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WEARY WAITING.

Some time ago we were informed that prominent laymen were elaborating a scheme for the Federation of the Catholic societies of Canada. We have waited, and have from time to time urged them to give us the result of their labors. But no scheme appears, and the enthusiasm of the laymen seems to have disappeared. These gentlemen may have other weighty matters to consider-or possibly may be frightened by the difficulties and dangers which are seen by scribes who have over heated imaginations.

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It were a waste of time to descant on the utility of Federation. That it would tend to bind us together and to concentrate and direct to worthy ends the energy that is frittered away on trivialities, is conceded. It would help the Catholic press and the Catholic college and give us men who are Catholics all the time, and not only before an election, to carry our banners. It would be a factor in the moulding of public opinion and urge us to dwell upon the teaching of history, that blindness to our intellectual needs dooms us to a loss of prestige and influence.

We may hark back to the past, but, without the fold, they prefer to judge the Church, not by the dead, but by the living. We may talk of our principles, but if we make no effort to show how they can be applied to modern problems, the world may deem us but noisy brag. garts. We cannot salve our conscience with stories of our forbears, and we cannot hope to find ourselves in the forefront of every good movement if we persist in a policy of apathy and negligence.

A GOOD THING AND NEEDED.

We are told that Federation is not needed. We may remark, however, that some of our prelates are advocates of Federation, and are anxious to have an opportunity to bless the laymen who can bring us together.

It may not be needed by those who are gullible enough to believe all that is said of us by orators at some of our gatherings. But they who see things not as our orators would have them, but as they are, do not harbor this opinion. They see, it is true, the faithful who crowd our churches, but they see also the young men who do not frequent the sacraments, who absent themselves from Holy Mass, who batten upon the secular press, and whose sole aim seems to be to have a good time. Euchre-parties, and honied words anent our progress. will not remedy these conditions. But we believe that Federation, captained by our best, and under the guidance of

has sufficiently proved to all the vigor of Catholic forces and what useful and salutary results may be obtained among them into a realization of their posia population of believers when their tion. action is well governed and disciplined, Hedley, " practical demonstrations of and when unity of thought, sentiments

and action prevails among those who take part in it.

negligent, the thoughtless, the frivol-THE BATED BREATH PEOPLE. ous or the abandoned, who will neglect One objection that we have heard is them. They tend towards the realizato the effect that the non-Catholic might tion of that ideal of peace, unity and look upon Federation as an organization opposed to their interests. The prayed for. Let us all seriously reobjectors have evidently a poor opinion lect whether there is not the danger, of the intelligence of our separated that by our indifference, our fastidiousbrethren. Opposed, indeed, we are to ness or our prejudices we are actually their interest, when they have the living in a state of disloyalty to our majority of the good things this counonly Lord and King." try has to offer; and, while they sit in the seats of the mighty, we, in many THE DANGER OF BAD READING. parts of this country, are of the crowd -the " intelligent " constituents that Monsigner John S. Vaughan's are driven to the ballot boxes by their article on "Indiscriminate Reading" in the Ave Maria for July 27, cor-"masters." Let us clear our mind of tained the following passages: "But probably the greatest peril in the path of the omnivorous reader cant. The nor-Catholic is, as a rule, not opposed to fair play, and more than arises from infidel books. We mean once has championed our cause, not beall those publications in which the truths of Revelation and the doctrines cause it was Catholic but because it was just. He is not an opponent of

fare of this country, and he knows that culed, or directly attacked and contra-the man who keeps his religious prin- dicted. In these days it is downright inudelity, rather than hybrid Protestciples under cover, fearful lest they may be a barrier to emolument, is beneath contempt. Our friends should its hold on the great masses of the divest themselves of their prejudicespart company with the "don't wake the baby" air, and act as befits men who are not here on sufferance. And when facts which are becoming daily more they have a moment of leisure they can see by the light of statistics that we are, at this stage of our history, not cpposed to anything in particular.

anything that can redound to the wel-

A WORD FROM MGR. FALCONIO. The Apostolic Delegate quotes Leo XIII. as follows :

"It has always been necessary that . . . all the children of the Church should be seducusly united by bonds of mutual charity and by the pursuit of the same objects, so as to form but one heart and one soul. This union is to become in our day more indispensable than ever. What snares are not set on every side for those who believe? What obstacles are not multiplied to weaken, and, if possible, to destroy the benefi-cent action of the Cburch? American dainfully to deny that for them there is any risk whatsoever. Again and again Catholics may be heard asserting Federation is destined to be an impregnable wall against the enemies of God and our holy faith."

Let us act, then, and give our Apostolic Delegate an opportunity to say the same of us. Let us harness the energy and enthusiasm that are wasted, and transform them into a mighty force for good ; and what the Right Rev. Dom Gasquet said of the Catholics of Great Britain may be applied to the Catholics of Canada. "We Catholics of Great Britain," he said, "do not at the breath of mere m skilled in wordy warfare. always take our part in the life of our the Bishops, would give us results to country and make our influence felt

even though in the possession of some philosophy. They have never been trained for such encounters. They are little accustomed to the insidious ways, the counterfeit speech, the per-verted sense, the false reasonings, the

"Those, who give," to quote Bishop inuendoes, the tergiversations, the suppression of the true and the suggestion of the false, and the other shifts of a fraternal attachment and loving help to our fellow Catholics are a part of the seriousness of life. It is only the files suspect no danger in the spider's web so deftly spread to catch their feet. In consequence, they perish by thousands. In like manner many a silly human fly apprehends no danger whatever in infidel books, and is thus co operation which our Blessed Lord allured to his doom, being entangled in the cunningly devised meshes of

some sophistical argument. "To suppose that Catholics of ordinary ability, and without experience or preparation, should be able to see through and to detect all the will sophistries proposed by some of the keenest and best practised intellects of

immense number who write are to be found agnostics, materialists, positiv-ists and other infidels of unquestionable learning and ability. These are often dress towards the close of the sessions $m \in n$ who have distinguished themselves on "The Personal Note in the at the universities; they are highly Teacher. cultured; they possess an extraordinary command of language; they express of the Church, even the most sacred and sublime, are travestied or ridiand theories in well-balanced phrases and in carefully rounded periods, that captivate and charm the casual reader. the instruction of youth to his own destruction; reminding one, by reason of their methods, of those extantism, that we have to contend with. In fact, Protestantism is fast losing quisitely tinted tropical berries which hide the deadliest poison under an ex-terior of the most brilliantly beautiful people. Its extreme Erastianism, its fatal contradictions, its internal divisions and dissensions, as well as its nodern and purely human origin, are tion, and will present their views with an extraordinary show of plausibility. and more clearly recognized, and render it utterly unfit to cope with They will so dress up and deck out modern infidelity and to withstand the attacks of the twentieth century. Protestantism has had its day; it no halo of virtue as almost to deceive even lorger satisfies any one whose mind is on the alert, so that thousands are the elect.

"The simple, self-confiding and inexnow lapsing into total unbelief, and perienced reader seems singularly un. falling away from it as leaves fall from a tree that is blasted and withering. conscious of all this. He, accordingly, throws pradence to the winds ; he re-" It is not so much heresy as downfuses to curb his curiosity, and calmly persuades himself that he may safely read and study the worst publications right atheism and godlessness that confront us, and that poison and contaminate so great a portion of the world's of the day and run no risk; skate on present literary output. There is not the slightest doubt but that an incalthe thinnest ice and not tumble in. Many a time have we seen beardless culable amount of harm is being done by this class of books; and the more so because even the good and pious perfrom the academies, thus courting disaster, and rushing in where angels divine message. sons often fail to appreciate the risk they run in persuing them. In fact, they will go so far as proudly and disthemselves fear to tread. To this fact, indeed, must be in a large measure

their right to read such pernicious authors. And on what pretext? words, bears a very sinister aspect, and may be expressed as follows: "I their students the lessons of sound ed-run no risk. I am more than a match for all these infidels. Clever men may disguise error, but not from me. The authors. And on what with an "Oh," they juntily exclaim, with an offended air, "if our faith be true and offended air, "if our faith be true and offended air, " if our faith be true and well grounded, we have no cause to fear what men may allege against it !" Or they petulantly remark that the Catholic creed must be a very milkand water creed if it cannot face the arguments of infidels and the onslaught may represent evil as though it were good, and deceive others, but me they of foes; that, in short, there can be nothing supernatural or divine in it, can never deceive. No: I am far too astute to be taken in. Let them weave their subtleties and their sophistries if it is going to totter and fall to pieces about me, and prepare their pitfalls breath of mere men, however

manner the poison of infidelity and of doubt, instilled into the mind drop by drop through the medium of evil publications, will in the course of time wear away and destroy the strongest, the most irreproachable faith. The example of prudence and modesty and self-restraint set us by the saints should not be without its effect. We should distrust our weakness, deny ourselves all dangerous license, and ask God to guide and safeguard us from the snares and the fascinations of error. Then God will, in His great mercy, teach us prudence and rescue the effects of our own folly."us fr the Casket.

> THE TEACHER'S SACRED CALL-ING.

BISHOP CONATY ON RESPONSIBILITY OF INSTRUCTORS OF YOUTH

At the fourth annual institute of the Catholic teachers of the diocese of Los They seem to forget that amongst the from the Polytechnic High school, Los Angeles, and the Pasadena High schools participated as lecturers and listeners, Bishop Conaty made a noteworthy ad-"The Personal Note in the "If it he true that teaching is a call-

command of language; they express the neelves with elegance and ease, and sometimes with real eloquence; they set forth the most dampable doctrines set forth the most dampable doctrines separates the teacher from all secular hi gs and consecrates her solely to

The Bishop spoke to the Sisters up-on the sanctity of their vocation as religious teachers, the sacrifices which that vocation demanded, and the spirit in which it should be exercised. forms and colors, which tempt the simple wayfarer to a deadly feast. lead them to be the best of teachers Some, too, are past-masters of decep. as in their religious life they were freed from all the worries and cares of life and allowed to consecrate their energies and activities in the prepara ten will take it for genuine truth; and will surround vice itself with such a

tion, working as they should for the highest possible ambition, which is the glory of God, the salvation of their own souls, and the education and edit. cation of those committed to their care. Their vocation to religion brings care. Their vocation to religion brings with it the special grace of God which helps them along the line of success. From the vocation idea the Bishop

passed to the educational development of the teacher who by a combination of sanctity and knowledge reached to the youths, and even young ladies fresh fullest acquisition of truth, thus being prepared to transmit to others the

THE MODEL TEACHER.

"The history of religious education Catholics at the present time. Pride, and pride alone, is at the bottom of it. For what is it that such Yenturesome young persons practically anorthodox opinions held by not a few Sanctity of religious teachers. The story of the learned nuns, those cul-tured women who in the seclusion of the cloister worked in every field the cloister worked in every field of knowledge and gave to the world many Accordin

> the culture of learning as well as per-sonal sanctification. He placed before them the Divine Savior as the model teacher, Who by word and example teacher, Who by word and example reached the hearts and minds of men. "His life as a teacher should be studied in order to see how He impressed upon both the human mind and heart the great truths which He came to

built upon the great principle that religion is essential to character and that for our children the Catholic religion is the great teacher of the spiritual life. Under these principles the children committed to our care are trained in the ways that make for goodness of life and are well prepared for the demands made upon them in our common citizenship for the good man makes the good citizen, and the Christian is the highest exemplification of the spiritual in life. "The Catholic Church has received

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from the Divine Savior the commission to teach, and under her goodness our schools aim to teach the great truth of God not only as revealed to us by our Divine Savior but also as found by investigation to be within the realms under which science makes known to us the truth."-Catholic Universe.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

The increase of Catholics throughout China during last year is reckoned to be nearly 90,000.

The Retreat of the priests of the the Peterboro, Diocese was conducted this week by the Rev. H. J. Zilles, C. S. S. R., of Saratoga, N. Y.

At the solicitation of the Christian Press Association Cardinal Satolli has protector of the Catholic Truth Society.

The teaching staff of the Catholic University of Paris has written to the Pope thanking him for preserving the urch from the invasion of error by publishing the recent Syllabus.

While repairs were being made on the historic mission church at San Luis Obispo, Cal., a number of old relics unearthed. Among them is a Vere valuable painting by a Mexican artist. bearing the date of 1775. The picture is well preserved.

In an inter school essay contest con-In an inter school essay concest con-ducted by a secular paper, the subject being "Why Delaware Should Prohibit the Sale of Liquor," Miss Anna E. Mooney, of St. Paul's High School, Wilmington, aged fourteen years, a pupil of the Sisters of St. Francis, won first prize,

Boston, August 30. - Death came Boston, August 30. -- Death came shortly before 9 o'clock to the Most Rev. John J. Williams, Archbishop of the Boston diocese, dean of the hier-archy of the Roman Catholic Church of America, and a generation or more the spiritual head of that faith in New England.

Father Gaven, chancellor of the Wheeling diocese, has discovered that two Persian imposters have collected about \$20,000 from the Catholics of that diocese. Part of it was secured on pretense of building Persian missions, and the remainder for the building of churches in foreign settlements in Pennsylvania and Ohio. They represented themselves as Catho-

According to a leaflet prepared by Rev. George W. Carter, secretary of the New York Bible Society, there are in that city nine hundred and seventy eight Protestant churches containing six hundred and seventy five thousand sittings. Six years ago there were in Manhattan three more Protestant churches, five less Roman Catholic churches and eighteen less Jewish synagogues.

Sister Mary Joseph, who died recently at the Monastery of St. Clare, Evans-ville, Ind., was up to the year 1899, a Protestant of the most pronounced

which we could refer with justifiable where it might be of use." It is our pride. But all this has been said many duty, not alone as citizens, but for the times. Now, since our laymen profess sake of our faith, and in order to have to be anxious to see Federation in the means within our power when the action, and our prelates will not deny time comes, as come it will, to defend the principles we hold so dear, at least it their approbation, let us have it as soon as possible. in theory.

WHAT IT IS IN THE UNITED STATES.

-----A MIGHTY FORCE.

We have no hesitancy in saying that We may remind our readers that Federation would be a large factor in among our brethren in the United educating Canadian Catholic thought States Federation is a success. At its and opinion to a more correct underincention it had its critics and opponstanding of what Catholicity really is, ents-to day its record of achievement and what it stands for in the nation. is anflicient to blunt the barb of cen-A united body, vital with the blood of sure. It is gaining in strength and Catholic love and truth would be a must, in the near future, be acclaimed mighty preacher against the indifferby all, irrespective of creed, as a ence which fashions those who should mighty factor in the maintenance and he aflame with onthusiasm for the safeguarding of religion and of moral. things which are not of sight, into dull. ity. To the men behind the movement spiritless beings, whose eyes are glued we give our meed of praise. They to the earth. This indifference manihave shown the value of organization. fests itself by the mixed marriage, by and have demonstrated that system the apathy given to our prelates' ex and order and concentration have hortations to support our institutions. their place in works devoted by the pagan disregard of the suffering to the best interests of soand poor, and by our refusal to clety. Said His Excellency Mgr. Falhelp those who are of the household of conio, at the last Convention of the the faith. Again, pamphlets and books American Federation of Catholic Sowould be an aid to the faith of many who live in isolated districts, without

"The common adage; 'in union there is strength,' is the real motto of our commercial, civil and religious life. a resident priest. They would know that we had them in mind. They would be encouraged to safeguard their chil-Individual efforts, no matter how great, will prove inevitable failure in regard dren from these marriages that give us to our social interests, unless sustained some of our most bigoted and inveterby concentrated action. Lack of unity ate enemies. A figment of the imaginmeans lack of efficiency, concentration ation ? Nay, a bitter truth, and they | tics, who has an object to accomplish, of activites means strength and power, which constitute the best elements for who know can tell us of districts devastated by the mixed marriage of

And the Apostolic Delegate, whose their children, who, blatant infidels or name is in benediction in Canada, went adherents of some of the sects, are on to say that he was justified in always avowed enemies of the Church. applying to their association the words We do not mean to say that a Federa which Pius X. addressed to the Ninetion would either destroy the flesh and the devil or eliminate the mothers who ogna, in 1903, that their Federation | wish their daughters to marry money, | ledge either of history or theology or

whiled in wordy warfare. "What arrant nonsense? Such ob-servations are, of course, common monugh; but they disclose an extra-bordinary confusion of thought. We can only say that those who make them nuly say that those who make them nuly say that those more than and their snares. Such attempts may entrap the less wise, but they are wholly unavailing before my penetra-ting and all-seeing gaze. I? I can see through every difficulty. I can loosen every knot. I can unavel every tanging L can make them to see through every difficulty. I can the see through every the see through every the see through every the see through every the see the see through every the see the see the see through every the see through every the see the see through every the see the see through every the see the see through every the see servations are, enough; but they disclose an extra ordinary confusion of thought. We can only say that those who make them must be sadly ign rant of their own innate inbecility and weakness. It is true that the danger of the reader is

very great, but this danger arises not in the least degree from any ineffici ency or defect in the foundations of Faith ; for the Church stands on an impregnable rock and is absolutely

invulnerable. We have the divine assurance that the gates of hell itself shall never prevail against it. No ! The danger exists, but is subjective not objective. The danger lies wholly in the blindness and duliness of poor weak human nature, which is asily mislead by specious words, and be-guided by fine spun arguments, and which, having ventured into a contest with the agents of satan, is as liable to be deceived and fall miserably as were Adam and Eve when they tried conclusions with the arch-fiend himself. "Such shallow excuses for flying into the very face of danger are in sober truth, but sad indications of a

subtle pride and vanity, and sugges a really culpable ignorance of man's spiritual misery and independence. spiritual misery and independence Nothing is easier than to raise diffi culties ; nothing is more common than to suggest doubts against the super natural. That almost any one can do sufficiently courageous or enlightened without offering any claim to superior knowledge. Nor is it strange. Cannot a child, with a match and a hand we were, then Christ would never ful of straw, create a cloud which will, for the time being, hide even the stars? It is a trite saying that "a fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer." And if this And if this e true in the case of a fool, how far truer it must be when the questioner is not a fool at all, but a shrewd and

clever reasoner, accustomed to dialecwho is wholly unscrupulous How cerning the means he employs? can we expect the average Catholic to read the effusions of rank infidels with-

out receiving any harm ? Has he the mental skill and training to parry every blow? Is he such a master of fence as never to be overcome by any adversary? The vast majority of Catholics are without profound knowmake known." Speaking of the personal note in the

"The teacher teacher, the Bishop said . tangle. I can make the rough ways smooth, and the crocked ways straight; must be alive, full of interest and capable of awakening interest. She must po sess accurate knowledge of the sub detect falsehood under any guise it may assume; drag forth error triumphantly from its hiding place into the light of ject to be taught and be aflame with the fire of it so that she may be ready day, and put my finger on every poison-ous spot without fail." to cast its fire upon others. The per-sonal note in the teacher stands for

What presumption! Alas! their more than methods. It is the teacher' What presumption! Alas! their pride deceives them, atd, unless cor-rected, will certainly bring upon them some terrible calamity. "Pride goeth before destruction," says the Holy Spirit of God; " and the spirit is lifted up before a tall." Such conceit soon receives its due punishment. They get spirit which, acquainted with methods, is never a slave to any of them. Give us good teachers and we care not what text book or method they use nor in what places they teach; all we ask is that they teach. Personality is the soul of the teacher; it is an influence, a fire which comes from the teacher's entrapped in the toils of the snarer. and entangled and held fast in the twisted strands of error and infidelity, soul and enters into us and transforms us into one with her. The religious and suffer the just consequences of their rashness and disobedience. "Pr fess-ing themselves to be wise, they became teaches is a lover of praver, full of the spiritual, but at the same time, a lover of books, full of the knowledge which the pupils have the right to demand from her." "We have no right whatever to ex-

A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY. pose ourselves to temptations against The Bishop designated the charac-teristics of the teaching personally to faith ; we have received no promise of faith; we have record a manual provides a second se be a love for children combined with a love for patience, sympathy and enthusiasm. He spoke of the tre-mendous responsibility of the teacher to every child confided to her care and not wise enough or prudent enough or

said : "There is nothing in life more beauto sail our own fragile bark over the tiful than the child, and there is no responsibility in the school room greater than that responsibility which great sea of error and heresy which ncompasses us upon every side. If the child casts upon the teacher. Family, Church and State share their responsibility with the teacher, and the future of the child is largely decommanded us to enter into the Barque of Peter, and to entrust ourselves and all our spiritual interests to Him Who alone has received the divine assurance pendent upon the manner in which the teacher exercises her duty in the dethat his barque will ever ride in safety even amid the fiercest and wildest storms ; and tossed and buffeted, will velopment of truth in the child life.' never be wrecked on the shifting sands The Bishop closed his address with and shallows of infidelity. "No observer, with any experience of life, can fail to note the terrible a call for the teacher who will love and

labor always for the best, realizing that the ministry of teaching wears the havoc that infidel and anti religious books are causing even within the ranks of children of the Church. The mantle of the Divine Teacher Who, in our different Sisterhoods, sends forth His consecrated daughters to save and effect of these mischievous publications is often slow, and, as a rule scarcely educate . Its little ones. "The knowledge is ours in trust for

"Drop by drop," it is said, "will wear away a stone." So in a similiar the honor and glory of God and for

type. In attempting to convert a Catholic relative, she made some study of the Catholic doctrine, of course, with the intention of confuting it. Finding herself unable to do so, she carried her investigation further, and ended by becoming a Catholic herself and finally donning the garb of a religious.

" MY JEWELS AGAIN!"

Some years ago a home for incurable children was projected and partly com-pleted in a little town in Southern Gerany. Lack of funds made the delay, and a special appeal was made to son who had already contributed and to others. Among the first was a young Countess who, in response to the first appeal, had given countifully, even more bountifully than she could afford. The issuing of the second call found her still willing but unable to give any more. This made her the most unhappy because she knew of many little su ferers (especially one) in sore need of such a home. She longed to be very rich that she might complete the building herself. One evening at prayer she remembered a costly necklace of dia-monds. Should she give them, the family heirloom, that would be to give all she had of any value. Before retiring she made up her mind; she would give the precious diamonds. The gift was made. The house was

completed. In 'ue time little cots were filled with little patients and the Countess went to visit them. She was specially interested in the case of ittle girl. She passed from ward to ward and from cot to cot until, at length, she reached the child. She recognized the Countess and greeted her rapturously with: "You gave your diamonds to provide me this bed! while tears of joy flowed down her wan face. "Ah, there I see my jewels again!" exclaimed the Countess, as she kissed the child and left.

The incident is no less true than that God does return our jewels of service to us again; not only undimmed, but with an added glory and lustre .- From Extension.

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