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REV. C. J. McLAUGHLIN'S LETTER.

In a letter, addressed to the Editor of The Standard, which appears in the current issue of the New Freeman, Rev. C. J. McLaughlin, of Milltown.

irrespective of opinions, his attitude is indefensible. Had The Standard taken the ground editorially that the remarks to which he takes exception were justified, he might have had the right to compiain that this journal was expressing opinions calculated to offend "two fifths "of the population of the province." But The Standard took no such ground. If the Ancient Order of Hiber-nians or the Knights of Columbus, should see fit to hold a banquet and give voice to opinions more in keeping a banquet and give voice to opinions more in keeping with Rev. Fr. McLaughlin's views, The Standard as a newspaper would give them equal publicity. The columns of this newspaper are open at all times for Gladstone, a Mr. Wyndham, a Churchill, and in the other news of interest to its Catholic readers. We would welcome a greater willingness on the part of those concerned to supply it.

The letter which Rev. Fr. McLaughlin sent to The Standard was not published because we did not believe that it would serve any good purpose to stir up religious strife and bitterness. Some of the phrases used in his communication would, we considered, have that tendency, and in justice to The Standard's attitude we quote: "Vile, course, vulgar and uncouth utterances of a brood "or misguided zealots"; "Batty vaporings of a Moncton "preacher"; "Uncouth and blasphemous utterances of "another ministerial wanderer"; "mad hallucinations and "ravings of a professedly Christian body of men hurling "their noisy anathemas and gnashing their teeth at the "Mother Church of Nations"; "Magnanimous and superity live loyal partiots who suffered periodical "attacks of Romaphobia"; "If those ignoble souls who infect our country desire to deliver themselves of the

Having read these opinions expressed by Rev. Fre-claughlin, we turned to the following question which asked towards the close of his letter:—"Now, Mr Editor, I ask you in all sincerlty, does the discrimina tion of such vituperative utterances as I have specifically referred to in this letter make for better citizenship for help build up that united Canada for which we are all striving and which we so ardently desire to see realized?" The Standard felt that it could best answer a united Canada, which he has at heart, nor to add dignity to the attitude of the Great Church to which

SIR WILFRID AND THE SENATE.

If Sir Wilfrid's experience in his last appointment to the Senate is a bitter one, it is well deserved. Whether it will result in reflection and reform on his part is quite another thing, and exceedingly doubtful. The appointment of Mr. Louis Lavergne, M. P. for Drumond-Arthabaska, and the circumstances surrounding it, ow Sir Wilfrid and his methods at their worst. Not a glimmer of appreciation of the purpose and diguity of the institution as a part of our constitutional system ap-pears to have crossed his mind. Nor did he display the least symptom of a realization of the high trust and great responsibility reposed in him as the virtual foun-

tain of appointing power.

His highest conception of the Senate seemed to be that of a convenient device, to enable him to inveigle into a trap from which there was no escape, a man whom he had first disappointed, then cast off, whom he feared to bell, dra ace in open honorable fight, and whom he wished to atterly destroy by unfair methods. His apparent ap-oraisal of himself as trustee for the people and guardian of the Senate's honor was that, as such trustee and guardian, he was at liberty to violate all conditions of the

accuses The Standard of not devoting sufficient space to the Eucharistic Congress, when it was in progress in Montreal, and of giving undue prominence to matters which he regards as hostile to his church. This communication was originally sent to the editor of The Standard, but was not published in this journal for reasons which will later become apparent.

With regard to the reports of the Eucharistic Congress was elected by his district to represent them in the Commons for the term beginning in 1908. The electors might have made a better choice, but that was their own business, and we have no quarrel with them; 1910 came and was nearly spent when Sir Wilfrid became sore pressed by Bourassa. He must be crushed "coute que coute." Sir Wilfrid feared him, his well was not published in this journal for reasons which will later become apparent. he Standard, but was not published in this journal, crashed "coute que coute." Sir Wilfrid feared him, his crashed "coute with regard to the reports of the Eucharistic Consist the writer says:—"All the leading journals of continent send representatives. Daily seems to with daily in reporting the most minute details the doings of the great religious gathering. Your the doings of the great religious gathering. Your deadly pit he believed to be Drummond-Arthabaska, and

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Rev. Fr. McLaughim would have The Standard re-port the proceedings of the Eucharistic Congress in full, but he would debar The Standard from reporting the opinions of men of other faiths, or the speeches delivered at a banquet of the St. John District Lodge L. O. A. on November 5, which was open to the press. From the standpoint of a newspaper, designed to publish the news irrespective of opinions, his attitude is indefensible good soverment. good government

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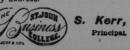
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