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The Editor The CATHOLIC RECORD.

Sir—I was much interested in an ex ceedingly able editorial in your issue of November 2nd, respecting mathema-tical science and the nature of mathe-

tical science and the nature of mathematical reasoning. The article shows a fine appreciation of the processes of thought in this purest of sciences.

It should be remembered that all that branch of mathematics which we call analysis, and of which ordinary algebra is an illustration, is a mere instrument of research. Of itself it can prove nothing respecting the universe. prove nothing respecting the universe.
We make an assumption respecting
some natural phenomena—for example
that the law of gravitation is that the law of gravitation is true and we set our analysis at work on this assumption, and reach very re-markable conclusions. But the truth or falsity of these conclusions depends

or falsity of these conclusions depends on the truth or falsity of the assumption on which the analysis worked. If there be uncertainty respecting the as sumption, the uncertainty runs through the mathematical processes, and taints the conclusions. Now with respect to even the law of gravitation we have not absolute certainty, but only a high degree of moral probability. The same can be said of all our natural laws, which in truth are merely scientific which in truth are merely scientific guesses—generalizations, based on a number of observed facts. This is the

inductive method.

Some one may ask—have we not ab-Some one may are nave whether solute certainty in ordinary geometry?

The reply is that even in elementary geometry we are forced to begin with an assumption which our experience an assumption which our experience seems to suggest as true, namely, the so-called axiom respecting parallel lines. It is curious that a complete and consistent system of geometry can be built up in which it is assumed that an infinite number of lines can be drawn through a given point parallel to a given line; and another complete and consistent system in which it is assumed. onsistent system in which it is assumed that no line can be drawn through a given point parallel to a given line. The universe in which only one line can be drawn through a given point parallel to a given line is Euclid's universe. Which however, is the universe?

Yours truly,
ALFRED BAKER. University of Toronto Nov. 7, 1907.

IS MAN A SELFISH BRUTE.

AND DO THE WOMEN HAVE THE WORST OF IT?

Many a woman thinks so in her heart though she may never give it expres-sion. Most men who live in the coun try, though they work hard during the day, have a little time to themselves at soon time and in the evening, when they can sit down and read, smoke a pipe or play with the children, but women's work is never done and many of them go on month in and month out with scarcely a thing to cheer them up and bring change and enjoyment into their lonely lives.

Yet the man plods along with mulish indifference never realizing that the wife really has less in the way of enjoyment than the hired servants.

Now just think what it would mean to bring into a home like that, at a very small expense, the very best music that the great singers and great players of the world inve produced. What a joy it would be for the wife and daughters at their work in the long evenings to listen to music such as the people in large cities like New York have to pay \$5.00 and even \$10.00 a ticket to hear just for one evening only-music which people in cities like Toronto, Montreal or Wignipeg cannot hear, any more than the farmer can, without going to New York for the purpose.

Even people in other large cities of the States almost never have the privilege of hearing the wonderful singers like Caruso, Eames, Melba, etc., or the great Violinists or Cello players or the Great Bands of the world un-

ess they go to New York. Yet this wonderful music can now be yet this wonderful music can now be brought right out into the country, to your own home, by the Great Berliner Victor Gramophone, so that you can hear it, not as a mechanical production, but with all the life, power and wonderful ringing tones of the singers, just as though they were right there in the room with you.

Why, you can hear them breathe, and almost have to pinch yourself to realize that you are not looking right at them. This is almost beyond belief, yet it is an absolute fact.

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Just think of it for a moment and try to realize what it really means to have these wonderful singers and players right there in your home to sing the songs you like best and play your favorite airs. Then think of the magnificent sacred music you might have on Sundays, and on week-day evenings, the funny stories, comic songs and recitations, the best in the world. Why I If we could place the Berliner Victor Gramophone in your world. Why I It we could place the Berliner Victor Gramophone in your home for one evening—for one hour even, we would not need to talk to you any more about it. It would sing and play its own story right into your heart, and you would part with almost anything else before you would let it be taken way. Wouldn't you like to have one of these instruments in your home for Ohristmas?

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The Church Does Not Lose.

The history of most contests with that strange priest empire (the Papacy) seems to point the moral that ultimate-victory rests with the side whose real weapons are not gross guns and bayo-nets, though it has often availed itself of such we ridly advantages. Its strength lies otherwhere; and be it Enperor or statesman or individual that finds some thing to challenge and attack in many sided Rome, the end is ever the same— the world seems to win, but the Church does not lose; and the worldly com-

batant goes, after all, to Canossa.— Mr. George Samrson in the London Daily Chronicle.

SELECTING A FARM POWER.

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