going by one route and re-  
turning by another—one way through  
California, if desired. Part of the  
route may also be taken through the  
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The Alaska-Yukon Exposition at  
Seattle, Wash., June 1st to October  
16th, will, from all accounts, sur-  
pass anything in this line heretofore  
held in America, and one thing  
which will particularly please the  
public is the fact that the Exposi-  
tion will be open and everything in  
full working order, precisely on the  
date advertised, viz., Tuesday, June  
1st.

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communications from passengers who  
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vice, and routes, also arrange for  
sleeping or parlor car reservations.  
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and early replies given in each case.

### Out of Arcady.

The flutes I heard in Arcady—  
The flutes of golden tone—  
Are all now sounding faint and far,  
And with a hollow moan.

The songs I heard in Arcady—  
The jocund songs of yore—  
Have wandered far upon the wind  
And will return no more.

The hearts I knew in Arcady—  
The young hearts glad and free—  
Are withered as the brown, dead  
leaves  
Upon November's tree.

O, Arcady—O, Arcady!  
Thy streams all still remain,  
But nevermore shall love's glad  
voice  
Ring through thy woods again!  
Charles J. O'Malley, in The New  
World.

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one we recei-  
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(From our Corre-  
Dublin May 19.—  
are deeply moved at  
result attending the  
second reading of the  
Bills Disabilities Remo-  
W. Redmond in a s-  
showed the measure  
all respects as that  
duced last year, and  
plea for friendship and  
two men of all reli-  
gious of the welfare  
of the country at lar-  
Mr. Healy asked why  
was not a good enough  
unless he made a decla-  
sive to twelve milli-  
jects.  
Lord Edmund Talbot  
if the Prime Minister  
to a committee be-  
ment business or was  
putting off the ques-  
Mr. Hilaire Belloc  
importance to the re-  
disqualifications rela-  
tion of the Royal  
and Mr. McNeill hop-  
House of Commons was  
petuate in the Statute  
which was introduced  
of infamous memory.

A DISAPPOINTING  
Despite the presenta-  
tion by three hundred  
bers of the Protestant  
fast men, etc. the s-  
was carried by ten vo-  
and vote was taken  
be referred to a Com-  
whole House", and  
carried to the intense  
of the Irish members.  
forty-five the other  
would have gone in  
course to a standing  
only chance now of  
committee stage will  
the Government find  
session for the purpo-  
chance is remote in the  
Irishmen have also h-  
to them by the public  
Lloyd-George's new bi-  
monstrous proposals for  
of the taxation of Ire-  
anchoy fact that the v-  
financial exactions im-  
posed since the passage  
Union have always be-  
Liberal Chancellors of  
who were able to rely  
of the majority of the  
tives of Ireland.

A GRAVE ERI  
To Irish Catholics it  
error of judgment to  
position to Mr. Lloyd-  
posals on the narrow p-  
up by Mr. Redmond, w-  
paraphrasing nothing seve-  
able in the Budget ex-  
posals to increase the  
whiskey, tobacco and  
cesses.  
Irish Catholics insist,  
imposts be particularly  
were left out of the b-  
Lloyd George would st-  
increased the taxation of  
An important meeting  
in the Mansion House,  
adopted a declaration  
condemnation of all the  
to add to the burden o-  
people, and a most enc-  
was that the assembl-  
up of men of all creeds  
Its significance, therefo-  
underrated.  
Although it is doubtfu-  
House of Lords can ac-  
get, it is quite clear  
themselves have nev-  
agreement with the as-  
they have no power to  
money bill. Whenever  
has arisen, they have i-  
sisted upon a share in  
over the country's finan-

THE MAY PROCES  
At least six thousand  
thred together on the  
the latest of the Ma-  
which took place at M-  
in the beautiful grou-  
the Church of the Pas-  
ers. Crowds of devout  
Mary set out for the ch-  
fore the time for th-  
The service began with  
the Rosary, followed by  
and eloquent sermon  
on the Mother of G-  
Rev. Father Sebastian,  
crowds being unable to tr-  
the devotions within th-  
which was recited by  
rally, C.P., in the pla-  
one which must have re-  
heart of the Mother of  
men and women on be-  
under the wide canopy of  
fearing up the sweet inc-  
and praise to be ear-  
the throne of God.  
After the sermon th