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wield the defensive and offensive
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olic press.**

—Pope Pius X.

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Catholic papers in this country.

I heartily bless those who encourage
this excellent work.

PAUL,
Archbishop of Montreal.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1909.

CLEANSE THE STAGE.

The step just taken by His Grace
Archbishop Bruchesi to put a stop to
the vicious dramas which have
been put on at a local theatre is
one which all right-minded citizens,
irrespective of creed, will applaud.
Always in the lead of every good
movement, His Grace, while willing
that his people should enjoy legiti-
mate amusement, is ever on the
alert for the hidden danger lurking.
And now, he has spoken with no
uncertain sound as to the way he
wishes his flock to act towards the
theatre which caters only to the de-
praved, and whose demoralizing in-
fluence can not be measured.
In his pastoral letter he generously
says that he is ready to believe that
up to the present, people attended
these representations in good faith,
believing that art of the highest
standard would be depicted; but,
now, he having told them their duty
in this regard, he will look for a
hearty response, and we feel safe
in predicting that his people will
not turn a deaf ear, but, on the
contrary, will do their duty and
stand solidly for a clean theatre and
good morals. Let us hope His
Grace's appeal will have a response
worthy of his loyal dioceses.

THE KING.

His Majesty the King began his
sixty-ninth year on Tuesday, the
fifth day of November, "and from
one end of his far-flung dominions
to the other, throughout an empire
of unexampled extent and influence,"
says a contemporary, "his health
was drunk with hearty loyalty and
enthusiasm, both for what he is and
what he represents." Lord Ruse-
bery said of him, in a now famous
speech, that he is "the supreme head
of all these Dominions, your sov-
ereign and mine, who is not merely
the King of Great Britain, but the
King of Hearts."

Dire prophets had predicted ruin
and disaster for England when the
present monarch should reach the
throne; but, happily, the story will
undo the prophecy. He is proving
himself a great King, a ruler, too
broad and too brainy to seek in-
spiration from bigots or fawners, a
monarch too mindful of all his sub-
jects to forget any portion of them.
He is, moreover, a peacemaker, and
a true, loyal friend of the Little
Isle, whose condition he would read-
ily improve, if only his Govern-
ment were willing to second him,
and especially the Lords of his
household. Many leading Irishmen
among those who have battled for
our kinsmen's rights are now will-
ing to pay King Edward a tribute
of praise and admiration; they had
never expected to be able of obliged
to pay him. He has touched Irish-
men's hearts very deeply and tell-

ingly in more than one circumstance
but especially, when, on the occa-
sion of his visit to the Old Land,
he refused to be guarded by a heavy
body of protectors, deeming "the
Irish heart a stranger and an enemy
to the dire measures of anarchy."
He went through the land, with his
Queen, and left that land a far more
admiring subject-country than before
he had gone. The tone and the
temper of even the most exacting of
Irish papers have changed in re-
gard to the King who sits on the
British throne. All of us are will-
ing to admit he stands for ideals
far above those Ireland had been ac-
customed to deplore, condemn and
eschew.

But it is as Catholics, above all
that we are willing to praise and
admire him. He is not awayed by
the undercurrent of ignorant bigotry.
He is not afraid to praise the
Pope and the Church, not afraid to
laud the efforts and achievements of
our bishops, not afraid to trample
the foul flag of intolerance under his
royal foot, not afraid to deserve the
blame and contempt of a hundred
ungodly alliances.

In consequence of his rule and be-
havior, the British Empire has been
made all the greater, and history
will say that, while he reigned, Ire-
land began to be recognized, and the
Irish people to be reckoned with.
His noble Queen shares all his hon-
ors and deserves a fitting mood of
meant praise for the truly great
reign in which she is participating
actively and in all sincerity of aim
and purpose. We are glad circum-
stances have altered cases, and that
we, too, may join heartily and
thoroughly in the prayers an em-
pire says for its ruler. That he
and his Queen may long be spared
to rule with continued peace and
equity is a cry that comes from our
heart. The Church, and Ireland
with the Church, will long bless the
hour King Edward ascended the
throne of England. Hearts either
cheered by Catholic belief or warm-
ed by Catholic blood can never for-
get the boon of a blessing. As
Canadians, too, we are grateful and
happy because we are grateful. Our
Dominion is a great free land which
the makers of republics could not
make freer. In a word, we ask
God to keep our King and Queen
well in His love and protection for
all time. God save the King!

FRANCE.

That country which was at one
time so justly called La Belle France
presents to the world to-day a sor-
rowful spectacle. She has had her Drey-
fus case, which for many years con-
vulsed the realm; she was forced to
put out of office at the bidding of
Germany one of her brightest sons,
Delcasse; she was made to stand
idly by while her old Teuton enemy
forced her ally, Russia, to keep her
meddlesome hands away from the
Austrian-Servian controversy; she
has despoiled the sacred homes of
hundreds and thousands of those
who have devoted their lives to the
cause of religion, and she is made
to bewail the enormous decrease in
her birth-rate.

But on top of all this comes the
infamous Steinheil case, wherein a
woman on trial for the murder of
her husband and step-mother chal-
lenges the judge to continue his
probing tactics at his peril, and the
astounding side of the story is that
the pillar of the law is intimidated,
and he ceases his prosecution of the
woman. Why? Press despatches
from a reliable source tell us that
an agreement exists between the
woman and the court under which
men high in the social and official
life of France are called upon to
sanction a deal whereby Madame
Steinheil, a woman of at least
doubtful character, acts in collusion
with those who are supposed to
hold in their hands the safety of the
nation, and the education of the
youth of France. Suppose for a
moment that such a state of affairs
were to exist in Canada, a hue and
cry unequalled in the history of this
sound young country would echo
from the Pacific to the Atlantic, and
the guilty, no matter how high in
social or political life, would be
obliged to seek the shelter of pri-
vate life. Indeed, instances are not
wanting to prove the assertion.

But in France it is all different;
the mongrel crowd who have exclud-
ed from their courts of justice the
crucifix, the emblem of justice, equi-
tity, and religion, are slowly but
surely sowing the seeds that will
one day be reaped in sorrow and
suffering and disgrace. The time
may not be far distant when those
who are carrying France into the
seething abyss of ruin and desola-
tion will turn their outstretched
hands to those whom they now pro-
mote to despise to save them from
such horrors as before now have de-
vastated that fair land. Perhaps

they may have another objective-
who knows?

THE HYPOCRITES STILL BUSY.

Just at present the gentlemen of
the Protestant Alliance are at their
dirty work here in Canada, with
the assets of rage and treachery to
the rescue of their brand of anti-
Christianity. Especially are they
busy in certain portions of the Ma-
ritime Provinces, where, as in
some other parts of the land, their
agents have addressed, and are still
addressing, dirty little leaflets and
tiny pamphlets—reprints from their
fool official organ to Catholic men
and women. That is a favorite meth-
od with them. Certain animals
delight in plying their busy careers in
the dark of night, while the air
around, however, often betrays their
presence. The dirty prints from
the Alliance press picture "Popery"
as the "Service of Satan," "The Trai-
tor of Souls," "The Corrupter of
Conscience," etc. The dingy leaf-
lets and pestilential little pamphlets
are all printed in England, and, as
England is now favored by the
Post Office authorities, the United
States need not seek to compete. In
fact, nine-tenths of the dirt and
calumny printed in the English
tongue comes from England. So do
some very undesirable immigrants.
We want our readers to remember
that they can use the police authori-
ties against the liars and calumna-
tories who send them the prints we
denounce. Put them in jail! The
address of the official organ of the
Alliance is 430, Strand, W.C. Some
of the envelopes are mailed on I.C.
R. trains directly. It is a safer
way of escaping notice. The envel-
opes, in such a case, are open, and
bear a one cent stamp.

A REASON WHY.

Some good people are surprised
when they come across a "wicked"
word, now and then, in the columns
of a Catholic weekly. Their busi-
ness and professional interests
should, they think, cause the editor
to be gagged. Have they ever
heard of the English Protestant Al-
liance? Do they know that many
Protestant ministers are helping the
Alliance spread foul literature, here
in Canada, against the Church?
Would they believe that four gentle-
men in Montreal are particularly
(but hypocritically) interested in
disseminating "Popery Portrayed,"
new tracts for the times? Here is a
list of the tracts those bigots are
spreading broadcast, even through
the mails:

1. "Popery, the Curse of Nations."
2. "Popery, the Great Apostasy."
3. "Popery, a Huge Idolatry."
4. "Popery, the Betrayer of Souls."
5. "Popery, the Antagonist of Scripture."
6. "Popery, a Blasphemous Priestcraft."
7. "Popery, a Gigantic Fraud."
8. "Popery, the Corrupter of Conscience."
9. "Popery, the Poison of Purity."
10. "Popery, Babylon the Great."
11. "Popery, the Most Cruel of Tyrannies."
12. "Popery, a Pretended Peace."
13. "Popery, Incurable and Increasingly Malignant."
14. "Popery, the Mother of Infidelity."
15. "Popery, the Service of Satan."
16. "Popery, its Hope and Doom."

Now, the contents of these tracts
could not be read around the festi-
vities board of a king among the
cannibals without subtracting his
Majesty's appetite, and yet Catho-
lic papers may say nothing! These
tracts are read by hundreds of non-
Catholic children even here in Mon-
treal. We can prove what we say.
Their contents are thrown up at
Catholics in offices and workshops.
But let us be cowards!

THE EXECUTION OF FERRER.

We have already spoken of the
death of Ferrer, the organizer of
anarchy, murder and filth, but we
must again take up the sorry sub-
ject. The Associated Press, at the
command of certain Jews and some
elements of Freemasonry has under-
taken to picture the Barcelona crim-
inal as a martyr of the Pope and the
Jesuits. The most influential
organ of English Liberalism, the
Daily News, has no hesitation in
describing the execution as an offi-
cial murder, and goes on to say
the Church is to be blamed for it.
"No one doubts," says that paper,
"that Senor Ferrer is a martyr ex-
ecuted by the Church. If he had not
founded the modern schools, and at-
tempted to liberate education from
clerical control, he would now be
living. We have no sympathy with
the form of secularism which we
believe he advocated in his writings.
In this country we have outgrown
it, but it is the natural reaction
against the gloomy and ignorant su-
perstition which the Clericals have
for generations imposed like a night-
mare on Spain. It has been said
that the worst thing about Spain
is her government, but behind that

government stands a worse thing
still, and that is, not religion, but
the power of the Church laying its
dead hands upon politics, finance,
and the intelligence of the people."

Now, dear readers, what do you
think of Mr. Asquith's organ of
opinion? There are assuredly very
ugly fellows among the followers of
English Liberalism. The Protestant
Alliance finds a weakling like As-
quith a fit tool. Is it any wonder
the Procession of the Most Blessed
Sacrament was interfered with last
year?

But what schools did murderer
Ferrer institute? The Paris corre-
spondent of The Sunday Times will
tell us. Says that well-informed
gentleman:

"At Barcelona, he (Ferrer) start-
ed his School of Liberty, a title he
changed to Modern School, to avoid
conflict with the authorities. It
was a training centre for the dis-
semination of anarchism and athe-
ism in Spain, and dependent from it.
He opened twenty branch schools
throughout the country. An item
among others of his teaching was to
recommend that weapons should be
poisoned when used for political as-
sassination, so as not to miss the
mark. Just as Ticino was the
centre of Italian anarchy years ago,
so Barcelona was, under Ferrer, the
headquarters of Spanish anarchy."

Now, will any decent citizen of
Montreal or elsewhere dare say that
Ferrer did not get the death he de-
served? Would the bigots ready to
differ with us, say that Ferrer and
his methods could be tolerated in
Canada? Would England stand for
it, or is it just because Catholic
Spain is the country immediately
concerned that Murderer Ferrer must
prove a martyr?

Again, from the organ of English
Liberalism in the North of England,
The Manchester Guardian, we learn
that Ferrer himself described the ob-
ject of this schools in those words.
"To make children reflect upon the
lies of religion, of government, of
patriotism, of justice, of politics
and of militarism, and to prepare
their brains for the social revolu-
tion." A programme of procedure
perhaps welcome to bigots. Any-
thing as long as it fights Catholicism!
The man who attempted to
assassinate the King and Queen of
Spain, the fellow Morral, was a gra-
duate of Ferrer's school, in Barcelo-
na, and Ferrer was actively inter-
ested in that horrible outbreak in
which sixty-eight churches and con-
vents of Barcelona were burned, and
in which 238 people, or more, lost
their lives.

Montrealers have read their daily
newspapers dealing with Ferrer's
execution. They know which one
of them was readiest to make a
joint case against Spain and the
Church. We know that much of the
daily newspaper is prepared and
printed in moments of mental aber-
ration, but are Catholics willing to
stand for the lies of the Associated
Press? If the offending newspapers
must be excused on the plea that
the news escaped the control of the
management, how is it salaries do
not escape? But there you are!
The Lodges are interested, and so
the dailies must help out the liars
at the other end of the wire. It is
a wonder ninety-nine sermons of
sympathy have not been preached in
the meeting-houses. The Pope must
be fought, and Ferrer venerated as a
martyr fallen in the interests of re-
ligion! It is always just to hurl
bombs at the head of a Catholic
monarch. The "Gunpowder Plot"
will continue to be a good help for
prevaricators, nevertheless!

IT IS STILL NOVEMBER.

It is still November, the month of
the Poor Souls! Let us not for-
get those who dwell in bondage far
from the vision of God and His
glory, to which we may add acci-
dental growth, through our prayers,
almshouses, and sacrifices for the
privileged dead who are yet in suffer-
ing, thus hastening their journey
home to the abode of Our Father.
All Catholic papers are duly re-
minding their readers of Purgatory
and the Souls, but it is a special
pleasure for us to quote the editor
of Register-Extension in this regard.
Under the heading "The Unseen
World," he gently says:

"The souls in Purgatory are, as
it were, afar off. Their cries and
wailings cannot reach across the
chasm that separates death from
life. Their bodies have been laid
away in the grave. Their absence,
which in the beginning, roused such
a palpable void in our lives, has
come to be forgotten or nearly so.
Do they really suffer? Are they
undergoing bitter torments? Do they
look to us for help and assistance?
Has the little we have done for
those particularly who are dear to
us, been sufficient to release them
from the prison-house of pain? Are
there not hundreds of poor souls
with no one to think of them, or
stretch forth a hand to hasten their
release? Will the world show us as
little charity when we are in Purg-
atory, if through God's mercy we

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magazines speed their blessed way,
through the mails to the farthest
east and the remotest West, to the
most frozen point in the North and
to the most torrid plain in the
South. Truth is thus heralded
abroad, and the interests of the
Church are kept alive in ten mil-
lions of homes. Our enemies know
and feel that we hold a deadly wea-
pon for provocation and ill-report,
while the hypocrites at work on the
cable and the telegraph are forced
to reckon with us and our defence.
Things were not always so, nor will
they ever again be what they once
were. And yet, in the midst of it
all, there are many who remain list-
less, and whose homes are never
visited by a Catholic publication of
any kind. They are surprised that
their children are growing indiffer-
ent, and they fail to see why. They
have money to squander on mean-
ingless magazines; the ugly scandal-
sheet is welcomed and paid for, and
even ungodly printed matter is not
eschewed. Could the Church in
Canada and the United States but
boast of its press, the boast would
be good, in very truth; but happily
that boast is explained by what
went before, what is going on
now, while the after-results shall
show all the more winning.

Those who are at work with pen
in hand feel that if earthly income
is not very encouraging, the thought
of defending Truth and Right
against Hell and Error and the vi-
sion of the Father's smile beyond,
are, indeed, soothing and cheering
and strengthening. But, while there
is still place for future effort and
more lasting improvement, let us
hope the field is narrowing for
those publications which are Catho-
lic in name only, while schisma-
tic and destructive in spirit. Some
dioceses are more fortunate than
others, and yet no Catholic need be
without a Church publication of
some thorough kind. The True Wit-
ness is trying to do its best; with
further encouragement, it could
do still more. Whatever the result
of our endeavors be, we trust we
shall ever help our readers to be
better Catholics, and more sub-
missive children of Holy Mother. If
critics would have us do far more
and better, let them be in earnest
and we shall publish their manu-
scripts, if readable and acceptable,
or send them receipts for contribu-
tions towards the good work. If
that will not do, then let them send
back the paper, even if we do have
to see a good Catholic utterly fault-
with. We are trying to work seriously
with the whole of the
Catholic press.