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M. HUYSMANS ON LOURDES.

M. Huysmans, whose compositions author of "La Bas," of "En in n Rebouts," of "En Route" and of ings "La Cathedrale," who has been interviewed by M. Raoul Aubury, of "The Temps," gives a characteristic foreword concerning the pilgrims who frequent the miraculous pool.

"I am not writing a novel in the course of which imaginary persons are conducted to Lourdes, but am completing a series of critical studies. and then there are truly miraculous cures at Lourdes; this I firmly believe. But the most striking miracle of all is, to my mind, the fact that the multitude that comes to the places defy with impunity the laws not only of medical science, but of ordinary hygiene. I have made three long visits to Lourdes, and I constantly saw men reeking with sweat plunging after meal-time in almost ice-cold water; I saw children so ill flesh she (the Church) bases on the as to be scarcely able to draw their breath dipped into chilly pool; I saw Christ, just as she bases all hope delicate women, regardless of the of a resurrection upon the actual, merse themselves up to their chins in None of these the frigid water. men, women or children appear to suffer the logical consequences of their acts. I saw good, pious, hardworking Sisters of Mercy and honest, noble-minded priests, but flocking about them, like harpies or birds of were vile vendors of trash, which they disposed of at exorbitant prices to confiding pilgrims. The Peres de Lourdes are worthy, hard working and conscientious. I sympathize with them, for they defend the last ramparts of the dignity of

this huge religious, popular fair. Emile Zola collected his data concerning Lourdes too hastily. Zola was the victim of one of his influential friends, who excited him against the Lourdes fathers because this trusted adviser had a secret ambition of being able to induce the Government of the republic to expel the fathers and priests, and, when this element was once eliminated, to transform Lourdes into a sort of stock company, abounding in palace hotels, clubs, casinos, with baccarat and petits chevaux; sheds and garages for automobiles, and with American bars dispensing Manhattan cocktails, whiskeys and sodas and other drinks, while bands of redcoated fiddlers played macabre polkas or harrowing cake walks.

continued M. Huysmans, 'No.' "the fathers of Lourdes are doing a noble, humanitarian work, and Zola was unjustly prejudiced against them.

THE PRIEST'S VESTMENTS.

is crossed on the priest's breast. It represents the cords with which Our are always imbued with vigorous individuality, is putting the finishing touch to a work on Lourdes. The sign of the priestly office and is used and cities, where there is a continual and trousers, provided by the wellin many other ceremonies and bless-

6. The Chasuble, or outer vestworn by the celebrant of the Mass."

PENANCE.

hold of non-Catholics. Though pen- ance of our language both in Mexico I knew, a young man, is to-day an ance and mortification have been scouted by Protestants, here is a ray from The Churchman, a Protestant Episcopal publication:

"The principle of the Cross and the necessity for a crucifixion of the Church sustain the republic, and ap- There are good Protestant missionactual, personal crucifixion of Jesus Diaz. This great change began to sionaries do an amount of good that personal Resurrection of Christ. She teaches that as there was no hope for humanity except in the incarnate Mexican Bishops and Archbishops, ies. Put that fact down alongside life of Christ, there is no hope for Since that time there has been less the others. any one who does not become a partaker with Christ and the brethren of the benefits of His life and work. There is no more precious truth than this, and it was never more needed.'

THE FRUIT OF THE CROSS.

- Thou who didst hang upon a barren tree,
- My God, for me; Though I till now be barren, now
- at length, Lord, give me strength
- To bring forth fruit to Thee.
- Thou who didst bear for me the
- crown of thorn, spitting and scorn;
- Though I till now have put forth thorns, yet now
- Strengthen me Thou
- That better fruit be borne.
- Thus Rose of Sharon, Cedar of broad roots,
- Vine of sweet fruits, Thou Lily of the Vale with fadeless
- leaf. Of thousands Chief,
- Feed Thou my feeble shoots. -Christina G. Rossetti.

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THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

THE PRIESTS OF MEXICO

Mr. F. R. Guernsey, the wellknown Mexican non-Catholic corres- trine by five young Catholic ladies of pondent of the Boston Herald, writ-ing from the City of Mexico, thus the best families. These children, af-ter their first Communion, heard a speaks of the growth of the Church in that land and of the splendid work of the priests among the poor and ignorant: After years of depression, but of

unremitting work, there is a genuine Lord's neck was bound after His con- Catholic revival in this country. One notes it in the interior towns restoration of church edifices, a growth in the number and character of Catholic schools and a greater arment, covers the outer body of the tivity of the clergy. The Vatican celebrant and represents the garment takes a greater interest in Mexican with which Christ was clothed in Pi- Church matters, and it is now the late's court. The large Cross upon settled policy of Rome to maintain the Chasuble reminds us of the Cross permanently here a Papal Delegate, placed upon Christ's shoulders. At or visitor, who will supervise Church Solenin Mass, the Deacon and Sub-At or visitor, who will supervise Church Deacon wear vestments called Dal- tative, Monsignor Serafini, Archbishsays M. Huysmans. "Now matics, which resemble the Chasuble op of Spoleto, Italy, is a remarkably able prelate; venerable, wise, con- Guatemalan border. ciliatory, and an excellent man of sick, taught the children, sewed for business. He has acquired a little them, and some of these devoted wo Spanish, and is perseveringly study- men died of fever contracted in the The truth now and then gets a ing English, recognizing the import-

and elsewhere. He is not a haughty invalid by reason of a pernicious feand inaccessible prelate, but rather a ver caught while on missionary work simple Christian gentleman, whose in a region in the State of Guerrero. influence is wholly for good in this These are but a few facts pertaining country. The high authorities of the to Church work in this country. prove the administration of President ary workers, and the medical mismake itself manifest during the lat-ter years of pontificate of Leo XIII. support. Many Catholic clergymen That great Pontifi urged the support have testified to the humane service of the Government here upon the of the Protestant medical missionar-

clericals and Liberals. A handsome whole in this country, viewing its residence is to be built here for the work broadly and in an impartial present Delegate and all succeeding spirit, one must commend it heartily. Papal Delegates.

the Protestant missions here, and the with a continually renewed crop of incoming of thousands of Americans, tropical human nature. It is a big the latter largely from the West and Sight, and it goes on every day in Southwest of the United States, has he year. Priests are human beings, had an effect upon Catholic Church and some of them err at times, but Undeniably, where mission- | on the whole, taking them at large, policy. ary effort has been pushed by Pro- what an amount of positive good testant sects there has been a stir- they accomplish in levelling up the ring of the local Mexican clergy into semi-animalistic mass of ignorant greater activity. Among enlightened and unreflecting people! The old Catholics this is regarded as most Spaniards who conquered this coun-salutary. "We needed arousing, try made a distinction. White peoneeded competition," they will tell ple were "gente de razon," or people

It must not be forgotten, however, | zon," or without reason. We nowthat Catholics themselves maintain adays find that this distinction does missions here, and that many devoted not invariably hold good; there are priests are up in the Sierras and many cultivated men of Indian race. down among the Tabascan, Chiapan But the big mass of the descendants and other Indians trying to civilize of the Aztecs and the other tribes them; that Jesuit and other mis- are guided by their instincts, reasions are held in towns where the son little, perhaps as much as poor children are instructed, the elephant, and have to be taken by faithful stirred to greater zeal, the the nape of the neck and pulled up to humblest people married at a merely a reasonably high plane of conduct nominal charge, and other good They are not eminent Christians; works carried on. The Jesuit Fath- they are more or less pagans, and if ers are active in many parts of the it were not for the big and busy country, and what I have seen of Catholic Church they would be bruttheir work satisfies me that they ish heathens, and truly "sin razon. Mr. Lecky, in his "History of Ra-tionalism in Europe," speaking of the biometry of the public morals. They preach, do mission work and educate the the public morals work and educate the terior Mexico, but right here in this devotion to the Blessed Virgin during young. How these highly cultivat- city. The big organization does its ed and most charming men can live appointed task; it has little tim "The world is governed by its in dreary Indian towns and carry on their work, and always with perfect serenity of demeanor, puzzles dern slashing-out of bits of the Bi-I should make a wild bolt for me civilization and Parker House rolls. have before me a cutting from the Boston Herald's report of a conference of the Episcopal Woman's Auxiliary at Pierce Hall, Boston, on a recent date. One paragraph says: Bishop Whitaker, of Pennsylvania, said people who had never travelled in those southern countries have no conception of the difference between the Roman priesthood in Brazil, Mexico and Cuba and the honorable, up and became the subject of reverenright men of that Church in this He also spoke of the great country. help the missionaries had been in the "The moral charm and beauty cause of education. I hold no brief for the Catholic of Church in Mexico, but am getting into a "frame of mind" over the many calumnious reports about the priests of that Church here. Not all are saints; some are self-indulgent, easygoing men, but so have been som mercantile-minded Protestant mis sionaries who have never lost sight tenderness which many a monkish of the main chance. The majority of the Protestaat missionaries in Mexico are good, honest and intelligent men And I believe that the great major est ity of the Catholic clergy here are faithful workers in the great Mexican field. One thing we must admit, and that is the intense devotion to their task mind, and the latter suffered accord of the devout Catholic clergymen. I could fill a small book with instances of their entire self-sacrifice. have known of priests living meagrely, denying themselves the proper comforts of life, that they might have the more to give to the poor Right under my observation, to-day are five priests, all Carmelites, as it happens, who dine poorly, who work hard and who in all weathers are out origin of many of the purest eleamong their people, often up to 5 ments of our civilization. a.m., and taking horse to the moun-tain villages. These young men go into the hut of the man dving of black smallpox, or of the deadly typhus, to administer consolation and the rites of the Church. This is no hearsay; I know it. I have met Dominican and other priests whose beds have been nothing better than hard boards covered by a blanket, who had scanty Churchman-a series, by the way, food, and yet who worked with zeal among the poor of their parishes. I have known these men, sat down with them and heard their history of their humble, self-denying lives, seen them tested with charity cases, Or some new sunset fame enrich and of such men tell me no tales of reformers. "corrupt and luxurious priesta And was that servant of hood. Here, where we crossed the danger- his Master, who lived in the huts of through the delightful pictures of the poor Indians, satisfied with a his handful milk, a humbug? I saw this devout man, so humble, so devoted to his seems best to think now of this fisher-farmer flock that he would not accept the hospitality, freely of ent of the anti-Semitic spirit, which, fered him, by wealthy haciendados or great farmers. Scholarly priests there are whose among Christians. conversation is most charming and instructive, men with whom it is agreeable to sit at dinner, as high bred and as intelligent as any American priest of the class Bishop Whitaker talks about. Take the case of Father Hunt-Cordes, of this city, a native of New Orleans, a scholar and Sanctuary archaeologist, learned in the language and lore of the ancient Mexicans, who talks with the Indians to-day in Nahautl, and maintains, aided by the charitable Ancluding many broadminded Protestants), a home for working boys in this city.

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women went to do missionary work in a far southern State down by the They nursed th course of their work. A priest whom

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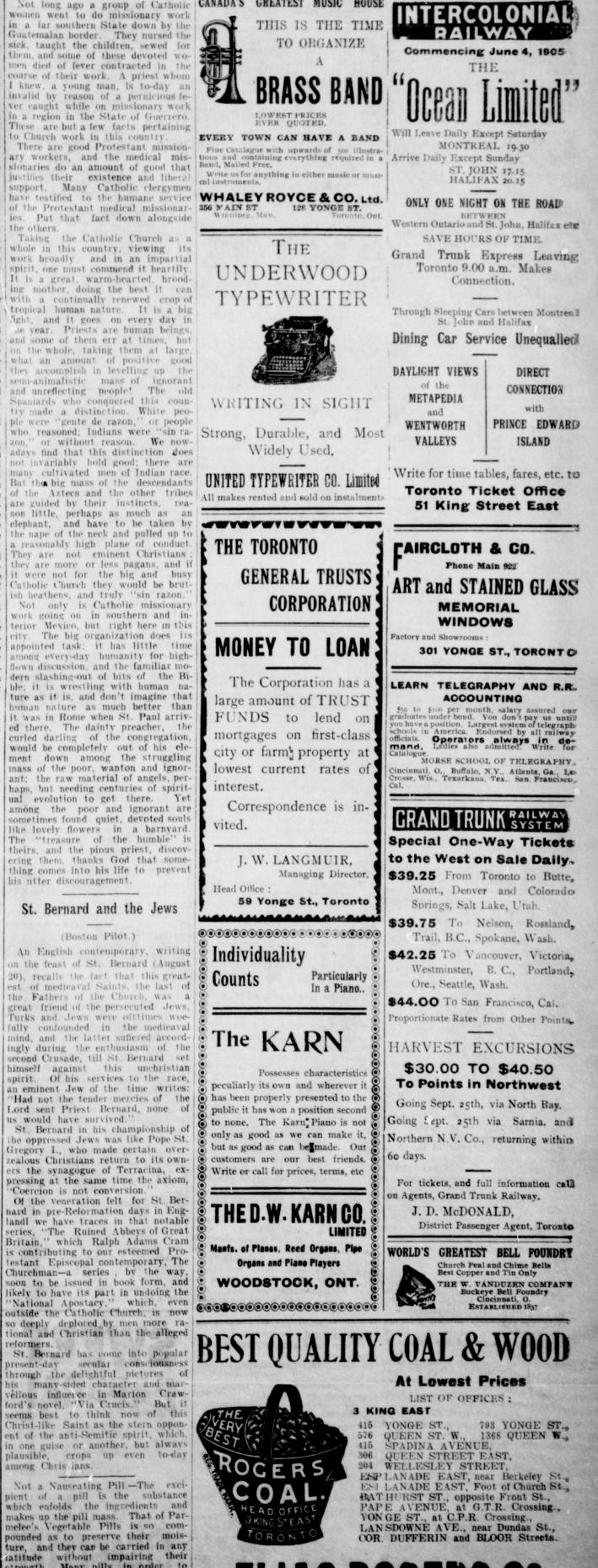




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3. The Cincture, or Girdle, is the cord tied around the waist to hold up the Alb. It represents the cords of female excellence was, for the with which Christ was bound.

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THE LITTLE CHILD THAT DIED.

Turn where I will I miss, I miss my sweet; By my lone fire, in the crowded wav

Once so familiar to his joyous feet, I miss, I hunger for him all the day.

This is the house wherefrom his welcome rang; These are the wintry walks where

he and I ould pause to mark if a stray robin sang.

the sky

ous road, and where

Unutterably desolate I stand, How often, peering through the somber air,

I felt the sudden tightening of his hand!

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