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Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1900. Mr. Thomas Cofley in the past I have read your past in Fe some time past I have read your past. The carmonic RECORD, and congrating you upon the manner in which it is published its matter and form are both good; and a truly Catholic spirit pervades the whole. Catholic spirit pervades the whole. The pleasure, I can recommend it to the faithful. Blessing you and wishing you success, believe me to re-

Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ. †D. Falconio, Arch. of Larissa, Apost. Deleg.

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An excellent New Year's gift for a friend would be the payment of a year's subscription for the CATHOLIC RECORD If any of our subscribers wish to do this the paper will be sent now and subscription dated as ending January, 1912.

contained a report of a sermon of the Rev. J. W. Graham, secretary of the Methodist church in Canada, and formerly pastor in one of the Methodist rches of the city. His friends did him more honor than he did himself credit. There were two things he could boast of : that the young candidates for the ministry were not different from others; and secondly, that nothing in the heavens above or the earth beneath could put a padlock upon his intellect. With the first subject we have little conlittle more literary study and glibness tant climes and of pulpits during vacation whereby they earned money for the scholastic term. my unbelief." ability or education which calls the the direct concern of the CATHOLIC for his lips, a padlock for his tongue. RECORD. Great credit is due them for what they have accomplished, for the & DR. SCHURMAN ON DOGMA generosity of their people and the zeal with which they improve their educa- is Dr. Jacob G. Schurman, a Canadian tional situation. Has Methodism really by birth, a man whose talent is justly gained? Is it in danger from modern- acknowledged, but who, like many other ism and higher criticism? These clever men, flounders upon the question points are not under our consideration of religion. How is it that so many just now, so that we pass to Mr. bright men when it comes to revelation Graham's remarks about Eucharist. A mystery of faith cannot out the back door as religion knocks at be a problem of science. The Rev. Mr. the front. It is not because they have Graham in the first place maintains the monopoly of science; nor is it that that: "We have a better philosophy of a scientific theologian or a religious the atonement than they had five scientist is an unknown being. It is not hundred years ago." That statement because science and theology are incomis worthless pride and evanescent patible. Be the cause what it may, men vanity. Where is the proof that of science are weefully ignorant of theo-

have in the minds of men. The atonement is no novelty draped in modern learned audience. What is free moralChristianity." More trickery—hypounstudied by them. Methodist theolog- dom here implied has no concrete existism. At least this seems to be the philosophy to which the Rev. Mr. history of the world neither becomes doctrine and his comment thus:

Now I believe that myriads of men and women will go from the Roman Cath-olic Church to heaven, but what do they that this holy mystery is true or you

go adrift on the seas of scepticism."

"But I won't let them padlock my conscience or the conscience of my country. You can't ask me to believe a say to that great church, 'I can't help

myself. A man can be so of he is dead. He swallows truth without digesting it." yself. A man can be so orthodox that

in which Rev. Mr. Graham pretends to nothing beyond sensuality. Human state the doctrine of Transubstantiation nature changes but very little. The his statement makes neither for Methodism nor against Catholicism. It is loud talk : that is all. Why is the question fishermen were called to be fishers of referred to an honor graduate of science? He knows no more about it than he does a message of scientific economy, nor the about the atonement. Padlock the intellect! Pulpit eloquence! The gen-WANTED - AN ORAL PADLOCK | tleman needs an oral padlock-one upon | Social science is all very well in itself-The London Free Press of Nov. 21st. his lips and tongue. There is no fear of but it is much more physically imposhis intellect soaring too high or falling the Icarian way. He traduces the Catholic Church and he traduces the Master whom he pretends to serve when he states that the Catholic doctrine of the Blessed Eucharist stultifies the inthe intelligence. Not only does it throw a brighter light and a vaster vista upon over His own creation, upon His sweepcern. Methodism having no jurisdic-ness, not only does it show forth the in-story to be separated from it, and God's tion can give no power. It does not believe in sacerdotalism, so that the differeach of His faithful children, but it and personality, is writin sacred page and ence between the layman in the pulpit | brings the worship of the Incarnation and | the Title of the Crucified: "This is the and the layman in the pew is one of a atonement to every generation in disof speech. No special power has been puts a hymn of praise into the framed in the eternal Councils of bestowed upon him to distinguish him heart of the Church. It does the Blessed Trinity when redempbrother beneath listening for worship what the Holy Spirit tion was promised to fallen man to him. All the education that all does for doctrine. It unifies the Church and the the schools, secondary and university, in that great sacrifice which is offered and dwelt amongst us. Science the world can bestow give not from the rising of the sun to the going cannot devise redemption or make jot or tittle of power to raise downthereof. We have an altar, and upon atonement. In presence of the Precious stature one cubit or give that altar God's High priest eternally Bood or the Crucified Victim of Calhis stature one cupit or give him the right to say "Thus saith the Lord." Time of probation is no different from the afterseason of ministerial the judge. We have respect for the the judge. We have respect for the control of the co exercise. The Rev. Mr. Graham ex- young graduate, who, placing his honors omy will come, our sage pretends, with plained how many students took charge at the feet of Eternal Truth and from theory suited to our time. Not so. We his heart says: "I believe, help Thou have no lesson stronger and more bene-The supernatural truths | volent than : "Blessed are the poor, for Laudable enough from an economical are not bounded by rationalistic limits theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Nor standpoint, but self-condemnatory from or weighed by rational standards. They have modern schools a more exalting on Sunday, Nov. 6. On the platform the true and higher view. It is not are the voice of Infinite Truth sounding theme than: "Blessed are the pure of were the Cardinal Archbishop of upon the stormy waters of man's soul heart for they shall see God." Yet these candidate or bestows the power. There They are the message of peace and lessons are old-nor yet threadbare. is a stronger, deeper organism in the mercy, the call by Divine Authority for When ecomony and science can go to Church of God—or else apostolicity goes obedience to that word which is more the slums with a richer gift than the for nothing and unity is but an empty lasting and unchangeable than heaven cross and a stronger remedy than the the vice - Burgomaster, who denounced name. The education of young candi- and earth. We conclude by still advisdates for the Methodist ministry is not ing the Rev. Mr. Graham to get a seal may talk about social science as the

The President of Cornell University the Blessed talk like children? Their science goes modern society sees the enormity of sin logy, lamentably prejudiced against it or looks at it or strives earnestly to and unreasonably dogmatic in the stand look at it from the holy hills of God? they take. There is another peculiarity we search Jerusalem with about modern day learning, the demand the lamp, which in many cases is only for and pretence concerning mushroom flickering, we are worse a thousand times novelties and original theories. Presi than when five-hundred years ago that dent Schurman is in the front rank. single lamp burned brightly and showed He can say a striking thing the crimson light of the atonement in without carefully considering the conse its hope and in its fear. Our expres- quences or being fully aware that his sions may have changed, but the thought statement is open to the gravest objecthe truth were just the tions. At the dedication of a new union same. Philosophy cannot touch the seminary in New York the other day he Cross: and the Cross is the atonement. is quoted as saying: "To make belief The Unitarian does not admit its possi- in the history of the Jews a condition of bility. Nor do any of the Protestant the salvation of the human soul is, in sects make enough of the grave responsithis scientific age of the world, not only bility it throws upon us all. Modern- a physical impossibility but an intellectism will tear it out of Christianity. ual absurdity and an outrage on free

meet is no novelty draped in modern returned audience. What is no novelty draped in modern returned audience. The free-proper is the means adopted, hypocrisy in the means adopted, hypocrisy in the means adopted, hypocrisy in the end aimed at. Bogus, knavish ian cannot compare with a Catholic ence. Kantian philosophy makes a bid teaching can never bestow an intelligent mystic when it is a question of Christ's for the autonomy of reason, but fails in comprehension of anything. It only atonement. What philosophy Method- the sealing of the contract. The off-hand shows that Dr. McLaren's explanation atonement. What philosophy Method-ism can throw about it is only material-ism. At least this seems to be the relegates Jewish history to the ordinary. The Dr. tries to belittle Father Roche's history of the world neither becomes Graham refers. He puts the Catholic him as a leader of young men nor as a scholar. Notwithstanding all that superficial critics may say against it salvation is of the Jews. Their history is the most remarkable in the world. It is not say to their young men to-day? They say: 'Have faith and after the priest has muttered a few words over the wafers they say it has become flesh and blood.' But the young man, an honor graduate in science perhaps, knows that by every test of science that a wafer is still a wafer, that there is neither body nor blood in its substance. What is the formed by God's holy people. No such paration are all there embodying the crystallizing the religion of the living God in ceremony and rite to be per-formed by God's holy people. No such nor blood in its substance. What is the answer to him? Simply this: 'Believe people ever lived. No people ever had such a history. What is salvation, according to President Schurman? It is not heredity, nor is it the survival of mystery that stultifies the intellect or that makes God contradict Himself. I the fittest. Still less is salvation based complete office of the Mass according to little ones of earth have the advantage say to that great cource, Tean there it. Even if it means that I am dammed.

over the great; and the things they omit? Listen to the lucid explanite into that I will not believe, but that that are not are chosen to contain given by the Secretary, Dr. I cannot believe.'

"And further, I believe that the Bible is true and that I have the right to interpret it for myself. I won't allow Methodism, any more than a papal bull or encyclical, to padlock my mind and prevent my interpreting this book for myself. A man can be so orthody at the sound to the sage of St.

McLaren: "From the beginning of the new movement they had determined, as rapidly asthe enlightened science. And as for this scientific age—mit of its being done, to omit those pormixed a man can be so orthodox that It cannot hold a candle to the age of St. found the things that are. Many a It cannot hold a candle to the age of St. is dead. He swallows this or that Thomas, nor will it compare with the sacrament into a sacrifice, and were inlast century. Science is material, the Brushing aside the ill-mannered way purposes of life no higher, and life itself circuit of its wants, its hopes, its desires are the same to-day as when the men. The gospel to the poor cannot be canonization of suffering and meekness be the university graduate's talisman. sible, intellectually absurd and outrageously aggressive than the trans-scendental central fact of Jewish history-or, more correctly speaking, of all history-the Cross. It is belief in the Cross which is demanded for salvatellect. On the contrary it magnifies tion, not belief in Jewish history. The latter is not disconnected with the former-as the arches of the years are the attributes of God, upon His power linked together. Men may close the volume of Jewish history or pass by the ing wisdom reaching from end to end | Cross with a sneer. The shadow of the with might and ordering all with sweet- Cross is too clearly traced in Israelitic remote ages. It Nor can it have any. The Cross was Word became Flesh

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is beating the air.

Dr. McLaren has most assuredly not Presbyterian Missions and the Ruthenians with any credit to himself or the hody he represents. It is an extreme case of a man who teaches that the end justi fies the means. To make a simple unsuspecting people do their bidding these wilv Presbyterians Missionaries used the most unprincipled means unprinin order that they might inveigle the poor Ruthenians into their meshes. What dishonesty, what trickery! If against the "impudent, these hypocrites had no regard for themselves they might at least have spared the Church." These protests these hypocrites had no regard for themwhom they were practising their base ness - or they might have reflected upon the insults they were heaping ipon the whole Catholic body the country. This is what Dr. Mc-Laren calls the development in the heart of the moral and intellectual strength. This is training for good citizenship. Bogus worship, truncated Mass, hypocrites and hirelings for priests, idolatry for the poor, deviltry behind the scenes scheming and rubbing its hands in prideful triumph; all to make these foreigners strong, self-reliant "Canadian Christians, to encourage them in a says:

Higher criticism will leave it with as moral personality." That is a rhetornuch or as little reality as myths may ical climax which in its final member give them an intelligent grasp of the remarks in the lower Provinces. To no purpose! Had the religious service been according to the legitimate requirements of Church and Ritual no one could complain. But that is not what the Missionary Society proposed. Fraudulent service, sham worship was what they were after. They had money and they would get it. They got a Jew, as of old, for less than thirty pieces of sil- are ver, to act the traitorous, pretending priest. And the play went on. Dr. McLaren washes his hands of the business in the self-deluding thought that it was all right, because none of the ministers of the Independent Greek Church had been in the habit of reciting the did they omit a portion? What did they omit? Listen to the lucid explan-McLaren : " From the beginning consistent with the Protestant interpretation of New Testament teaching." We are still in the dark. We know not in what tions, and more especially part of the Mass the service is converted from a sacrifice into a sacramummery intended not for the honor of It is not meant for the spread of truth but for falsehood and deceit. The pur-

their apologist, Dr. McLaren. MAYOR NATHAN It is gratifying that a number of Cath- as a barrier against the Socialist organi olic bodies have vigorously protested against the insolent attack made by the these Syndicates 10,000 were Protest-Jew Mayor of Rome upon the Holy ants, the rest Catholics. Some of the Father. As will be remembered the Catholic leaders at Berlin did not care occasion was Sept. 20, the anniversary about this coalition. They thought that of the taking of the Eternal City by in both matters, social and political, Victor Emmanuel. The Mayor, in out- Catholics should stand apart. They rageous language, insulted the Sovereign attempted to form purely Catholic Work Pontiff and attacked the methods of the men's Unions, but with little success. Church. Pius X. protested publicly, They looked to Rome for the confirmabut to no purpose. A strong protest tion of their plan, especially since for was made at a public meeting in Mon- Italy the Holy Father made Catholic treal, and also by the Civic Council of Unions the rule. Fortunately the Montreal. To the latter the Mayor of storm is over. Rome will not be asked Rome replied. The answer, without being to intervene, the Deputies accept the read, was fyled, so that the vulgar stric | Centre Party as at present constituted, tures of the vulgar Mayor received no and the Cardinals, Fischer and Kopp further publicity. It was not all over. have declared that they are in perfect In the Italian parliament Ex-Premier agreement with regard to the existence Pelloux submitted an interpellation to of Christian Syndicates. The settlethe Government upon the subject, ment of this misunderstanding is most Signor Pelloux in an interview said opportune, as the general elections are that Mayor Nathan's letter to the likely to come off in March or April Mayor of Montreal protesting against next. Never was union amongst Cathof guarantees. He expressed the opinion that the Government ought to remove Nathan from office. A strong protest came from the Austrian Catholies of Vienna at a public meeting held Vienna, the Cardinal Archbishop of Prague, two other Archbishops, and the leaders of the chief Catholic Associations of Vienna. The chief speaker was the Syndic of Rome in uncompromising sacraments, then the worldly professor terms. He contended that Mayor Nathan's speech showed that the remedy for evils. In the meantime be law of guarantees was absolutely worthless, that no heed had been paid to the THE RUTHENIANS AND DR. MC- Holy Father's protest. "I ask," the vice-mayor said, "the members of our delegation why none of them have inome out of the controversy about the quired into the fate of this protest and insisted that it be settled in accordance with Catholic demands. But our ministers and diplomatists have other cares their knees tremble and their bodies quake before those Powers that dispose of cannon and quick-firing guns. They forget that there is a Power far mightier and more efficacious, a Power that is able cipled men could devise. They hired without firing a shot to maintain order bogus priests to celebrate bogus Masses in the State, to safeguard authority and to hold its protecting hand over thrones A resolution was passed protesting iibes of the Jewish Mayor Nathan increased rather than diminished. The most recent include messages to the Holy Father from the hierarchy of England, from the Archbishops and Bishops of the province of Milwaukee, and from the Bishops and clergy of many of the dioceses of the United

States. A formal protest was sent lately

by the Diet of the Tyrol and also one

from the Cardinal Primate and Episco

pate of Hungary. Reverting again t

Mayor Nathan's reply to the Council of

Montreal we quote from the Rome cor-

respondent of the London Times, who

"There is really no reason to quote even extracts from a letter of which any well-educated schoolboy might be ashamed. It is merely a personal acashamed. It is merely a personal attack, couched in language of trivial petulance, upon the mayor of Montreal who is held responsible by the writer for a resolution passed by the Montreal municipality condemning his utterances. municipality condemning his utterance in the matter of the Papacy and th Roman Catholic religion. But as thi letter may attract more notice in Canada than it deserves, it may be well to explain at the same time that it has provoked very general expostulation on the part of the Roman press, which entirely dissociates the Roman people from the vagaries of their Syndic. It is to be hoped that the people of Montreal will readily understand the real state of affairs and, dissociating Rome from its Syndic, give the letter its due of hilarity and commiscration only. If they could see the explain at the same time that it has me letter its due of hilarity and com-miseration only. If they could see the condition of the Roman streets, which are within the competence of the Syndic, they might also spare some com-miseration for the Roman people, whose interests are sadly neglected while Sig-nor Nathan contributes to the mirth of

THE GERMAN CATHOLICS For a year or more a deplorable divi-

Prince of the Church. The trouble Centre Party should be entirely Catho lie both in spirit and in membership, and not a mere political party pledged to defend religious liberty. A similar agitation was raised in other associaworkingmen's unions. All through the Empire there were various ment. The whole thing is man-made Catholic Unions and Societies of workingmen, whose purpose was to keep God but for the dishonor of His people. alive the faith and also to study social questions from a Catholic standpoint. In addition to these the Catholic workposes and methods, means and ends, are ers formed Christian syndicates to which disgrace to the Presbyterians and Protestants were admitted. These were intended to promote the material welfare of the working classes, to counteract the Employers' Syndicates and to serve zations. Out of the 300,000 members of

NOTES AND COMMENTS

As ILLUSTRATIVE of the onward march Vicariate of Kiang-nan. During the any denomination past year the Catholics under his jurisdiction increased by nine thousand one of this being adult baptisms.

good things of the revolution. Among them he describes a "distinguished but clean-shaven" Jewish journalist, one of atlantic world is indebted for those highly-colored and mendacious desformation of the multitude. At the height of the disturbances this journalist was, to his extreme disgust, taken for a disguised Jesuit, and, despite his terrifying curses and blasphemies, was arrested and dragged for miles by the infuriated soldiers, followed by a howling mob which expressed its desire of finishing him. At the prison he was identified and set free, having had one taste of the temper of his fellow-revolutionists. The amusing feature of the affair was that when mobbed he was on his way from the telegraph office after wiring his paper that "the religious were being treated with extreme delicacy and consideration by the military."

THAT THE children attending public schools in the United States are being taught a lot of stuff which they can

neither understand nor assimilate would seem to be proven by this extract from little girl in Chicago:

"The body is divided into three parts, the head, the chist, and the stummick. The head contains the tongue and brains, if any; the chist contains the lungs and part of the liver; the stummick is devoted to the bowels, of which there are five—a, e, i, o, u, and sometimes w and y."

The extract has been going the rounds of the American papers, and, aside from its humorous feature, has been attracting some attention. If one may believe what one hears, some publie schools in Ontario could furnish similar examples. In Toronto schools we have heard it said, fads reign supreme, and "stuffing" is the order of the day No wonder the flag flies on the Twelfth of July.

THAT EDMUND BURKE overshot the mark when he uttered his immortal asseveration: "The age of chivalry is in the thriving village of Ayr, Ontario. sion was growing from bad to worse Ayr, as everybody knows, is a settleamongst the German Catholics. At ment of Scotsmen, hailing principally first it was but a crack. It soon grew from that other Ayr which derives its of the German Empire would be split place of Robert Burns. That it should started through two deputies of the Catholics are few and far between is the ter of fact, but one Catholic in the villegiance.

IT HAPPENED that on a recent Sunday evening, moved thereto, no doubt, by States will not require instruction as the trend of events in Portugal, a to the polish and cultivation of the remodern John Knox in the person of the presentatives from these or other Rev. Mr. Thompson, delivered himself their cities. of an harangue on the errors of Popery, during which he raked the old Church fore and aft, and made "the chaff and vain babbling of her corrupt apologists to fly from his hand." The Church, in the Rev. Mr. Thompson's eyes, is responsible for all the ills that afflict human ity and if we may judge from the published utterances of one of his henchmen he did not spare her in the vigor of his denunciation. But, just here, the one Catholic of the village stepped in, and through the columns of the local paper, demurred, over his own signature, to the liberties the reverend covenanter was taking with his spiritual mother. One would have thought that his courage and conscientiousness in so doing would have elicited some token of respect, if not of friendly consideration at the hands of the six hundred odd Presbyterians against whom he found himself arrayed. Not so, however, in this modern citadel of Calvinism. On the contrary, Mr. Michael Dowling, whom we felicitate on his candor and fearlessness, has, for his pains, come in for an avalanche of abuses of the Faith in China to which reference up and down the country. It will not, says, "was occupied by some was made in our issue of 26th November, however, find favor, we are satisfied, in wearing The Hat. It was not filled comes the report of Bishop Paris, of the the eyes of the decent and decorous of

THE WHOLE affair is a splendid ex hundred and thirty four, no less than hibition of that "chivalry" which came six thousand four hundred and sixty-five so prominently into play with the advent of Knox in Scotland and which has prepared for, inflicting across my face a had so apt an illustration in the Portu-An amusing incident arising out of the recent upheaval in Portugal is related by the correspondent of that in- and decrepit old men in the latter counfluential English weekly, The World. In try is one in kind with the hounding to the course of "a special study" of the death of the defenceless Mary Stuart first President of the new republic, the by the father of Presbyterianism in much exploited Dr. Theophilo Braga, Scotland. And the same spirit, shorn Mr. Francis McCullagh, the said corres- of its old sinister power, is manifested pondent, refers incidentally to several of in the magnanimous exhibition we are the lesser lights who have shared in the discussing. Assuredly Burke, the most philosophical of historians though he was, for once failed to hit the mark when, more than a century ago, he bethose to whose fanatical zeal the trans- wailed the passing of chivalry. That this enviable quality has still form and void, has been demonstrated to a cerpatches which have been the staple in- tainty by the Canadian village of Ayr.

> WE WROTE last week on the subject of the South American priesthood, demonstrating by independent testimony that so far from being the miserable creature held up by certain so-called missionary societies to the execuation of the Can dian and American public, the priest of Spanish America approximates more closely in his personal (not to mention his sacerdotal) character, to the good shepherd of the New Testament, than the concentrated essence of a whole tribe of his clerical traducers. This week we wish to say a word as to the calibre of the governing and mercantile classes, and as witness, summon Dr. William Robert Shepherd, Professor of History in Columbia University, New elected representatives of the people, York.

Dr. Shepherd has just returned from South America, having been secretary an examination paper in physiology of a of the American delegation to the fourth Pau-American Conference at Buenos Ayres last summer. He has been giving to the press the result of his observations in the southern continent and among other things said : " Any man who retains the antiquated view of South America that prevailed up to a few years ago should have been in Buenos Ayres, and afterwards in Chili. with us." There, he goes on to say, he would have seen what South American merchants and editors are capable of, and as an instance of an up-to-date newspaper plant, he cites La Preusa of Buenos Ayres, which has little to learn and much to teach American newspaperdom. He also refers to the sumptuous palaces occupied by the Argentine beef and grain merchants which cause the first time observer to feel his own provincialism. These things, as we have always contended, are not of themselves necessarily evidence of the highest civilization or of the realization of the gone," is evidenced by a recent event Christian ideal, but since material progress is, in this northern continent, se persistently mistaken for Christian civilization it can do its inhabitants no harm to be informed that they have no wider until it looked as if the Catholics chief celebrity from being the birth- monopoly of the good things of life, their absolute devotion to them notwithinto two parties, each one headed by a be a thorough going Presbyterian com- standing. Buenos Ayres and Rio de munity goes without saying, and that Janiero and Valparaiso, it is well known, are second to no American cities a Centre Party who claimed that the natural deduction. There is, as a mat-modern, highly cultivated municipalities. "They have many things which lage and he, as the event proved, is we lack," says Professor Shepherd, "and 'more than proud" of his spiritual al- are not far behind us in anything. Those who have come into touch with the South American delegations to any of the world's fairs held in the United

> THERE IS another feature of South America upon which Professor Shepherd enlarges, viz: the hospitality of its inhabitants. "I have been down there a number of times," he said to the representative of the New York Evening Post, "and it was no novelty to me, but what did surprise me on this official occasion, was the wonderful hospitality. I do not hesitate to say that I have never seen or heard of anything to equal it. We were made to feel that we were. in reality, the guests of the nation. And the details which he cites fully bear out his verdict. This, of itself, is a much severer test than the mere material evidences which he saw on every hand, and speaks more eloquently of the Christian character of a people. In both one and the other the lie is most effectually given to the pecuniarily-inspired fairy tales of the itinerant preacher from the

" THE MATINEE hat in church," has and-it will scarcely be believed-from formed the subject of some discussion in behind a fortification of anonymity. In the correspondence columns of the the Ayr News, one who with a degree of London Tablet recently, and may lead obtuseness that is startling even in such to some drastic reform in that direction. an environment, signs himself "Fair One correspondent describes his exper-Play," can find no worthier weapon to lences at a High Mass and puts in a hurl at Mr. Dowling than a coarse jest strong plea for some attention to the about the "flour and water craker" abuse from the pulpit. It may be worth which, as he says, Catholics mistake for while to reproduce some of his remarks, the real Body of Christ. The lesson of since the evil (we had almost called it the Baptist convention has, apparently, the nuisance) is not unknown in this not been lost upon the ignorant rabble country. "The seat in front of me," he and could not be filled, on account of rims of which touched each other. My first experience came from the lady immediately in front of me, settling down in her seat a little sooner than I was smart scratch from the rim of the hat. He then enlarges upon the pointed stilettos, called pins, with which the hats bristled, and which "are a positive danger to the surrounding worshippers.' We have, ourselves, had personal experience of this in church, elevator and street car. What has, apparently, most irritated our English friend, however, is the fact that not once during the whole service could be see either altar, celebrant or preacher. He was hemmed in by a forest of giant leaves, called in the vernacular, Hats. This of itself is a genuine grievance and, whether abroad or in Canada, calls aloud for reform. The finding of a remedy is another matter. One correspondent suggests the adoption of the mantilla. Whatever Dame Fashion may have to say to this, it, at all events, would be a gracious conces sion to the decencies of public worship.

> THE "LOYAL" ORANGEMEN The United Kingdom is in the midst of a flerce battle of the ballots. The language employed on the platforms lead us to the conclusion that the average Englishman has emerged from his phlegmatic condition, and pourds his opponents with the weapons of the fierce demagogue. The question at issue is. Will the irresponsible chamber, composed in large part of men whose only claim to a seat in that house is that they are the sons of their fathers, or the govern the British empire. The former

privilege a divine rightpeople of all conditions. the triumph of the po The Irish Orangemen the contest. Be it rem his stock in trade is loy the king, he loves the the flag that braved a He would die in their would shed the last drop defend, what no one is open Bible which he se elfast a monster den held at which Brother Solicitor General, now Co for Dublin University. resistance to the law if enacted; and Brother L would also take up the the scabbard, and place head of a rebel army. may take it that Orange upon circumstances. rethren are permitted Catholic fellow-country all the luxury of the ancy-with all the fat of Dublin Castle, plac ing-they will be loyal governed on the plan all the people, they w crown into the Boyn stage play. When her Parliament in (Williamites will prob humiliation, settle d ment of the true fr will bring about, and prosperity. Otherw summarily chastised army and navy, and to die in Ireland u tions, let them be se would lower their te

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