

CURRENT COMMENT.

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quarter of the last century, had been explored and was fairly well known to the intrepid missionaries of the Society of Jesus in the seventeenth century. These old maps gave a rough outline of the lakes now called Victoria Nyanza and Tanganyika, the very existence of which was forgotten by the learned geographers of the world during almost two centuries.

We are in receipt of a most interesting letter from Mr. James R. Randall, thanking us for a copy of the "Review" that contained his amended poem, and adding: "I am always glad to be corrected by competent authorities. The style and precision of your paper, along with the excellence of the matter, greatly impressed me." This is a welcome tribute from an editorial writer of more than thirty years' experience. Mr. Randall is a regular contributor to the editorial pages of "The Augusta Chronicle," established in 1785, the oldest newspaper in the Southern States. We hope to publish some of his thoughtful articles.

One piece of information which Mr. Randall most kindly gives us is the fact of his Acadian origin. This, no doubt, accounts in a measure for the staunchness of his Catholicism. "I am," he writes, "partly on my mother's side, a descendant of the people of Acadie. My mother's mother was named Des Puits, but the family, emigrating to New England, changed their name to Wells. My Breton grandmother married a son of the famous William ("King") Hooper, of Marblehead, who is said, I understand, to have persecuted witches. On my father's side I am of English and Irish descent." Verily, an admirable combination with a most valuable result.

We reply to "Fedelina's" questions thus:—

1. Did any of the Apostles ever preach in Thibet? Nobody knows.

2. What was the Society of the Rose? There may have been many such. Kindly specify in what history, at what time, in what connection this title appears.

3. Did the Buddhists copy from our Scriptures, as some of their writings show great similarity to ours? Ans. Have you seen any of their writings? Do not accept such assertions at second hand. Ask for chapter and verse.

4. Ours being the younger (?) faith, their contention that we copied from them must have been answered. Yes, it has been answered over and over again. No serious historian pretends that Christians copied from the Buddhists. All the Orientals, and especially the Buddhists, are extremely inaccurate and illogical. Metaphor is their forte, not fact. It is quite true that the exterior forms of Buddhist worship, as practised in Tibet present curious analogies with Catholic exterior worship, although their doctrines and spirit are altogether different. The Tibetans have a supreme pontiff who is both temporal and spiritual sovereign, a council of higher lamas who assemble in conclave to elect a pontiff, convents of monks and nuns, auricular confession, the veneration of relics, prayers for the dead, the intercession of saints, fasting, litanies, alternate singing by choirs accompanied by musical instruments, processions, a kind of rosary, etc. These resemblances gave a handle to the Voltairian school of the eighteenth century, which took occasion therefrom to pretend that Catholicism had borrowed many of its institutions and ceremonies from Buddhism. But all these suppositions, evidently inspired by hostility to the Church, vanish into thin air when we consider that the Tibetans themselves do not trace their history farther back than the end of the eighth century of our era, that the present series of Dalai Lamas begins only in the fifteenth century, and that, on the contrary, Christianity was propagated, as early as the sixth century, in Central Asia by the Nestorians, who were favored in their propaganda by the Shahs of Persia. Rubruquis, one of the first Europeans to visit Tibet, in the thirteenth century, speaks of the fanaticism of certain Nestorian Christians, whose spiritual chief, he says, is a bishop residing in a Chinese city named Seglin. He also speaks of some Manichean heretics he found there. Others found traces of the absurd Gnostic errors. From all of which we conclude that the Buddhism



To the Weary Dyspeptic,
We Ask This Question:

Why don't you remove
that weight at the pit
of the Stomach?

Why don't you regulate that variable
appetite, and condition the digestive
organs so that it will not be necessary to
starve the stomach to avoid distress after
eating?

The first step is to regulate the bowels.
For this purpose

Burdock Blood Bitters
Has No Equal.

It acts promptly and effectually and
permanently cures all derangements of
digestion.

of Tibet borrowed freely from the corrupted Christianity and the exterior forms of Nestorianism, for the Nestorians, as is well known, have preserved all the outward practices of the true faith, their practice of auricular confession, in particular, being one of the strongest proofs of the antiquity of that institution, since they separated from the Church in the fifth century and would certainly not have adopted any new observance originated by the Catholic Church after their own revolt.

5. Please recommend a work opposing the theory of Christianity being copied from Buddhism. There is a work by a Mr. Kellogg, learnedly proving the absurdity of that theory. We do not remember the exact title, but if you write to any large American book firm, mentioning that the book appeared about ten years ago, and that its main title is "Buddhism" by Kellogg, you will probably find it.

Owing to our many sources of knowledge, there is probably no journal on this continent that imparts so much exclusive information as ours. A few weeks ago, having been impressed by a quotation in a private letter, we started it on its exchange journey. It was the clever remark of Dr. W. O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State University, saying: "In my opinion a student, who, on coming to college is able to choose his course of studies, ought to be given a degree in advance, on account of the unusual wisdom he displays." Knowing that this happy hit at the elective fad had not yet appeared in any Catholic paper, we waited to see if it would "catch on." It did splendidly. Our very best exchanges, journals counting their subscribers by the tens of thousands, eagerly copied it, but without any acknowledgment that we had introduced it. Of course they referred it to a college president, or even to Dr. Thompson, but they breathed not a syllable of the introducer. The perfection of journalistic honesty, according to the St. Louis "Review," requires that the first channel of any important communication be mentioned. But perhaps this is asking too much of our American friends.

The ritual used last Sunday in the Cathedral churchyard of St. Boniface by the Canadian Order of the Woodmen of the World was a most indelicate invasion of the rights of the Church. No ritual other than that of the Church can be lawfully used in a Catholic cemetery.

SOME FUNNY ADS.

Some professional advertisement writers claim that grammar, rhetoric and all that sort of thing is unnecessary in writing advertisements. Perhaps, likewise, a proper regard for the rules of punctuation are also superfluous, but the shifting of a few commas, periods, etc., in the following advertisements would have made all the difference necessary:

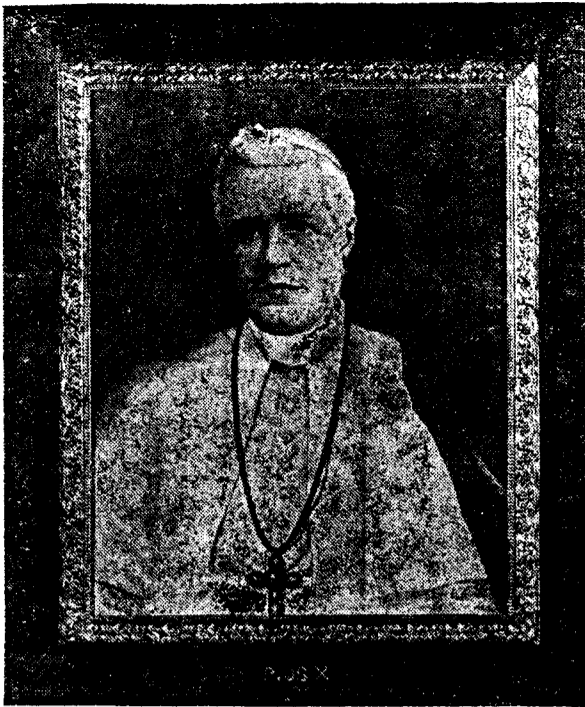
Annual sale now going on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated—come here

Wanted, a room for two gentlemen about 30 feet long and 20 feet broad.

A lady wants to sell her piano, as she is going abroad in a strong iron frame.

Lost, a collie dog by a man on Saturday answering to Jim with a brass collar around his neck and a muzzle.

Wanted, by a respectable girl, her passage to New York, willing to take care of children and a good tailor.



FREE FOR BLUE RIBBON COUPONS

.. FOR ..
**Blue Ribbon
COUPONS**

BEAUTIFUL FRAMED PORTRAIT OF
"HIS HOLINESS PIUS X"

An exquisite likeness in colors, with handsome gilt and oak finished frame, 26 by 22 inches. Should be in every Catholic home.

FREE—For 225 Blue Ribbon Coupons
or 50 Coupons and 75 cts.
(To Out-of-Town Points—Express Collect)

1 to 10 Coupons in the Package of BLUE RIBBON
Tea, Coffee, Baking Powder, Extracts, Jelly Powder,
etc. Bows on Tea Cards count as Coupons.

PREMIUM LIST FREE

**BLUE RIBBON, 85 KING ST.
WINNIPEG**

CO-OPERATIVE BAKERY

Fifteen varieties of Bread, all of first quality; delivery daily in any part of the City, Louise Bridge or Mount Royal. Price to non-members: 16 loaves for a dollar. By becoming a member you not only get a discount of twelve and a half per cent. at time of purchase of 18 loaves for a dollar, but receive an equal share of any surplus above actual cost at the end of each six months. If you are not already a customer of the Bakery or a member of the Society you are hereby requested to look into the matter and if satisfied after a trial and investigation the Society will welcome you into its ranks. The membership includes very many of the best families in the city. The first step is to Phone up 1576.

**The Winnipeg Co-Operative
Society Limited**

COR. ELGIN AND NENA

J. THOMSON & CO.,
THE LEADING
UNDERTAKERS AND
EMBALMERS.
OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.
501 MAIN STREET,
TELEPHONE 1. WINNIPEG.

M. Brown, furrier, begs to announce that he will make up gowns, capes, etc., for ladies out of their own skins. A boy who can open oysters with a reference.

Wanted, an organist and a boy to blow the same.

Wanted, a boy to be partly outside and partly behind the counter.

Lost, near Highgate archway, an umbrella belonging to a gentleman with a bent rib and bone handle.

Widow in comfortable circumstances wants to marry two sons.

To be disposed of, a mail phaeton, the property of a gentleman with a moveable headpiece as good as new.

These remind me of an advertisement I saw a short time ago, which informed the public that the firm of "Smith & Co., having cast off clothing was now ready for inspection."

Old Folks Can't Stand

Harsh, purging medicine, but invariably find Dr. Hamilton's Pill of Mandrake and Butternut the mildest cure for constipation and sick headache. No gripping pains, sure cure; price 25c. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills.

The Tone Qualities

of a

**Mason & Risch
Piano**

ARE REMEMBERED LONG AFTER THE
PRICE IS FORGOTTEN.

I'M HAPPY!
WHY?

Because I have at last found a place where I can get my linen laundered just right, and my suits pressed and cleaned to look like new. Their Dye Work is O.K. At 309 HARGRAVE STREET (Telephone No. 2300) you will find



**The Modern Laundry and
Dye Works Co'y., Ltd.**

Located in buildings erected specially for their work. Their line of machinery (operated by experts) is the most modern that money can buy. Their expensive Water Softening Plant furnishes soft water for washing, saving the company the cost of chemicals and soap, and our linen does not rot, crack and tear in pieces. I recommend their work. Give them a trial and enjoy life.—Yours truly,—HAPPY JOHN.

Special Attention Given to Consignments from Country Towns.

.. The ..
North West Laundry Co.

Telephone 1178

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Ladies' and Gentlemen's Clothes Cleaned,
Dyed and Pressed. * * * * *
Dry Cleaning a Specialty. * * * * *

Our Rigs call everywhere in the city. Satisfaction Guaranteed or no charge

*THE
Very Best*

Preparation such as any young man or woman can have for the duties of a business life is a practical education. The Winnipeg Business College affords every facility for acquiring such education as will fit students for office work. No midsummer holidays are taken. Full information can be had by telephone, personal interview or writing to the office.

G. W. DONALD, Secretary

OFFICE 'PHONE 413 RESIDENCE 'PHONE 490

Kerr, Bawlf, McNamee, Ltd.

UNDERTAKERS' SUPPLIES
Wholesale and Retail

FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND
EMBALMERS

Office and Chapel.

229 MAIN ST. - WINNIPEG

Open Day and Night

J. Erzinger

TOBACCONIST

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

Goods of Good Value.

J. ERZINGER

McIntyre Block Opp. Merchants Bank

Clark Bros. & Hughes,

Undertakers and Embalmers

Mr. H. Pelissier, having taken an interest in this establishment, will always be ready to answer to the call of the French and Catholic patronage. This is the only establishment in the Province having a French and English speaking Catholic in connection. Open day and night. Services prompt and attentive.

186 JAMES STREET, Winnipeg.

Telephone 1239.

Orders by wire promptly attended to