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Mr. Thomas Coffey:

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, above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

Yours very sincerely in Christ, DONATUS, Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostolic Delegate.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1906.

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.

Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ, F. D'ALCANTARA, Archbishop of Bahia, Assoc. Bishop.

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A MYSTERY.

A never failing source of wonder is the individual who learns nothing, forgets nothing, and is at no pains to conceal his identity. Year after year we see the same old stories doing duty as arguments against the Church.

A TIME TO SPEAK.

There is a time, says Cardinal Newman, for silence and a time to speak: the time for speaking is come.

WHY NOT PROHIBIT THIS.

A short time ago we had occasion to visit a certain section of this country. On our arrival we were treated with due courtesy, but after a day or so we

conjectured from the looks and words of the inhabitants that we were under suspicion. Determined to probe the mystery we accosted an individual and asked him to explain the meaning of the transition from courtesy to veiled hostility.

The counterpart of the men who worshipped a harlot is abroad in France and is manifesting his contempt for the spurious democracy that satisfies neither his mind nor his body.

STILL AT QUEBEC.

Without Quebec some editors and preachers would have little need of certain words. For instance, reactionary would not be seen so often. Medieval methods would no longer bear cry, and the gentleman with the open Bible would plough the sands in other countries.

IN A STATE OF FERMENT.

We are told by a writer on Modernism that the body politic is in a state of ferment. While we cannot discern what this has to do with the matter we admit that the phrase is rather frayed on the edges.

DONOSO CORTES.

I am a Catholic, said Donoso Cortes. I hold and believe all the Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church holds and believes. To know what I ought to think and believe I look not to philosophers but to the doctors of the Church.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

The Clemenceau Government remains in power though considering the personalities composing it it has been singularly disappointing. When Clemenceau became Premier we were assured that under his ministrations France would be restored to health.

we hold," they have nailed to their mast-head. All doubt as to the course of the House of Commons on Irish legislation, was, we are told, set at rest on February 3rd, when Mr. Herbert H. Asquith, Chancellor of the Exchequer, declared on behalf of the Premier, that the Government had no intention of reintroducing the Irish Council bill.

ABOUT CLUBS.

In every parish there are devout persons of both sexes who are ready for any service. Docile and zealous they give plentifully of self-sacrifice to any parochial enterprise. But there are too many laymen who stand afar off, gazer with criticism, but backward with assistance of either purse or hand.

DEATH OF VERY REV. DEAN O'CONNELL.

The sad intelligence reached us last week of the sudden death of Very Rev. Dean O'Connell, P. P., Mount Forest, diocese of Hamilton. The deceased priest was one of the best known as well as one of the most deservedly esteemed priests of Ontario. He was truly a father to his people, and at all seasons his best efforts were employed to promote their temporal as well as their spiritual welfare.

NO HOME RULE BILL.

Advices from England lead to the conclusion that no Home Rule measure will be introduced at the present Session of the House of Commons. There are two opposing forces with which the Government has to reckon. The Irish nationalists, on the one hand, are not in the humor to accept such a measure.

Perhaps no other body of legislators in the world gives us such a striking illustration of selfishness as the House of Lords forcing a course of procedure the very reverse of statesmanship. The landlord interest seems to dominate the majority, and the well-known motto, morally rotten, "What we have

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SOCIALISM IN ENGLAND.

Advices from England a few weeks ago would lead to the belief that Socialism was making considerable headway in that country. Later intelligence puts quite a different complexion on the matter.

SOCIALISM ANTAGONISTIC TO CHRISTIANITY.

In the first place, Socialism is directly antagonistic to the Christian religion. To prove this assertion I might reasonably quote as evidence the blatant and blasphemous expressions against God's truths and Christ's testimony which are being daily uttered by Socialists, and disseminated through the country by the demoralizing propaganda of their infidel press.

SENSE OF JUSTICE BLUNTED.

"Never was there a time of greater need to develop along the highest and best lines the spirit of business integrity. If one cannot be honest and succeed in the line of business in which he is engaged then he should seek for some other means of livelihood.

We have seen too many a bark freighted with our golden hopes go down in the troubled sea of life; we have planted too many a tree of desire, and watched and waited till we deemed the fruit was ripe, and then plucked it, and found it turn to dust and ashes on our eager lips; we have seen and felt these things too often to be very sanguine about any great happiness that life can possibly bring.

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obliged to have vigorous and efficient watchmen to protect all our business interests and as has recently been said, the question is now raised as to who will watch the watchman. We have allowed false ideas to be placed before our youth, and public sanction is given to many things which savor strongly of dishonesty.

LEADERS OF INDUSTRY AMONG THE GREAT.

"I have been always led to believe that our leaders of industry, our business men, have a right to be considered in the class of our great men. Our school day enthusiasm led us to consider the workmen as those who were at the head of our armies, and as statesmen formulated the great charters of national development.

"BREAKING UP CREEDS."

PROTESTANTISM IS A FAILURE SAYS CONGREGATIONAL MINISTER.

A declaration remarkable in its frankness, and in its pointed acknowledgment of the power of the Catholic Church, has just been made from a Protestant pulpit, by Rev. Newman Smyth of the Congregational Church.

Speaking Sunday week at New Haven, Connecticut, in the pulpit of the First Congregational Church of that city, Rev. Mr. Smyth said: "For a hundred years now we have been breaking up creeds rather than making them, and the whole period may prove to be a transitional era in the history of Christianity."

"There are signs of the passing of this Protestant age. They are to be discerned alike in the success and in the failure of Protestantism, I need not linger to record its splendid successes; Protestantism has its triumphant arch. Its crowning achievement is that it has won the victory forever for the spiritual liberty of man in the State; and henceforth the right of private judgment, which the age of Protestant Christianity has won, can never be abolished or destroyed.

"The signs of it are written also across the failure of this Protestant age. I am not saying that its failures in any direction are complete. They may be summed up in this judgment that the Protestant faith is losing mastery over the controlling forces of modern life. This is apparent to some extent in all the spheres of life. For one thing Protestantism has lost the old authority of the church. It has lost it in its own families. Romanism has authority in the family from birth to death; from baptism to extreme unction. Protestantism has lost the voice of authority also in the State; our churches, as churches, are not accounted to be political powers. More than that, Protestantism as organized, or rather, as it is disorganized in our churches, has lost control over large areas of religious thought. It is merely that unwillingly coming on, but religion is withdrawing itself from our churches.

"Protestantism has lost power to give to the people a good religious education." Rev. Mr. Smyth is a veteran minister and a deep thinker. He condemns the "failure of Protestantism," and in the last paragraph he gives the main reason, the neglect of "religious training."