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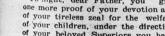
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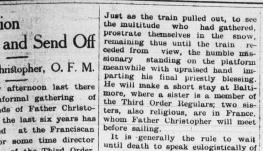


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To Father Christopher, O. F. M. On Thursday afternoon last there was a very informal gathering of

the many friends of Father Christopher, who for the last six years has been stationed at the Franciscan Friary, and for some time director of the Ladies of the Third Order, who wished to bid him Goaspeed to his new field of labor-Japan.

A chalice and paten, wine set, kodak and a large sum of money accompanied by a well worded address, which was read in most pleasing style, were presented. The address read as follows: Reverend and Dear Father:

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Presentation

On this sorrowful occasion, the eve of a new and noble undertaking on your part, the Ladies of the Third Order, of which you are di-rector, and some of your many friends throughout the city, desire to take advantage of this opportunity to give public testimony of their

to take advantage to this opportuni-ty to give public testimony of their heartfelt esteem, and regard for you, and also to express their good wishes for your safety and pleasure on the lengthy travels you are about to undertake. It is, or should be, unnecessary for us to attempt to tell you how greatly you will be missed, but we will not be selfish, and try to keep you entirely to our-selves. We will, on the contrary, endeavor to find consolation in the thought that you will one day re-turn to us with the boon of health perfectly restored. Perhaps even in the midst of the world's most beau-tiful and historic scenes, and in the field of so much labor your thoughts will, we are certain, revert to the friends you have left behind. They feel sure that in doing so, they but act as the interpreters of the feelings of the whole Order and, in fact, of the whole Catholic popu-lation of Montreal, very few of whom have not at 'some time or other come under the influence of your lation of Montreal, very few of whom have not at 'some time' or other come under the influence of your abounding and universal kindness of heart and charity, of your wisdom in the confessional, or your eloquence in the pulpit. We in turn will often think of you while you are away from us, and as a sittle token of the interest and regard with which we will follow you i.. our thoughts, we ask you to accept this chalice. It is now seven years, Father, since you first came to Montreal to begin in the midst of its people those

It is generally the rule to wait until death to speak eulogistically of our friends. In the case of Father Christopher, and with all due re-spect to his modesty, it may be said in very truth 'He went about doing good.'' And better still, he did his good work quietly. The sick were consoled, the dying were tenderly helped across the great chasm leading to the anknown, sus-tained by his gentle ministrations, but his chief characteristic was his intense love for the poor, and many

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intense love for the poor, and many hearts were sore and abundant tears were shed by those who had reason to know from exceeded to know from personal experience of what deep charity was Father Christopher possessed. Very much will topher possessed. Very much will he be missed and many fervent pray-ers will be offered for the success of his work in Japan, but more espe-cially that he will regain his health and at the end of his term in the foreign mission to return to Montreal, to again take up the work he has done so faithfully and so well.

INAUGURATION OF ORGAN AT MOTHER HOUSE OF SIS-TERS OF C. N. D.

At the Mother House of the Con-gregation of Notre Dame, on Sher-brooke street, between Atwater and Wood avenues, on Thursday next, December 17th, at 4 p.m., will take place the inauguration of the

place the inauguration of the new organ by Mr. R. Octave Pelletier, or-ganist of the Cathedral. Rev. Abbe Lecoq, Superior of the Seminary of St. Sulpice, will bless the organ, while Rev. Abbe Boulier, P.S.S., will deliver an address. The Decomposition of Collempt.

P.S.S., will deliver an augress. And programme is as follows: Prelude in E flat Bach Prayer to Our LadyBoellmann Andante from the 2nd Symphony..... Widor

Widor Finale (Maestoso) Rheinberger Address by Rev. Abbe Boulier, P.S.S.

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labors which have enceared you to everyone of them. It is not for us now to attempt to recall the good works which you have wrought in our midst, the many souls to whom you have imparted the true Faith the Cor Jesu-After an Andante by Widor Ave VerumC. St. Saens Ave Maria, quatuor, Th. L. da Vit-toria, 1540-1680. Messrs. Barolet, Letourneau, Siwhich is beyond all other Faith, the

weak and erring ones whom you have brought back to the ways of virtue, the strong to whom you have given greater strength, the sick and dying whose pain you have soothed and whose last hours you have given greater strength.

soothed and whose last hours you have filled with resignation and con-fidence. The list is too long to be gone over now and too well known to need repetition. It is written on the hearts of those who have been the objects of your ministry and LaudateA. Cherion

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the objects of those who have been the objects of your ministry and their grateful recollection is one which will not easily be lost. In the meantime we beg you to accept this as a personal gift of all present. Topping the down Father you give which will not easily be lost. In the meantime we beg you to accept this as a personal gift of all present. To-night, dear Father, you give one more proof of your devotion and of your children, under the direction of your beloved Superiors you have of your beloved Superiors you have After a short debate the Bri-tish House of Commons passed the of your beloved Superiors you have entered upon a new field of labor-that of acting in a more especial manner as the spiritual guide of the People of Japan. A new Society is to be formed, a new residence for them established, in order that their temporal as well as spiritual wel-fare may be fostered, and that they may be spared from the numberless of the debate on the bill, Hon. Augustine Birrell, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, declared that it was the government's intention to push the bill through to its final adoption at the next session. The fact that such an important The fact that such an important bill, after reaching second reading, cannot be pushed forward this ses-sion is the best comment on the con-gested condition of affairs in the British House. Of course the Christ-mas holidays are almost here, but if the English House of Commons only lett Ireland to deal with her own local affairs in a parliament es-tablished for that purpose in Dub-lin, the members in London at pre-sent would be better able to attend to larger questions of general interfare may be fostered, and that they may be spared from the numberless temptations that beset their ways. The task is a difficult one, but you have undertaken it with a noble energy which assures your success, and of this the large gathering here is an evidence. In your new work is an evidence. In your new work you have the best wishes of all the members of the Order, to express to you their gratitude and esteem, ac-companied with best wishes across the occan to the home of your fore-fathers, that home whose unknown to larger questions of general inter-est to the Fmpire and to the local affairs of England, which are sadly neglected at the present time. the ocean to the home of your fore-fathers, that home whose plains and valleys are holy ground, and whose air is fragrant with saintly memo-ries of your youth, in homor of which they ask you to accept this little token from those who still remain dear to their Spiritual Direction. Father Christopher, made a very feeling reply.

Coronation Oath to be Amended.

MONTREAL, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1908

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Satisfaction will be felt by Ca-tholics all over the British Empire at the announcement made in the House of Lords on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, that the Co-ronation oath would be amended. The declaration to the effect that the sacrifice of the Blessed Eucharist was an idolatrous practice will be

the sacrifice of the Blessed Eucharist was an idolatrous practice will be removed from the form of oath-Earl Crewe made the declaration that the Government would into-duce a bill to this effect. Lord Larisdowne, who cannot be suspected of any partiality towards the Irish Catholics at least, wel-comed the declaration on behalf of the Opposition, so that both sides in the British Parliament are agreed upon this subfect. The Duke of Nortolk, as the Pre-mier peer of the British Empire, and

The Duke of Norfolk, as the Pre-mier peer of the British Empire, and as the leading Catholic peer of the realm, thanked the leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords for the attitude they had taken upon this question, and commended the Government for its courage in taking Government for its courage in taking the responsibility for the bill to abolish the offensive declarations. The Earl of Kinnaird constituted himself the spokesman of the Protes-tant Alliance, and warned Earl Crewe and the Government that the country would not acquiesce in the change. It is stated that the Prochange. It is stated that the Pro-testant Alliance, has secured some 700,000 signatures to a petition against the abolition of the offensive declarations in the Coronation Oath. It is quite natural to expect, however, that in England, as in every oth er, that in England, as in every our-er country, there are hundreds of thousands of people who sign almost any petition laid before them with-out caring particularly what they contain. Otherwise, it would be difout caring particle is would be dif-ficult to understand how, in an en-lightened country, in the twendeth century such a petition could get any signers outside the group of fanati-cal bigots who comprise the known membership of the Protestant Alli-ance, an organization which is re-pudjated by all fair-minded Propudiated by all fair-minded Pro-testants of whatever denomination

testants of whatever denomination they may be. It is a strange commentary upon the attitude of the Alliance that the leading overseas Dominion of the British Crown should have at its the British Crown should have as its head Sir Wilfrid Lawrier, a soil off the Church which is thus accused u. idolatrous practices, and to have had another, Sir John Thompson, of the same faith before him. In an-other of the great colonies, New View of the law of the line for the same faith before him. In All-other of the great colonies, New Zealand, the leading Catholic lay-man in the country, Sir Joseph Ward, also happens to be the Pre-mier of the Colony, and recently at the polls received an unequivocal evi-dence of the popularity of his gov-ernment and approval of the vigor-our comparison in focus of temperance ous campaign in favor of temperance

in the island colony. Another island colony, the oldest of them all, in fact, which a few short years ago was regarded as a hotbed of Orangeism, has also withnoteed of Orangelsin, has used with-in the past few weeks shown that it has full confidence that Catholics are fit to be trusted by giving Sir Edward P. Morris, who fought against immense odds, even from

against immense odds, even irom some in authority in' our own church, an equality of seats. Without considering at all the deep injury to the feelings of the Catholic-subjects of His Majesty, it seems, to say the least, illogical and anomal-our to ack the Soverging to declare

tion, Protestants rèceived his views as kindly as Catholics themselves. It may be said that the object of the lectures has not been to 'revive the **Papacy**' as one man feared, nor to combat Protestantism. The object has been rather to dispel certain confused and prejudicial ideas that are still held by many otherwise in-telligent people in regard to the Church which Bishop Keane repre-sents. Catholics have long felt that they are entitled to a higher rating.

telligent people in regard to the Church which Bishop Keane repre-sents. Catholics have long felt that they are entitled to a higher rating, to use a commercial phrase, in pub-lic opinion. "And this end was accomplished in this city last week, undoubtedly. It was accomplished, not by abusing Protestants, nor by praising Catho-lics, but by the simple setting forth of the truth as it appears to one of the learned men of the Catholic Church. Bishop Keane was of all men the fittest to render his Church this service, for he is learned, sin-cere, logical, kindly and courteous of a Church and the world understand that phrase. The eight addresses have given Cedar Rapids a distinct moral uplift and a new intellectual stimulus. We shall all be better men and women as we learn to me of a Christian gentleman, as both the church and the world understand-that phrase. The eight addresses have given Cedar Rapids a distinct moral uplift and a new intellectual stimulus. We shall all be better men and women as we learn to un-derstand each other better, credit each other's good motives and ho-nor each other's sincere beliefs and consistent practices. This is a good idea in politics as well as in mo-rals."

CATHOLIC ACTOR ACHIEVES SUCCESS.

Among the actors appearing the local theatres during the present week is one who may well serve as a model of what an actor achieve without in any way trans gressing the laws of God or the church. Mr. Thomas E. Shea, who appeared at Bennett's in an epitom-ized version of "The Bells," one of the late Sir Henry Irving's most chillion and monther that the state of the state o striking and successful productions, has demonstrated that it pays finanas occurs that is a solution of the stage as well as morally, to be de-cent on the stage as well as off. Mrs. Shea, who, by the way, is a graduate of Villa Maria, in this city, is her husband's constant com-panion and follows the same career as her distinguished buckband, abox as her distinguished husband, sharing his triumphs. They have on the coast of Massachusetts a charming home, where they spend in delight the months during which they are not occupied on the stage. Up to this year Mr. Shea has ap-peared in remetions with his come

Up to this year Mr. Shea has ap-peared in repertoire, with his own company, his productions comprising "Richelieu," in a version largely prepared by himself from the text of Bulwer's celebrated work, but with all the objectionable portions expurgated, making the piece the stronger and the more truthful His. expurgated, making the piece the stronger and the more truthful. His part of Jekyll and Hyde, is regarded as the most successful ever known on the American stage, and he has achieved success in various Shahes of the American stage, and he has achieved success, in various Shakes-perian productions. Mr. Shea, had he been so disposed, might have reaped laurels in any of the spheres of theatrical enterprise, for he has the qualities that go to make the most successful actors. He has pre-ferred however to steer clear of the ferred, however, to steer clear of the

perfect, however, to steer clear of the more or less permicious and immoral productions drawn mostly from de-cadent or degenerate European wri-ters under the name of problem plays and produces only the class of en-tertainment that young folks may witness without danger to their mo-

Mr. Shea might retire from the stage if he felt so inclined and en-joy life in comfort, but he is attach-ed to his life work, and with Mrs. Justiceship of England and import-ant positions in the armies of the Empire, superstitious and idolatrous; Both parties in England seem to have agreed in this view, and there is not the least doubt that the vast Scotland are of the same mind. Knights of Columbus Defray Ex-penses of Mission. That one at least of the Catholic chological studies, etc., it is refresh-ing to find that men like Mr. Shea and a number of other leaders on the stage of the day, refuse to be drawn into the nauscous current and adhere to the best traditions of the agnere to the pest traditions of the profession. A man like Thomas E. Shea is an honor to his profession and the people who count him as one of their own have reason to be proud of him.

Rev. Dr. Patterson- Education Bill Smyth

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Reccommends Prayers For the Dead.

'Pray for the departed. Do not

the dead by Vev. Patterson-Smyth, pastor of the richest Anglican congregation in Mantreal. The preacher delivered these read: The preacher derivered these remarks at the evening service in his own church on Sunday last, in the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General and his suite, af-ter having delivered the same ser-mon in the forenoon at the Church of St. John the Evangelist. The same remarks if delivered

The same remarks, if delivered some years ago in St. George's Church, would have called forth protests from the Congregation, but things have changed, and the doc-trines once executed, like the prac-tices oblewed out document tices abhorred and denounced as relics of Romish superstition creeping into the Church of Eng-

land. At. St. John the Evangelist, the At St. John the Evangenst, the declaration would hardly cause com-ment, because the reverend gentle-men pastors of that church, in their most to the letter the doctrines ritual of the Catholic Church. H Even in the smaller observances which are in the same observances which are generally regarded as distinctive of the priesthood of our Church are practiced by the dergymen in charge of the congregation of St. John the Evangelist. Celebration of the Mass, with the preverse prescribed by the Roman

prayers prescribed by the Roman ritual, the hearing of confession, the nual, the hearing of contession, the making of the sign of the cross, and even the use of candles on the altar and the wearing of the cassock on the street are, part of the ordinary practice of St. John the Evangelist's minimum on the street of the stree ministers-or to give them the name

the, who like his beloved and la-mented predecessor in the same church, the late Bishop Carmichael, came to this country from Ireland, recognized as one of the most learn-ed and able most in the abever of the ed and able men in the clergy of his church-in favor of the Catholic docrine of Purgatory must have come omewhat as a shock. All Catholics will agree with the

All cathonics will agree with the learned preacher in the conclusion that we should pray for the opart-ed, who in the unseen world, as he terms it, form with us one church. This is the teaching of the Catholic Church throughout the ages, and is based on the teachings of the Bible. The Anglican Church however, while

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Withdrawn.

Catholics throughout this country will rejoice with their brethren in England at the withdrawal of the Education Bill which the govern-

The Catholic attitude was sum-med up by the Tablet in the follow-ing terse and energetic sentence: "What we ask, and what we are what we ask, and what we are going to have, are Catholic schools, with Catholic teachers under Ca-tholic control-and for the rest, all we ask is simple equality of finan-cial treatment." Under the existing law, that of 1902 passed under the Balforr ad-ministerion

1902 passed under the Balfour ad-ministration. There are occasional causes of complaint, when the local municipal authorities are determined to put obstacles in the way of the Catholic teaching. On the whole, however, the bill has been found to work out faither will not due the work out fairly well, and when the local authorities are at all reason-able no friction occurs.

The Missionary Spirit.

Preaching at high Mass last Sun-day upon the missionary spirit of the Catholic Church, Rev. M. O'Brien the zealous curate of St. Mary's, made an eloquent plea for more action upon the part of the laity in spreading the truths of the Gos-pel.

10 spreading the truths of the Gospel. "In the ages of faith." said the preacher, "prior to the so-called Re-formation, societies were formed among the laity and were known as the line metric of the society of th the lay apostolate. They had, as the important work, the building of churches and chapels and the ga-thering of fands to assist the mis-sionary in his arduous labors in for-tion lands. eign lands. "At the time of the great upheaval

At the take of the great upheaval in Europe following the spread of the 16th century heresies, churches were overthrown, priosits were hounded to earth and foully murder-ed, and the laity robbed of their faith by avaricious kings and princes. The great societies which head done such pole work for the hard by invariences kings and princes. The great societies which had done such noble work for the extension of the Gospel of Christ were extinguished, and have never since reached their former degree of splendor and greatness." Snoshing of the great Missionary

spiendor and greatness." Speaking of the great Missionary Congress recently held in Chicago, Father O'Brien sechared it would bring the layman into his former heritage and cause an awakening that would make itself felt in every land

ed, who in the unseen world, as he terms it, form with us one church. This is the teaching of the Catholic Church throughout the ages, and is based on the teachings of the Bible. The Anglican Church, however, while it has preserved the Apostle's Creed, with its declaration of belief in the Communion of Saints, nas not so far, as a rule, admitted the defini-tion of the explanation of the Catholic Church suffering, which can be helped by the Church militant. While Catholics cannot agree with all the statements of the learned doctor, for instance his specific de-clarations as to the exact status of

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PERSONAL.

Father Christopher made a very The ling reply. On the evening of Sunday the fare-well ceremony at the Friary took place. The sermon was delivered by Father Ethelbert, followed by Bene-diction of the Pluesed Socrament Then came the blessing of the mis-sionary's cross and the veneration of it by the congress heing the kiss-ing of the missionary's feet by the Fathers and Provers of the Order-On Monday morring Father Christo-phe laft at RAS for New York on the first next of his long lowney. A area momber wees at the station and a most impressive sight it was. PERSONAL. Rev. Dr. A. E. Burke, President of the Catholic Church Extension So-city of Canada, is in Montreal. Fathers Ethelbert, followed by Bene-dit of the Pluesed Socrament, the recent Catholic Missionary Congress at Chicago, and was greatly impressed at the proceed-ings. The Canadian branch of the Society has only lately been organiz-ed under the patronage of Rt. Rev. Dr. McEvay, Archbishop of Toronto, with Rev. Dr. Burke at the head of the society. Plans are being matur-ed to undertake extensive missionary work both in Canada and abroad.

That one at least of the Catholic societies is coming up to the re-quirements demanded by Rev. Ir. Kelley, president of the Catholic Church Extension Society, in his striking address at the recent Con-gress at Chicago, is evidenced by the reports published in the American papers of a mission to non-Catho-lics given by Rt. Rev. Dr. Keane, Bi-shop of Cheyenne, Wyo. The city auditorium of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was secured for the occasion by the Knights of Columbus, who defrayed all the expenses of the mission. The great hall was filled to capacity each evening, and so great was the de-mand for the newspapers containing reports of the lectures that the Re-publican and Times, the local pa-That one at least of the Catholic

evening, and so great was the de-mand for the newspapers containing reports of the lectures that the Re-publican and Times, the local pa-pers, were unable to supply the de-mand. In the course of its comment upon the mission, the Cedar Rapids Re-publican has the following: "It was the first series of lectures of the kind attempted by Bishop Keane, and be has been himself over-whelmed with the success that his kindness and the intellectual hospi-tality of Cedar Repids ardienees. He had hardly expected such a recep-

ST. ALOYSIUS FANCY FAIR.

A grand banquet will mark

clarations as to the exact status of the departed and his declaration that no one has yet entered heaven or been condemned to the infernal re-gions, we must admit the justice of his reasoning whereby he reaches the conclusion that the departed must have a place of rest where those who have not satisfied fully the just demands of God, while their lives have not been such as to de-serve eternal condemnation. Had not the founders or the church of which the reverend gentleman is a clarations as to the exact status of not the founders of the church of which the reverend gentleman is a leading light removed from the Bible a portion of the text which the ear-lier compilers, with the authority of the Church, had accepted as the Re-vealed Word, he might have found even stronger proof that the custom of praving for the dead Was prac-

vealed word, he might have hold even stronger proof that the custom of praying for the dead was prac-ticed even under the Old Testament dispensation. It is encouraging, however, to find such eminent authority as Rev. Dr. Patterson-Smyth admitting the inac-curacy of the authorized version of the Bible. A further study of that inspired book as compiled by autho-rities the most competent for the task would lead him to further conclusions on other points of doo trine which would lead him to the path followed by his distinguished predecessors in the Anglican minis-try. Maming, Newman and so many others who found their way into the One True Church.

AN EVENING WITH THE HABI-TANT