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My Dear Sir.—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is directed with intelligence and shilling, and, above the strength of the stre DONATUS, Archbishop of Ephesus, Apostolic Delegat

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pon the manner in which it is publish and form are both good; and a tru in pervades the whole. Therefore, wi in recommend it to the faithful. Bles wishing you success, believe me to re

Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ. †D. Falconio, Arch. of Larise Apost. Deleg.

LONDON, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1909.

SPIRITISM. whatever form it may appear or for In the sermon on Prayer to which we refer in another article Father Walsh speaks at some length upon clairvoyance. "Clairvoyance and clairaudience," he said, "are scoffed at as impossibilities. But in my missionary work I have encountered striking examples of these unseen powers. It was my fortune once to become acquainted with the work of a certain elairvoyant and I, after hearing much of her ability, resolved to put her to a test. With a friend I attended a seance given by this medium. My friend lived more than two hundred and fifty miles away. As soon as he entered the room the woman said she could tell what was going on in his home. She went on to describe in minutest detail all the persons and objects in the room. 'I can see them just as plainly as if I were right among them,' she said. 'Just now they have broken a crucifix and are trying to mend it. The base of the crucifix was smashed in the fall. They are trying to glue it to the cross." From corres pondence it turned out that two weeks previous to this seance this breaking and repairing had really taken place. Before entering upon the question let us recount another story about the well known W. T. Stead. It is from an article of Stead's entitled: How I know that the Dead Return. It contains an account of a spirit photograph. The test required for an authentic spirit photograph is according to Mr. Stead, that a plainly recognizable portrait of a dead person shall be obtained by a photographer who knows nothing whatever of such a person and that no visible form shall be seen by the sitter in front of the camera. The photographer who makes these photographs for Mr. Stead is a clairvoyant. The story goes on: "During the war in South Africa the spirit of an old Boer entered this man's studio with Mr. Stead and a companion." The photograph was taken In answer to the question what his name was the spirit told the artist it was Piet Botha. "Piet Botha," said Mr. Stead. "I know Philip, Louis, Chris and I do not know how many other Bothas. But Piet I never heard of." When the plate was developed a tall bearded man was seen standing behind Mr. Stead. When Botha after the war went to England he was shown the photograph. He recognized it as the likeness of a near relative, Piet Botha, the first Boer command ant killed at the siege of Kimberley. These are two facts related by disinterested and reliable witnesses. We cannot question their statements or probe still deeper into the details. By holding a court of investigation we might find that in each of them several links are missing. We are not disputing the statements made by either of these gentlemen. Their supposed facts may if thoroughly examined prove mere card houses, tumbling at the first touch. Taey can perhaps be explained upon natural principles as many other similar prodigies. Much in such cases is trickclassed with morbid, abnormal affections of human nature. After all allowance and abatements a number of these spiritmanifestations remain inexplicable without the recognition of a superhuman intelligence and force. It is with these who admit the phenomena refuse to ad-

plain all by imagination or hallucination. Although these may account for many they do not explain all. Others have in their explanation recourse to what they term animal magnetism. to the Church in France, to do, is to This will not explain anything, for we do not know what animal magnetism is. Others ascribe them to demons. Spiritists themselves pretend that the phenomena are produced by the presence of departed spirits. The identity of Piet Botha with the spirit whose photograph was taken cannot be proven. Spiritism cannot prove that the dead live again or that the spirit survives the body, or even that there is in man a soul, distinet from the body. These phenomena warrant the conclusion that they proceed from a superhuman cause and that there are spirits which in some respects are stronger and more intelligent than men. Whether these manifestations are angelic or demoniac requires further investigation. As a general thing they are of the latter character. Spiritism is a modified form of devil-worship. Its history may be traced from the confusion of Babel, through the polytheism of the pagan Gentiles, down along the lines of Gnosticism, Manichæanism and all the other "isms" which have arisen against Christ's truth. Spiritists are striving hard to revive it. They do not call it devil-worship. They are shocked at the name. There can, however, be no mistake. Satan is too adroit for human wisdom. Were it not for a higher Protector he would deceive even the elect. When it! pleases our arch-enemy he boldly attacks our race, heedless whether he be recognized or not. Again he shows himself a subtle, wily foe concealing his presence, denying his very existence and pretending the welfare of the human race. With good reason has the Church forbidden all spiritism under

whatever purpose it may be employed. A TISSUE OF FALSEHOOD. Rarely, if ever, can the associated press be congratulated upon its success in conveying reliable information upon Catholic questions or events. Anything is good enough to throw at the Church; mud preferred, as some of it is likely to stick. We are astonished that journals claiming respectability should be caught so frequently. A paper like the Montreal Gazette has nothing to gain by inserting a long despatch, or letter perhaps, from Paris with double head lines: "Ex-priests in hard luck;" Members of the A. P. C. Lack money and food in France?" If there was any foundation for the statements it would not be so bad; although we see no satsfaction in selecting the weaknesses of our neighbors as healthy pabulum for morning reading. In this case the tems are false from the introduction to the close, and show how gullible our non-Catholic press is. We cannot contradict categorically each particular point. They are too numerous and too nsignificant. The opening sentence may be accepted as a specimen, the unreliable foundation of a clumsy fabric. It reads: " Paris, Feb. 5. The Separation law as well as the Modernist movement is responsible for the constantly growing number of Roman Catholic should be the motto in each one. That priests of France who have abandoned he succeeded even beyond his fondest the exercise of their religion." This is desires is admitted on all hands. a calumny upon the French clergy. Hard as the lot of many of them has been made, they are bearing their trial with a heroism worthy of their chivalrous blood and saintly line. There are sixty thousand secular priests in France. Single examples of retrogres sion may without surprising anyone be found amongst so many. It would be a wonder if some did not fall. This numper is exceedingly small. Nor is it increasing in quantity. The ranks of the French priests are, we are proud to think, solid and unbroken as ever. We are not solicitous about the army now in battle array. We fear no Separation law or Modernist movement. Neither one nor the other can be maintained as doing harm to the Church or causing priests to give up their sacred ministry. The Separation law, by breaking the shackle of state ownership, has brought out the deep devotion and spirit of sacrifice which characterize the descendants of Breboeuf and St. Vincent de Paul. Concerning Modernism, its condemnation roused from lethargy the dreaming students who had not till then known their danger. Both these things, which are here claimed as causes of decline amongst the French priests, are the stimulants for more fidelity to Rome. This despatch proceeds to say that these pretended Ex's have formed a society called, "Anciens Pretres Catholiques." It may be. It does no! take many to form a society. Three will make a chapter. The three tailors ery, mere juggling. Many can be of Tooley street felt quite sure that and Fisheries. His speech on the they were the people of England. We the battle between the Church and the tongue which did such noble work fo world is raging in France. So far as Ireland in the British House of Common

vice and positive persecution cannot help affecting the supply of priestly vocations. What it behooves the Canadian Church, which is so deeply indebted pray that it may soon triumph and be quickly delivered from the prison in which it is now chained. We resent such despatches as this which appeared in the Montreal Gazette of the 6th inst. It is neither true nor interesting, and quite unworthy of our daily contemporary.

WHAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE DOING. Distribution of the annual report of

the London Catholic School Board was

made last Sunday in St. Peter's Cathe-

dral and St. Mary's Church. The re-

marks made thereupon by the rector,

Rev. J. T. Aylward, is worthy special

notice. While it might be deemed un-

becoming to put London in the first

place in the province in the excellence of its system of Catholic education, we may at least say that it holds place in the very front rank. Time was in this Province when the education of Catholie children in Catholic schools had been a severe burden upon the people. This was caused by the poverty and fewness of the faithful. The ordinary tax rate was insufficient to meet the demands of the schools and a special collection had to be taken up at the church doors. Added to this was the unfriendly attitude of non Catholics towards a separate system. The then Superintendent of education, Rev. Egerton Ryerson, was none too friendly in his attitude. The letter of the law was rigidly enforced and Catholics were compelled to collect their own taxes. However, a better feeling gradually took possession of our Protestant neighbors and amendments were introduced which materially belped the cause of Catholic education. There was too, we regret to say, a feeling of apathy amongst a few of the Catholics themselves. This, however, has all passed away and at the present moment a splendid system of education pervades the whole Province, bishops, priests and people being of one mind and a determination visible to make the Catholic schools equal in every respect to those more highly favored by unlimited financial resources. We do not wish to utter one word of disparagement of public schools. It is a splendid educational system along the secular line. It is but the simple truth, however, to claim that in all cases the Separate schools are fully equal, and in some places surpass, the pubic schools when the results of examinations are compared. London may be taken as an example. The work done by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart and by the Sisters of St. Joseph in this city is of the highest character, and many a time they have received the encomiums of distinguished educationists from other places. For the satisfactory condition of the schools in this diocese a meed of praise is due the distinguished prelate who now rules the archdiocese of Toronto. When he became Bishop of London his every energy was employed o the end that Catholic schools should dot every parish and that "excellence"

> WE PURLISH in this issue a remark able article from Rome, a high class Catholic paper published in the Eternal city, on the subject, "Demoniacal Possession." We feel assured it will be read with interest. "Dealings with the devil," says Rome, "are by no means as unfrequent in our time as people generally are pronto believe." It adds that the society for psychical research might well de vote some of its attention to phenomen of the kind described from personal experience by His Lordship Mgr. Delalle.

AT THE RECENT meeting of the Irish National Convention in Dublin a motion was adopted to the effect that the Irish language should be among the compulsory subjects for matriculation at the national university. This will be unwelcome news to those peculiar people calling themselves "unionists." that privileged class who imagine that they were created first and that the Irish peasantry were created afterwards for their special use and benefit. Better days are dawning for Ireland. The people are spirited, confident, and full of fight for Home Rule.

A NUMBER OF Quebec friends, con prising some of the most prominent me of the district, lately tendered a con plimentary banquet to Hon. Charles R. Devlin, Minister of Colonization, Mines occasion was a happy one, abundant cannot close our eyes to the fact that evidence being given that the eloquen the present is concerned the clergy are still retains its charm of expression closely united to their Bishops, and their We tender him our congratulation latter we are now concerned. Many Bishops to Rome, Never were they together with the wish that he may be more united. The difficulty is in the long spared to occupy an honorable mit the superhuman element. They ex- future. Godless education, military ser- place in the public life of Canada.

ON THE 8th OF FEBRUARY His Holiness the Pope gave a private audience to a number of officers and men of the American navy attached to the supply ship Celtic. They were presented to His Holiness by Mgr. Kennedy. The Pope said he was greatly pleased to see the sailors as it gave him an opportunity to express his gratitude to the people of the United States for their noble work in aid of the earthquake sufferers. The Pontiff gave to each sailor a medal as a souvenir of the visit. As the sailors were leaving the Vatican they gave three rousing cheers for the Pope.

A PRESS REPORT tells us that the Jesuit Fathers in New York will shortly issue a weekly edition of the Messenger. This will be welcome news to thousands of Catholics in the Republic as well as in Canada. The Messenger has been a formidable defender of the Church and we have no manner of doubt that its weekly edition will be the means of bringing many stray sheep into the fold and of confirming the faith in those who are now of it. We will gladly welcome the new publication and we trust abundant success will reward the good Fathers of the Society of Jesus for their ardnous labors.

A CLASS OF PEOPLE in the United States hold views on the School question similar to those entertained by many of our non-Catholic neighbors in the Province of Ontario. They claim that since the parochial schools are distinctively Catholic the public schools are, and should be, distinctively l'rotestant. One of the school trustees in Toronto is the champion fanatic of the province. He holds that Catholics should not be employed in the Public schools. His election as school trustee, after having made such an exhibition of himself on various occasions, leads us to the conclusion that a bulky amount of fanaticism pertains to the electorate of Toronto.

"SALOME," a play which brings the blush to the cheeks of respectable people, has made its appearance on the stage in some of our Canadian cities. It will now be seen to what extent the administrators of the law will be disposed to perform their duty. It is the custom in some places for the law officers to sit in their chairs and wait for some one to make complaint. We trust the statutes will be amended in such a manner as to compel these officials to take the initiaive. Wherever the play "Salome" appears it is plainly the duty of the chiefs

of police to take action. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED that Mr. Joseph Downey, M. P. P., will be appointed to the charge of the Ontario Government's office in London, England. This young man's career has been most admirable. A man of the highest respectability and endowed with talents far above the ordinary, he is well equipped for any lposition of trust which may be given him by the Provincial Government. It is just such men as Mr. Downey we like to see in public life -men about whom there lis not the slightest suspicion of "ways that are dark and tricks that are mean." We hope some day he will be given a place still higher in the public life of the province.

THIS IS AN AGE for inventions of most extraordinary character. Many of them mean much for the welfare of mankind and are so far commendable, but what shall we say of the visionaries who start upon a quest for a new religion. Some parties in this little city of London of ours have joined a cult which they term "The World New Thought Federation," receiving inspiration therefor from Chicago, which reminds us once again that Chicago is justly called the Windy City. These new religious resemble very much the toys of children. They are petted and fondled for a time but when the brain develops they are laid aside. We would recommend these poor, helpless, rudderless visionaries to buy and study carefully the little Catholic Catechism, price five cents. It may lead them to a harbor of refuge.

A VERY IMPORTANT meeting of the Irish National League was held a few days ago in Dublin. Very warm greetings were presented from Irishmen in the United States together with a draft for \$25,000 to help the cause of Ireland. Mr. Redmond stated that Ireland's good name is now at stake and her capacity for self-government will be judged by the conduct of the assembly, and that therefore everyone who speaks should weigh his words carefully. Amongst a few of those present there seemed to be a disposition to pledge the Irish party to oppose and embarass the present government by every means in its power. A resolution to that effect was proposed but was voted down almost unanimously. The meeting was eminently successful and left the impression that the Irish cause is stronger than it has been for a generation.

LONDONERS HAD ANOTHER visit last of the Cathedral Parish of Hamilton to week from Thomas Augustine Daly, poet and humorist, of the staff of the Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times. His charming personality and his rich fund of humor, drawing laughter in every heart. without stint between the recital of his poems, leave pleasant corners in the memory. But what shall we say of his clever verses? They are not only poetry. Each one is a song that goes to the heart, that kindles the fire of pity. and in turn awakens mirth. But withal there is a world of meaning and a world of useful lessons in each piece of his handiwork. He is a true poet, not in the sense that he is able to put clever verses on paper, but because he reaches to the heart of things and makes them glow. His poetry in "Canzoni" will live when many more pretentious volumes have been forgotten.

AWAY OFF IN NEW ORLEANS We have account of the life of a woman, the nature of which reminds us strongly of the ages of faith. Such lives have peopled heaven with saints. We ask our fully shared by our beloved Bishop the prelate who so early discovered readers to give the sketch which we in you those rare qualities which have publish in this issue a careful perusal. Anna Meyer was one of God's noblest handmaids. Let us reflect for a moment upon the depth of her love already marked the administration of the for God. She gave her long life and her pleasures to the end that little souls with dark faces should be brought day by day nearer to the heart of our Divine Saviour. She sought no human reward and we are told that her name never appeared in the papers. She craved not for notoriety, she cared not for the laudation so much prized by little minds and cold hearts. There are thousands like her in the world to-day but we never hear of them. We only read of worldliness in the lime-light. But God and His Church know them and we should be grateful beyord measure to Him Who has scattered such pearls in His vineyard.

ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, HAMILTON. IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES AT ITS RE-OPENING.

Hamilton is remarkable for the numer of its jubilee celebrations. Nearly three years ago the whole city was en tete upon the fiftieth anniversary of the extablishment of the diocese.

similar Last Sunday witnessed a vent in regard to the Cathedral who corner stone was laid in 1859. All that the zealous rector, the Very Rev. Dear Mahony, could do, all that a generous copie could do, had been done to people celebration a worthy one. The building was transformed. Entirely remodeled and renewed with beautiful frescoes, St. Mary's Cathedral is interiorly one of the handsomest churches Amongst some of the works of art which adorn the walls in the sanctuary behind the altar are the entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, the Ascension into heaven and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Amongst the others around the sanctuary are Our Lord addressing the multitude, the invitation to the children to come unto Him and the Holy Family. In the baptistery will be found the Baptism of Christ. An original canvas, novel in its design, adorns, the opposite wall of the baptis-. It represents Bishop Laval, first Bishop of Quebec bap ery. tizing Chief Garakonite, of the Indians at Quebec in 1670. The painting deservedly connotes the hundredth anniversary of the discovery of Canada by Champlain. As we go round the Church we see high between t e nillar paintings of the twelve apostles. . Or the arches over the sanctuary are six angels holding banners with the scroll Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominu Deus Sabaoth. The pulpit is bright with imitation marble and miniature paintings upon the panels depicting the good Shepherd surrounded by the Evan-gelists. Concealed illuminants light up he paintings at night. These together with the dainty rosettes suspended here and there from the dome and the many lights of the sanctuary and the altar present a beautiful effect—chaste withit excess and artistic without over-

taxing the eye. Such was St. Mary's Cathedral last Sunday when the special services were held in honor of the completion of the work. His Lordship, the venerable Bishop of Hamilton, sang Pontifical Mass, with Fathers Coty and Bonvin deacon and sub-deacon of the Mass, and Very Rev. Father Kleopfer, C. R, as assistant priest, and Father Connelly, S. Dean Magee of Stratford as deacons of honor. Father Brady acted as master of ceremonies. His Grace Archbishop McEvay of Toronto, was present in cope and mitre, assisted by Fathers Zinger, C. R., and Teefy, C. S. B. He blessed the tabernacle of the altar of the Sacred Heart. Rev. Dr. Kidd, Secretary to the Arch bishop, and Rev. Father Whalen oc Arch cupied seats in the sanctuary. Immediately after the Gospel, Bishop Dowling, in a few well chosen Dowling, in explained the meaning of the decoration. His Lordship welcomed His Grace to Hamilton upon this his first official visit. As soon as Bishop Dowling had taken his seat upon committee consisting Me sr Jos. Shea, F. H. Whitton and H. McIntyre entered the sanctuary and read the following address:

To the Most Reverend Fergus Patick McEvay, D., D., Archbishop of

Toronto. oronto.

May it please Your Grace,—To comunities as well as to individuals there

your good wishes and prayers and I be munities as well as to individuals there comes occasionally an hour accompanied with a joy and gladness peculiarly its own. Such an hour it is the privilege many acts of kindness towards me dur-

enjoy to day. For we can assure Your Grace that your presence among us this morning is the happy realization of a desire long entertained by us, and trings with it a gladness which finds a respon With unfeigne sure then, all the members of St. Mary parish welcome Your Grace to Cathedral and to the City of Hami on this memorable occasion. Not only dutiful and loyal members of the Catholic Catholic Church do we greet you as the distinguished head of a great Archdiocese; but our welcome has a warmer and a more tender note. since all see in you our former beloved Rector, who for a decade of years administered the spiritual and temporal affairs of the cathedral. Those years, so fruitful in good works, the result of unselfish devotion to duty, ardent zeal and distinguished ability will ever remain fresh in our memories. Among the multitude of your friends through out the Province -none rejoiced more cordially at your elevation iepiscopal See of the Metropolitan City of Ontario, than your former par ishioners and spiritual children of St Mary's Cathedral of Hamilton. only did the laity of the City and Dio cese rejoice at the signal honor confered upon you by the Sovereign Pontiff, but we feel sure that our joy was

so eminently fitted you for the higher sphere of church government. The energy, zeal and success which have exalted office you have been called to fill convince us that your influence for means and deprived herself of social the good of religion and country, is destined to extend far beyond the limits of our own province. tions of the highest importance to our people, educational, moral and social will of necessity demand Your Grace's attention. The Church Extension movement, whose inception Canada is largely due to your apostolic zeal and foresight, will, we are sure, receive the hearty and generous support of the laity, and will be the means, under the blessing of beaven, serving and nourishing the faith among multitudes of strangers land ng on our shores. We realize, Your Grace that the true success of the Church and the advancement of religion in this Canada of ours, cannot be secured without unity of action for good works among the laity and a ready and loyal co-operation on their part with the ecclesiastical superiors; for all recognize the fact that voice of the Episcopate is, in our spiritual regard, the eg to thank Your Grace for coming day to bless the decorations of our cathedral and knowing, as we do, that no embellishment is too rich or costly for the adornment of God's House, we feel a just pride in the beautiful and artistic work lately completed within the walls of this edifice, endeared to Your Grace by many happy memories, and felicitate our zealous and energetic Rector, Dean Mahony, who unde encouragement and guidance of our devoted Bishop has brought this great undertaking to such a happy issue. conclusion we assure Your Grace that we shall not cease to pray Almighty God to grant you health and length of days, and in return may we presume to ask of you an occasional memento in the Holy Sacrifice for your devoted friends, the priests and people of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton

Signed on behalf of St. Mary's Cathe-

dral Congregation.

HIS GRACE'S REPLY. My Lord, Reverend Fathers Dear Brethren,—I thank His Lordship the Bishop of Hamilton and the gentlemen of the committee for their kind words of welcome; it is scarcely necessary to assure all present that it real pleasure for me to take part in this ceremony of thanksgiving and the completion of the magnificent work of decoration in which you have been engaged. In this material age it is con soling to visit any congregation ready and willing to make sacrifices to adorn the House of God the best that can be procured in tecture, in painting and in sculpture but it is a special pleasure to meet the old, true and faithful friends with whom I lived so many years. When your good Bishop had charge of the Diocese of Peterborough I was happy to work there inder his direction and it was through him that I became a priest of this dio-cese and here warm friendships were formed with the reverend clergy and the Catholic and non-Catholic people

which I hope will endure forever. The tie existing between priest and people is strong and sacred; the confidence given to the priest by the people is not given to anyone else except God Himself. Hence it is that when the priest is honored so are the people. You rejoice and offer congratulations on ny promotion; I rejoice and congratulate you on your success, your co opera-tion and the good example of generosity

you have shown to other congregations.
As to the Church Extension, which you are good enough to mention in your beautiful address, you but express the generous sentiments of the faithful as well as these of your large hearted Bishop and zealous Rector, Dean Mahoney. This congregation living example of the benefits of Church Extension. You have helped to form four other parishes which are now flourishing in the city; and in the meantime you have kept your cathedral and other church institutions in first-class

condition. The great Church Extension Move-ment embraces a wide field of action and endeavors to bring some help to the lonely missionaries in the grea North-West and to the scattered Catho lies who require more priests, chur and schools to meet the needs of the thousands of people coming from many parts of the world and speaking diffe ent languages but united in the grand old Catholic faith which anxious to preserve and we are so anxious to have preserved to them.

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