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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

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Te the Editor of THK CATHORIC RECORD, London, Ont.: Dear Sir: For some time past I have read your estimable paper. THE CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published. Its matter and form are both good: and a traly Catholic spirit pervades the whole. Therefore, with pleasure, I can recommend is to the faithful. Bleesing you, and winking you success.

e faithful. seing you, and wishing you success. Beliove me, to remain. Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ. Yours faithfully in Arch. of Larissa † D. Falconio, Arch. of Larissa

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LONDON, SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 1903. ATROCIOUS PROCEEDINGS OF

THE FRENCH ATHEISTIC GOVERNMENT.

The Atheistic Government of France has not succeeded as yet in driving religion out of the country, though it has certainly succeded in concentrating the wondering eyes of Europe, and indeed of the world, upon its efforts in that direction. Premier Combes has undertaken with

a will the task of abolishing religion, and so far as the closing of schools wherein there was a religious teaching is concerned he has undoubtedly been temporarily successful, as he forcibly closed within a few days two thousand five hundred schools wherein religion was inculcated, but he has not done more than was effected by others before him, whose tenure of civil authority seemed less precarious than his own. Not a generation had passed away since the Christian religion had become established as that of the great Roman Empire, when Julian, an apostate like Mons. Combes, was installed as the autocrat of that Empire, and he too had determined to re-establish Paganism on the ruins of Christianity. Like M. Combes, Julian made an effort to abolish Christian schools : not, however, by closing them entirely did he endeavor to effect his purpose, but by making them inferior to the Pagan schools by prohibiting Christian professors from teaching the classics. But Julian passed away after a short reign, dying in a battle with the Persians and acknowledging in his dying words the utter defeat of his plans. So will it be with Premier Combes, for notwithstanding that he is backed by a majority in the present Chamber of Deputies, he

and navy come from the most thoroughly Catholic provinces of Brittany, Vendee, Loire, Charente, etc. Surely it is not prudent in the Government to do violence to this Catholic spirit by such anti-Catholic decrees as have issued from it during the past year, yet this has been done, and even the authorities have flaunted their Atheism before the faces of the soldiers.

With the connivance of the Government a group of officers belonging to a Masonic military club took upon itself to pass resolutions congratulating Premier Combes on his re-election to the Chamber of Deputies with a strong majority at his back. Manifestations of partizan politics

are very much out of place in an army, and it was but natural that a protest should be uttered against the obnoxious proceeding of the Masonic club referred to. This was done at a meeting of subaltern officers of the thirteenth army corps under command of General

Tournier. When this matter was brought to the General's notice, he paid but little attention to it, and was satisfied with inlicting but a slight punishment on the officers who had been guilty of a minor breach of discipline. Under the provo-

cation, the violation of discipline was slight, and the Government would have acted wisely in allowing the incident to pass without further notice, but instead of doing this, General Tournier has been removed from his command. Thus the indignation of the subaltern officers has been increased instead of

diminished. But why should this indignation not be punished? And why should not the General who countenanced it or punished it so lightly be cashiered ? We maintain that no Government has

the right to contravene the laws of God or to force Atheistic principles upon its subjects. It is therefore mon strous that an attempt should be made

to enforce Atheism upon the army. The Freemason officers who congratulated Premier Combes on his re-election were certainly blamable for introducing politics into the army, and deserved punishment in the first instance. It is, therefore, a most arbitrary measure to punish those who protest against their conduct, and to let the first offenders go scot free. In a nominal Republic this inconsistency is specially glaring, as it is a violation of the first principle

liberty on which the Republican form of Government is founded, which is the fullest possible liberty of the people. It may well be predicted that this gross violation of the liberties of the people will result in disgusting all friends of liberty with the administration under which such violation takes place. The leaven, indeed, has actually begun to work, and even now many true Republicans have loudly expressed their

indignation and disgust at a government which can perpetrate such atrocities. General André is the first War Min ister who has undertaken to crush out

all respect for religion in the army. He is said to have taken Oliver Cromwell for his pattern ; but Oliver Cromwell had a population to deal with which was somewhat in sympathy with his re-Catholic sentiment which is without ligious views, and he could mould the cannot long withstand the force of minority of his army all the more readily on this account : but General Andre

RELIGION AND SCIENCE. The Presbyterian Record is a little \$4,000 for his other co-laborers. nonthly periodical published in Monreal under the auspices of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. In its issue for February there is a short article by by Rev. M. P. Talling entitled " Protestant element in the R. C. Church.' The Rev. Mr. Talling has discovered

an article which appeared in the Contemporary Review of December 1902 entitled "Catholicism versus Ultramontanism," of which he says that ' the author while eloquently advocat-Constantinople. ing the spiritual interest of the (Catholic) Church, condemns her threefold policy of political aggrandisement, of antaganism to science, and of foster-

ing superstition." The same writer expresses these three blameworthy things, which he and Rev. Mr. Talling profess to have found in the science is to be attributed. Catholic Church, in other words thus:

"The things which surprise and pair the educated Catholic of to-day are the divorce between religion and science and the scandalous liaison between politics and theology in the upper classes, and the intimate union between origin to several continental Catholic mathematicians of eminence, among uperstition and piety among the lower whom we may name Cavaliere, Fermat, Legendre, though it must be added

Rev. Mr. Talling has no hesitation that the Protestant Sir Isaac Newton n announcing his discovery that there made the practically identical discovery is a Protestantism " within the Church, which is known as the method of fluxamong Catholics themselves, who draw ions and fluents. strong contrast between Catholicism to which they wish to be loyal, and the perversion of the Church against which they throw all the weight of their repatron of the sciences, arts and literasistance.'

It is not to be denied that the spirit evidence of this Dr. Louis Pasteur, who of pride and worldliness is constantly metamorphosed the science of medicine at work, and is endeavoring to gain conand who was alike the friend of religion trol over human souls, and that it makes as he was also befriended by the clergy. special efforts to gain Catholics who ought to know better than become blinded by its allurements.

guilty of a liaison with politics is simply The very fact that the writer of the absurd. In our own Canada there is no article to which Mr. Talling refers makes a distinction which has no existpolitics than the priests of the Catholic ence in fact between two kinds of Cath-Church, though where assaults have olicism, one of which he calls " Cathcbeen made upon the Catholic religion licism." and the other "Ultramontanism," is enough to show that he is no up in defence of right and justice. true Catholic. His ideal is a " Protestantized Catholicism " which he calls ian clergy? Only a few years have "Catholicism," but which has no claim passed away since a deputation of them to the name, and this even the Rev. Mr. had to be plainly told in effect by our Talling is aware of, since he himself Governor-General, Lord Stanley, that calls it a "Protestant element in the their attempted interference with the Roman Catholic Church." province of Quebec's settlement of the

Even to St. Peter, the chief of the Jesuit claims was an unjustifiable Apostles, Christ said "Simon, Simon, beimpertinence, hold Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat. But I have There is no more superstitious class prayed for thee that thy faith fail not : than Presbyterians have been under the and thou being once converted confirm influence of the teachings they have thy brethren.' drawn in from infancy. They have

It is therefore by loyalty to St. Peter recruited the ranks of the Christian and his successors whose office it is to Scientists, the Spiritualists, the Morconfirm the brethren in the faith that mons, the Dowieites to a greater extent cennine Catholicism is to be known. than any other sect we know of ; and it and not by such sneering allusions to is well known that both in Scotland and Ultramontanism as the so-called Catho-Massachusetts they kept up the tragilic writer quoted by Rev. Mr. Talling cal farce, of witchburning longer than makes. any other community except perhaps

Let us now consider the three things the witch-finders of wild Central Africa. which the "Protestant Catholic " writer In the same paper, the Presbyterian in the Contemporary Review, and the Record, in which Rev. Mr. Talling's Rev. Mr. Talling, specially blame in article is found, there is a practical the Catholic Church. ackowledgment of the ease with which The first is "antagonism to science

Protestants in general become absorbed or "the divorce between religion and by the superstitions of Mormonism. science." We are told on page 49 that " Protest-This is surely a serious accu ants in the Mormon territory are

000 for the poor of Paris, \$6,000 for his their religious sentiments, as it chief assistant, and the remaining extended to those whose ligious instincts were weakened.

This will be readily understood from But we need not enumerate furthe chievements of modern times in which the single fact that when the Empire was established in 1852, the popular Catholics have figured prominently. We vote stood, for the Empire 7,824,189, shall only mention a few of the most while the votes to the contrary num useful discoveries and inventions for bered only 253,145. We may leave out which science is indebted to Catholic of consideration the 63,326 votes which clergy or monks or laymen. Our deciwere declared null, as they could not mal notation, the basis of our arithmetic, have changed the result, and they is derived from a Catholic saint and would probably have been cast in nearmonk, John Damascene, who was a proly the same ratio if they had been valfessor at the court of Abdel-malek at idly given.

The present French Republic was es-Copernicus, a Prussian priest, was the tablished under exceptional circumdiscoverer of the system of the universe stances, and it is not to be wondered at which is called after him " the Coperthat for a considerable time there should nican system." Grimaldi, a Jesuit, disstill remain among a large proportion covered the diffraction of light, and to Father Secchi, a Roman Dominican, much of the people a love for the days of the monarchy, whether under the form of an that is known of recent spectroscopic Empire or a Kingdom. The existence Trigonometry was invented by Cobasof such a feeling could not under any sila, Bishop of Thessalonia, Analytic

theory of statesmanship be an excuse al condition of the working In a like manner Leo XIII. Geometry by Descartes. Differential for the persecution of a great body of himself the loving father of all human the people, even if they do not conand Integral Calculus, powerful modes ity. The soul of Leo is eminently restitute a majority. of mathematical investigation, owe their ligious; his aspirations are heavenly

The lapse of years has shown that the all his efforts and energies are directed to the glory of God, the welfare of the Church and the salvation of souls. Innajority of the French people are favorable to the permanence of the spired by a most filial devotion towards the Blessed Virgin he has sedulously Republic, and the Catholic party have nonestly accepted the situation. This worked to spread, and to engraft and should be enough to satisfy the most instil more deeply into the minds and hearts of the faithful the love for the rabid of Republicans, and they would Mother of Jesus Christ. He seems to transfuse into his various acts all the be satisfied if they had really the peace and prosperity of their country at We need not continue on this line, treasures of sweetness of his noble heart. The advice of Pope Leo XIII. heart. but it will suffice to state that the He spared no time nor hard work to frequently given to the French people Catholic Church has always been the repress abuses, to eradicate vices, to

to accept the Republic heartily and to advance religion and Christian works work for its prosperity likewise contribture. We may mention as another uted greatly towards its acceptance. mankind. embraces the world. Animated by the zeal of St. Paul he has constantly enand there is now little lingering desire among the people for a restoration of deavored to propagate the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the peoples of all nations; and his especial efforts the monarchy, whatever may have been the case a generation ago, though it all nations; and his especial efforts were directed to unite into one great The second accusation of Rev. Mr. may be admitted that the falsity of Talling that the Catholic Church is body all the believers in our Lord Jesus the pretences of the ultra-Republicans Christ so that the words of our Lord that they are lovers of liberty while would be fulfilled : " Fiet unum ovile they are in reality greater tyrants than body of clergy who interfere less with et unus pastor." However, human strength alone is unable to accomplish the monarchs ever were, may have dissuch a high object. The grace of the gusted a certain portion of the people Almighty is absolutely with Republicanism and the hollow pro-Therefore in another sublime encyclical, whilst explaining the wonderful action fessions with which it is accompanied in the priests have not hesitated to stand of the Holy Ghost in the soul of man, he its noisest upholders. inculcates and incites the faithful fer The people are beginning to perceive How has it been with the Presbyter-

vently to God in order that th the fallacy of such Republicanism as Holy Ghost "descendeth upon all and teacheth all truth" and illumithat of Premier Combes and his colleagues, and the Catholic spirit nate the intellect and move the will which is inherent in the majority of fidei," until we all meet into the unit Frenchmen, and which has been some-Frenchmen, and which has been some-what dormant for many years, is being day when this admirable union would roused to action, and there is a fair take place and when we could celebrate the return of the sheep to the one fold prospect that, when next the opposing forces of religion and impiety shall the marvelous spectacle of this great Venerable Pontiff who in his hoary age, meet in conflict at a general election,

fall of life, and with youthful vigor, leads the Church of God through the atheism will be overthrown. The Catholic party achieved success most perilous storms to the harbor both in Germany and Belgium as soon safety, who sheds the light and solves as the opportunity offered itself, when as the opportunity offered itself, when it was once aroused from apathy, and is revered by millions of Catholics and is revered by millions of Catholics and who is respected and admired by all there is good reason to believe that it mankind. No wonder then will achieve a similar victory in France whole Catholic world rejoices and gives thanks to God that He, in his inscrut-able wisdom has spared Leo XIII. to when the proper time for action will occur.

## the Church for so many years. The Catholics of this beloved Domin THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE'S TRIion of Canada, second to none in their BUTE TO LEO XIII. filial attachment to the Vicar of Christ,

Ottawa Citizen, Feb. 21. Twenty-five years ago, Leo XIII., who now so gloriously rules the Church of God, was elevated to the chair of St. Peter. This long reign, as rare as it was unexpected, fills the hearts of all the faithful throughout the world with unspeakably joy; and even our separated

brethren and all honest and intelligent

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made to reduce these theories to action.

This indicated clearly how deeply the evil was rooted. This was the result of deviating from the teachings of Christ,

deviating from the teachings of Christ. The Holy Father in a luminous manner reminded the world of the origin of authority and society, showing also that according to the principles of reason all authority comes from God

and that there are mutual rights and obligations to be observed by rulers

and subjects. The most weighty and

important question that confronts our age, and which is a menace to the stabil-

ty of the civil order, is the ponderous truggle going on between Capital and

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doubt predominant throughout the country, though in some of the large will find it a more difficult task to cities Atheism, under the less obnoxious mould the French army to an Atheistic name of Anti-clericalism, is rampant pattern, and failure must result from and temporarily predominant. his efforts in this direction. Sooner or But General André, the Minister of later the Government which bids defi-War in M. Combes' Cabinet, has under-

ance to the liberties of the people and taken a new task which out-Herods deprives them of freedom of worship of even that which the Premier is en-God must be swept away under the deavoring to perform. This task is storm of indignation which will be nothing less than the abolition of religraised on account of its atrocious proion from the army of the nation. ceedings. There are many causes which have

· brought about insubordination in the IS METHODISM DECLINING? army. It would have been wise in the Government to have taken warning The Rev. Dr. J. A. Buckley, editor from these manifestations by removing of the Christian Advocate of New York,

these causes, all of which have been caused an instense sensation at a recent acts of tyranny on the part of the authmeeting of Methodist ministers by a statement to the effect that Methodism A captain of artillory imposed excess-

the present moment.

is on the whole declining throughout ive drill upon his company, and as a the United States, and that the falling protest the whole battery with one ac- off is especially remarkable in some of cord remained out of barracks all night. the Eastern States. This was not a question of religion.

These remarks were elicited from the nevertheless General André thought enthusiastic statement of a previous proper to punish it with unwonted speaker, the Rev. C. D. Thompson, severity. A like severity was shown editor of the Chicago North-Western Christian Advocate, that there had toward sixty students of the Polytechnic School who refused to comply with been a million and a half converts to the demand of their mathematical pro-Methodism within the last four years. fessor that they should furnish written Dr. Buckley declared that this statetheses in accordance with the new regument is inaccurate and not borne out by genuine statistics which prove his lations issued by the War Department. own statement to be correct. In his As a matter of course, discipline opinion the actual state of affairs should must be maintained in the army, and no one should complain if in some isolated be looked at, and it is a grievous miscases severe punishment had to be take to give an optimistic coloring to

meted out to those who are guilty of inthe facts. subordination ; but when such cases Several other clergymen spoke on become frequent it is a sure indication the subject, most of whom maintained that the authorities themselves are at that Dr. Buckley's views of the case fault and incompetent to fulfil their were inacccurate, but he brought forduties, and this is what is occurring at ward statistics which seem fully to justify his statement so far as the

A large percentage of the army is United States are concerned. Similar thoroughly Catholic in spirit, and, inpessimistic statements have been made deed, the bone and sinew of both army | many times during recent years.

but is it truthful?

Well, during the past century, many wonderful discoveries have been made, but we find that Catholics have been to the fore in making them.

wonderful discoveries coming from Pro- cott." testants such as Mr. Edison, but the

fact cannot be ignored that in this department of science, Catholics stand in names of Galvani, Volta, Ampere, Tesla, etc., are so closely associated with it as to form an important part of its vocabulary, while Lord Kelvin, an honored the case.

Catholic, is admitted to be the chief among those who have applied electricity to machinery, and a young Italian Catholic with, it is said, a mixture of Irish blood in his veins, is at this moment sending messages through the

air to all parts of the world by means of the greatest of modern electrical devices, wireless telegraphy. Meantime, where are the very learned Presbyterians in this department?

The study of aeronautics has not as yet succeeded in bringing forth an airship perfectly under human control and which is proof against all storms; but the nearest approach to this was made by the young and devout Brazilian Catholle, M. Santos-Dumont, who won the \$20,00 prize offered by M. Deutsch "for a dirigible balloon." M. de Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the

London Times, said of M. Santos-Dumont's achievement: "The 19th of October, 1901, promise

to be a red-letter day in the annals of human progress. . . I can fortun-ately testify to his (the aeronaut's) entire success

Here we may remark that M. Santos Dumont's achievement was not accomplished for lucre's sake, for he distrifew other cities; independently of buted the prize he gained thus : \$10,-

and in some places are becoming fewer, which means that the religious system dominates the social, commercial, and industrial life, and makes the place undesirable for settlers who are not of In electricity, we have indeed many that faith. It means exclusion, boy-

One word in regard to superstition.

-There is good reason to believe that it is rather owing to the ease with which Protestants change their faith the very foremost rank. The very that the sects disappear when they reside for a while among the Mormons, and not because they are boycotted, as the Presbyterian Record explains to be

> SIGN OF A REACTION IN FRANCE.

Notwithstanding the strength of the Combes Government in the present French Chamber of Deputies, recent advices show that the violently aggress ive measures it has adopted against religion are resulting in a reaction throughout the country against its atheistic rulers.

It is well understood that the statements of Premier Combes to the effect that the Catholics, and especially the clergy, are endeavoring to subvert the Republic and restore Monarchy, are a mere subterfuge to which he has recourse for the purpose of throwing odium on the priesthood and all faithful Catholics.

It is true that, especially in the beginning of the Republic, there; were among the majority of good Catholics a

strong preference for a monarchical Government, arising in a great measure out of the evil traditions connected with the memory of the Republic of the

eighteenth century ; but this feeling was of the very strong with the majority of the people outside Paris, Marseilles, and a

people, without distinction of creed, or race, or nationality, show their apprec a tion and gladness.

Leo XIII. has been the bright light which illuminated the last part of the nineteenth century, and which continues to shine as brightly in the beginning of the new era. Leo XIII. is admired for the loftiness of his intellect, the strength

of his character, the nobility of heart and for his love of everything which is just, and right and goo is one of the leading spirits of his age. Nothing has escaped his keen and deep intuition for the good of the Church and the welfare of humanity. He has ever ready to lend his powerful influence wherever necessity required it. He has been as firm as a rock against injustice, but at the same time free from all harshness. He knew the strength of the lion with the meekness of the lamb.

With the profound keenness of his intellect he saw all the dangers which threatened the very foundations of society, and proposed opportune remedies. The materialistic, positivistic and rationalistic ideas made great inroads into the philosophic world so that many of the acutest minds, in some points at least, were led astray. In a masterly manner the Holy Father showed the importance of sound philosophic teach-

ing and indicated the right path to be followed, persuaded that the true philosophic principles form the most solid foundation of other sciences.

His activity was not confined to any special direction but had the characteristic mark of universality. Dangers threatened domestic and civil society. Legislation, with some nations, tried to deprive the hallowed institution of marriage of its sacredness and to debase it to the level of a mere civil contract. Leo raised his voice and in his beauti-Lee raised his voice and in his beauti-ful encyclicals denounced this attempt as contrary to the teaching of Christ, Who had elevated marriage to the dig-nity of a sacrament; and no one can about a mile away. Observing a woman carrying a large parcel alight from the train, he immediately invited her into the carriage with him, as the wind was ignore how strenuously he has com-batted and is still combatting the bitterly cold. Finding, however, that she was going in a contrary direction. he instructed his coachman to drive attempt to destroy the indissolubility her home and he would walk on. This marriage tie Theories subversive of all social order

was done, the coachman finally over-taking him within about a hundred were widely propagated. Dreadful at-tempts, which shocked the world, were vards of the school.

DONATUS, Archbishop of Ephisus, Apostolic Delegate.

A Lenten Suggestion.

"Do you do any spiritual reading?" asks the Sacred Heart Review in a lay sermon that is both practical and timely for the first week of Lent.

"You are a man of principle and con science, no doubt," our contemporary goes on to say, "and a man of faith, though not very lively. You experience that the practice of son virtue which is difficult and disagreeable to you gradually strengthens virtue and renders its practice less difficult and disagreeable till finally you learn to love it. Many who have no taste for music, by persevering practice become quite proficient, and earn to love it. In an effort of this kind, motive is everything. Now suppose that, in view of the great importance of the work, you resolutely adopt the practice of reading a chapter in some good religious book, or what peris best of all, a chapter in the New Testament, every day, or at least on Sundays, and persevere in it with a sincere desire to improve your spiritual condition, and see what the result will be. It is certainly worth trying."

in Lent and giving The Kindness of a Catholic Duke pectoral cro also upon or ring. For The following incident, character-istic of the Catholic Duke of Norfolk, ring. occurred, says the London Daily Chron-icle, the other day. A children's con-cert was given in St. Wilfred's school kiss the r allegiance Church in at Angmering, Sussex, in which the bers of the Duke takes a keen interest. He made Protestant this ceremo a special journey from London to be ent, and, on arriving at Angmer The hous ing station, his carriage was in read-iness to convey him to his destination

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