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CATHOLICS AND MASONRY

An anonymous contributor to the Catholic Truth publications disclaims any intention, in writing on the above-captioned subject of attacking the Craft of Freemasonry, among members of which he declares he possesses many excellent friends and esteemed acquaintances. His sole object is to state some of the reasons for which the Church forbids Catholics to belong to the society; and why they should forego temporal advantages which result from its member-

Shortly expressed, the writer goes on, the objections to Freemasonry are as follows: (1) Christianity is unas follows: (1) Christianity is unknown to Masonry, or, rather, is ignored by it. The neophyte is taught to see in the Master of the Lodge the "Sun of Justice," and humbly to beg of his new made brethman!" Masonia Light." Yet (sayar the ren " Masonic Light." Yet (says the writer) if Masonry possessed anything superior to that possessed by the common herd in the way of "Light" its moral obligations alone should make it share it with all—a condi-tion of affairs unknown under the Masonic system of secrecy. In fact the Craft's secrecy is an implied admission that its morality is not of universal application. All belief in Revelation, other than the Masonic, has to be left by the neophyte at the the Calvary and its sacrifice being unheard of.

Masonry also ignores the Gospel's that our prayers are to be offered in the name of the Redeemer. It even rejects the Christian chronology and its real religion is universal-ism. The prayers of the lodge are addressed to the Grand Architect of may be variously interpreted by Masons. Indeed, the Mason in lodge has to treat Jesus Christ as an nonentity, though privately, he may entertain other views and still be a good Mason. A Mason cannot, however, profess atheism. Yet all this is wholly absurd and stultifying, since it means that a Mason, as Mason, may are "Lord Livnow you not," while the control of th "Lord, I know you not," while Masons, the position is far more

(2) As regards the Oath, the neophyte swears with eyes blind folded to keep secret he knows not what says the writer; he also swears fidelto society as to the precepts of which he as yet knows nothing; he also invokes destruction on himself in case he should violate secrecy. He empowers his brethren to injure him in case of defection. No Catholic can regard the Masonic Oath, when considered seriously, otherwise than as blasphemous, contrary to right reason as blind and unknown and contrary to the good of the State. Yet how does murder, carry out its threat? The carpet of the Lodge (says the writer) may not be stained with blood, nor its walls contain an "aubliette," but Masonry can, and on occasion does, cause the ruin or decay of men who for conscientious reasons have merely abandoned it, without attempting to do evil to their former associates. As for the Church, the e is no need to resort to extreme measures on her account since she never requires ex Masons to divulge

any of the society's secrets.

It is a known fact, says the writer, that Masonic signs are made use of in courts of justice in order to obtain, or to try to obtain, secret advantage. 'It is within the writer's knowledge,' says the Catholic Truth publicist, "that an English judge responded to the Masonic signs of a litigant in whose favor he gave his verdict, though it is fair to state that this was not contrary to the weight of very confused evidence.

No daily newspaper in England dare publish the faintest criticism of the Craft, or still less expose a Masonic scandal, while in matters of place and patronage, in all countries, the first duty of the Masonic patron place and partonage the first duty of the Masonic patron is clearly to secure the services of a Masonic brother, in which cases "Masonic Light" must be somewhat apt to blur the vision. In short, it is (says the writer) impossible to believe (says the writer) impossible to believe that all this enormous expenditure of that all this enormous expenditure of the same time and money is undertaken merely to befriend the orphan and the widow, to practice an esoteric ritual and furnish a pretext for convivial meetings. and not to offer great facilities and temptations to brethren of the middle and lower social grades to favoritism, jobbery and protection for minor forms of rascality. There may be matter for praise in the moral teaching are sected. ing suggested by Masonic ritual; nevertheless, says the writer, members of the fraternity do not find themselves debarred from its official honors by table excesses or by im-purity of life. It is also certain that Masons, as a rule, rarely pretend that their motives in joining the Craft are other than those of personal gain

or social advancement.
(3) In regard to the charity exercised by Masonic bodies, Masons only consider the virtue in its sense of consider the virtue in its sense of "philanthrophy," which is a virtue of the natural order. And being only philanthropic, Masonry is far from being "charitable," since it deliberately excludes from its membership the poor and the needy, though it generously supports worthy brethren philanthropic, Masonry is far from being "charitable," since it deliberately excludes from its membership the poor and the needy, though it generously supports worthy brethren overtaken by adversity as well as their widows and orphans. Masonic benevolence is applied to its own mémbers only, and thus is more like a trades union society in which material benefit is really pre-emptied by contributions. Is, Freemasonry private in its charities or almsgiving, as Christ counselled men to be?

**600. It is to be hoped that a change of climate will ere long restore him to perfect health. We need scarcely say that his return to London will be a gratification to his Bishop, his brother priests and the laity of this city. From the day of his ordination he has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has proven to be a most city. From the day of his ordination has ordinately and calculation to his Bishop, his location to his Bishop, his location to his Bishop, his location to his Bishop, hi as Christ counselled men to be?



On the contrary, Freemasonry decorates a generous brother with a "jewel," and "charity" that is not Masonic in its application, is not charity to the Mason. Indeed, the precepts of Christianity and those of Masonry are in many respects so antagonistic or contradictory that

Masons themselves stultify themselves by practicing those of the Masonry and claiming to belong to the Christian body. These observations being (says the publicists) in-tended only for Catholics, the latter while thinking kindly of their Masonic friends, should respect and uphold the reiterated condemnations of Freemasonry by the Church.-Freeman's Journal.

DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

APPEAL FOR THE SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF CHARITY, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

A little band of Sisters of the Order of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge, Good Shepherd) were sent in May, door of the Lodge while he is being transported to the time of Solomon, Pittsburg, Pa., U. S. A., to establish the Order in the far North West, the City of Edmonton. These Sisters conduct institutions in which wayward girls, who have been committed to them, by parents, guardians or the civil courts, are reclaimed. And in which children who are exposed to evil are trained to lead virtuous and addressed to the Grand Architect of useful lives. In another separate the Universe, the meaning of which branch of their work the Sisters receive fallen women, protect them for a time, and with patient training fit them to benefit by opportunity to

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BISHOP MCNALLY'S CONSECRA-TION

A Catholic Press Association despatch to the New World has the following announcement of the consecration of the new Bishop of Calgary. Cardinal Falconio on Sunday, June

consecrated Monsignor McNally, the newly appointed Bishop of Cal gary, Canada, in the Chapel of the Canadian College here. Bishop Emard, of Valleyfield, Canada; and Bishop Fraser, of Dunkeld, Scotland, were co-consecrators. Archbishop Donterwill, who formerly filled the arch-episcopal see of Vancouver, B. General of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate; Bishop Schrembs of Toledo, O., and all the other English speaking prelates in Rome were present. Bishop McNally was re-ceived in private audience by the Holy Father to-day. Next week he starts on his return journey to Can-

A SLANDER RESENTED

Editor Catholic Record :- A story is at present being printed in the Family Herald and Weekly Star which appears to be an attempt to defame a good, honest fishing population. It is an uninteresting propassengers of ships wrecked on the south coast of Newfoundland, on arriving at St. John's go at once to to newspaper offices and publish their gratitude to these people for their kindness to them. Instead of "killing them in the water like seals," as this writer of fiction says, the people have in many instances lost their lives trying to save them. NEWFOUNDLANDER. St. John's, Nfld., May 25, 1913.

GOING TO UTAH Rev. E. L. Tierney, who has been connected with St. Peter's Cathedral, this city, since his ordination a few years ago, has for some time past been in ill health and following the advise of his physician has left for Ogden, State of Utah. As showing the esteem in which he is held a number of his friends have made him a parting gift of the sum of \$600. It is to be hoped that a change lic literature. But he should not be us with renewed health.

DEATH OF FATHER ARNOLD

On Wednesday of last week the beloved parish priest of Biddulph, Rev. Father Arnold, died at St. Joseph's hospital, this city, of appendicitis. The deceased was in his twenty-ninth year. He was or dained by Bishop McEvay in 1906 He was or Father Arnold succeeded Father Hanlon as parish priest of Biddulph, the latter being transferred to Lon don to undertake the formation of the new parish of St. Michael's. Father Arnold was educated in Berlin and made his theological studies in Montreal.

The sudden death of this good and zealous priest was a shock to the Bishop, priests and people of the diocese. In the seven years of his priesthood the deceased had labored unsparingly to promote the spiritual placed in his charge.

On Thursday the body lay in state in St. Peter's Cathedral and on Friday morning at ten o'clock a solemn High Mass of Requiem was celebrated, His Lordship Bishop Fallon being celebrant, Rev. Father Forster, Mt. Carmel, deacon, and Rev. Father White, St. Columban, sub-deacon. The assistant priest was Very Rev. Dean McGee, Stratford and the deacons of honor Rev. Fathers Kennedy, Sarnia, and West, of St. Thomas. There were also present in the sanctuary: Rt. Rev. Mgr. Aylward, Rev. Father McKeon, Tobin, Foley, Valentin, Labelle, Laurendeau, Hanlon, O'Connor, Brennan, McCullough, McPhail, Corcoran, McCullough, McPhail, Corcoran, Ouigley, Fallon and Maiorano, Quigley, Fallon and Maiorano London; Noonan, Dublin; Stanley Zurich Woodstock: Stroeder. Dantzer, Hesson; Gnam, Ingersoll Nagle, Simcoe : Goetz, Tillsonburg Egan, Stratford; Parent, Kelly, St. Mary's; Neville, Windsor O'Neil, Parkhill; Goodwin, St Thomas : Fuerth, West Lorne Hussy, Kinkora; Ford, Bothwell

Quinlan, Strathroy.

At the conclusion of the Mass His Lordship preached a touching sermon suitable to the occasion, making very kindly reference to the faithful priest who has now gone to his re ward. A large number of relatives and friends of the deceased priest place of his birth, and also from the parish of Biddulph. The remains were interred in Formosa.

WHAT THE MONASTERIES PRO DUCED FOR THE WORLD

We hear so much nowadays of con demnation and abuse of Catholic institutions and the Church, especially in past ages, that testimony like the following coming from a Protestant divine, the Rev. Dr. N. M. Waters, is refreshing:

'Out of the monasteries came the printing press; out of the monasteres came the universities; out of the monasteries came the libraries; out of the monasteries came the prayer book, the Litany, the Te Deum. was in the monasteries the founda tion of English literature was laid it was in the monasteries that the first New Testament was written; it was in a monastery the Bible was first translated into English.

The monk, under God, was the great architect of civilization. These Take all the monks were scholars. nanuscripts from which our modern Bible is derived, which have had such a strange story of preservation; not one of them would exist to-day had it not been for the fidelity and the scholarship of the monks of the

MISSION FOR JAPANESE

Twenty years ago Banaba, an island in Oceania, with its 500 or 600 natives, practically unknown. was then, thanks to the fact that its soil was discovered to be rich in phosphate, the little island has been invaded by a rich company, which exports its

treasures to all parts of the world, English, Australians and Norwegi ans, aided by the most modern machinery, work the mines, having under them a host of Japanese and Gilbertins. Among the former are about 200 Catholics, and for these a mission has been established. They were straying without fold or shep-herd but now, with the word of God and the Sacraments to encourage them, they are becoming a consolation to the missionary's heart. Banaba has been re-christened Ocean Island. Its inhabitants bid fair to set a good example to all the surrounding uncov.

If a Catholic child, says "The Sacred Heart Review," is not taught in a Catholic school to know that there is such a thing as a living Cath-olic literature—a Catholic press—he is missing something essential to his real education. The Catholic school readers, it is true, contain many selections from Catholic writers, and these familiarize the pupil with the names at least of a few of the many

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