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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Apologetic Delegation. Ottawa, June 13th, 1909. My Dear Sir:—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper.

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PRESBYTERIANS VERSUS JEWS

The smouldering resentment of the Jewish colony in Toronto against Presbyterian proselytizing agencies, broke into active flame on Saturday last, and a street fight which gave the police some trouble to quell was the result.

It was inevitable that an affair of this kind should have called forth a storm of controversy as to the rights and wrongs of it. A leading rabbi and several other Hebrew citizens of prominence have denounced the whole "Presbyterian Mission to the Jews" as a nuisance, and an organized propaganda of insult to their religion.

It is only fair to give the Presbyterian version of the affair also. Rev. J. McP. Scott, who signs himself as "Convener of Committee, Presbyterian Jewish Mission," writes to the Globe as follows: "There has been no attempt on the part of our missionaries to inflame the Jews."

The affair (be the facts as concerned by either side true or false) has no concern or interest for Catholics save for the

light it sheds upon the proselytizing efforts of Presbyterian, Methodist or Baptist so-called missions as directed against themselves at home or abroad. The Jewish colony of Toronto, of Montreal, or of any other city where these missions flourish, may safely be left to take care of themselves.

Without, then, wishing to prejudice the Presbyterian version of this latest embroglio, it will be profitable to bear in mind that as Catholics we have had some experience of Presbyterian missionary methods.

My Dear Sir:—I have read your article in the Catholic Record, and congratulate you on the manner in which it is published. I am a Catholic, and I am proud of my religion.

On the other hand, as was pointed out in these columns two weeks ago, the Catholic Church has ever been solicitous for the conversion of the Jews and for their restoration to the great privilege which, under the old dispensation, they enjoyed as the chosen people of God.

Israel's conversion, then, the hope of which has the warrant of scripture and apostolic tradition, is not likely to be hastened by the intervention of wrangling sects or the adoption of their part unworthy methods.

"Until we Catholics impress ourselves upon everybody by our intellectual merit we shall never count for anything. I speak not of more pagan merit. It is the Christian Catholic mind that is going to count."

A HAPPY CIRCUMSTANCE

The promulgation of the Ne Temere decree has proved to be of inestimable convenience to some of the preachers of the sects. Without it the up-to-date section would be at their wit's end for subject matter.

From day to day subscribers in different parts of the country send us excerpts from local papers containing sermons, warm as any pew-holder's heart could desire, upon the decree of the Holy Father in regard to marriage.

While the newest sects of Christendom, as is their wont, take the rabid anti-Catholic view of everything pertaining to the Church of Christ, some members of the Church of England are more considerate—and we might say more sane—in their utterances.

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Mr. Walter Mills, one of the delegates, spoke in many a fashion. He pricked the bubble of hypocrisy, bigotry and intolerance which moved some of the other speakers to defame the old Church.

"Mr. Walter Mills of Ridgeway defended the Ne Temere decree and the Roman Catholic Church. It was easy, he said, to raise a clamor. Such a resolution as that offered would not redound to their credit as Christians."

When the reader peruses the following honest and spirited pronouncement of Mr. John Ransford, which we also take from the Globe report of the 16th, the statement of Rev. Mr. Charlton, formerly of Ireland, will be taken with a mental reservation as to its correctness.

"Mr. John Ransford joined the defence of the Roman Catholic Church, and his amendment aroused as much interest as did Mr. Mill's speech. He moved that the Synod place itself on record in these words:—'Claiming as we do the right to make our own Church laws regarding marriage and

many other matters, we cannot but in justice accord a similar right to every other communion. We, therefore, do not consider that the Ne Temere decree calls for any condemnation or commendation from us, because it does not affect us. If in any way the Ne Temere decree interferes with the law of the land, it is in our opinion the peculiar province of the civil power to take such proceedings as are necessary."

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A subscriber in Kentville, N. S., Mr. Francis P. Lyons, has written us upon a very important subject. He refers to the apathy which prevails on the part of Catholics in regard to the spread of Catholic news, or, rather, correct information in regard to the Catholic Church.

St. George's church, Winnipeg, has done something in connection with the coronation ceremonies which gave a tid bit to the Canadian press bureau. The action of Rev. J. J. Roy, the Rector, has been heralded from one end of the country to the other and he is now a noted personage in the minds of all who read the morning papers in Canada.

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Quebec, a resolution to incorporate the order was introduced. The late Thomas D'Arcy McGee, postmaster General, who was a prominent Orangeman, championed the cause of his brethren. Amongst other things Mr. McGee said the ceremony of initiation required the candidate to bare his knees and ascend a number of steps to the altar.

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THE LAIRD OF SKIBBO, Andw. Carnegie, has fallen foul of coronation festivities. He calls it a foolish display. A man who succeeds in piling up hundreds of millions of dollars may be reckoned of broad mind, but sometimes he runs into pretty narrow grooves. Is it not a happy thing, after all, to witness a whole people give a full measure of love and fealty to a king who so richly deserves it.

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of the Young Men's Christian Association, they have costly churches where intellectual men becomingly wander for something to feed the hungry intellect, with the notes of the organ and the notes of the soprano a pleasant auxiliary, but what institutions have they built for the reformation of fallen women? We would ask Rev. Mr. Moore and his associates to go into the large cities and take note of the splendid work that is being accomplished for the permanent redemption of the unfortunate by the nuns of the order of the Good Shepherd.

SOME OF OUR ministerial friends in this city are suffering a degree of perplexity just now in regard to sacred concerts on the Sabbath in the park. There is much wrestling of spirit, but up to the present writing no pronouncement has been made thereon. Meantime they have given it the cold shoulder treatment. We would not refer to this trifling matter at all were it not that an incident has occurred which portrays the pitiable condition of the average preacher.

SHOULD THERE BE LEGISLATION? We have a country of which we may be well proud. We have freedom in plenty and to spare, and the husbandman rejoices in the plenitude of everything that should make our homes glad-some, but there are abuses creeping in which sooner or later must be seriously considered by our law makers.

THE LAST, WE HOPE In another article in this issue we deal with the Ne Temere decree and we fondly hoped that it would be the last word we had to say on the subject, as the anti-Catholic preachers, would ere this be undergoing the cooling process. But they still come, those condemnations of the "Pope's interference in our civil and religious liberties."

A LARGE UNDERTAKING The Baptist World Alliance meeting at Philadelphia has assumed a heroic attitude in regard to missions. It is nothing less than the Christianizing of the world, Rev. W. J. Fullerton, of England, spoke of the missionary work that has been accomplished by all missionary workers in foreign lands and deplored the fact that Christianity has not yet made any progress in Thibet, Afghanistan and some native Indian States.

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