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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Apostolic Delegation, Ottawa, June 13th, 1905.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. My 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, and shows that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. Dear Sir: For some time past I have read your estimable paper, the Catholic Record, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.

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THE CORONATION OATH FROM ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

Once again the Coronation Oath has been introduced into the arena of British politics. The Orange Lodges and the Protestant Protective Association will issue their usual inflammatory declarations against the Church of Rome, while every little pulpiter throughout the land will voice his indignant protest against any meddling with the sacred constitution of the realm and his grave warnings of the dangers to the Protestant succession from Romish intrigue.

The Anglicans, if they were wise in their generation, would be even more anxious than the Catholics that the oath should be altered. A very large element in that sect has, especially in recent years, put forward its claim to valid ordination and shown a marked tendency to imitate the Catholic Church in the practice of those very devotions which the temporal and spiritual head of that Church, the reigning monarch must brand as superstitious and idolatrous.

While, for the sake of the reverence due to religion and the honor of England, we trust that tardy justice will at last be accorded, yet, after all, the presence to this very day of those crude sentences on the statute books of the realm may serve a good purpose. We are living in an age of such comparative religious tolerance, when so many kind things are said of us by those outside the fold, that we are sometimes tempted to think that the world is not so antagonistic to the Church as we were given to believe.

A DESERVING APPOINTMENT. Archbishop Quigley of Chicago made no mistake in securing the services of Mr. Thos. O'Hagan, LL. D., as editor of the New World. Among Catholic writers there may be some who possess a greater depth of scholarship and a more classic style of diction than he, but none who have used their pens to better effect in the defence of truth.

consign them, together with the Westminster Confession and the Thirty-Nine Articles, to the limbo of oblivion. THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. Now that the echoes of the memorial services have died away, the conviction forces itself upon us that this ceremony is one of the coldest and most empty that was ever dignified by the name religious.

representatives. He never voiced a sentence that did not ring true to Catholic ears. Had he kept his faith in the background, as unfortunately some of our Catholic writers do, he might have obtained more plaudits from the secular press and even more readers and admirers among his co-religionists; for, the truth be told, many Catholics are still governed in their choice of authors by popular sensation.

Dr. O'Hagan has the best wishes of all his Canadian friends for success in his new field of journalistic enterprise and we bespeak for him a loyal and generous appreciation from the whole-souled Catholics of the West. METHODISTS IN ROME. Our Methodist friends are naturally somewhat perturbed because of the revelations which have been made concerning the manner in which their establishment in Rome has been conducted.

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