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If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

† PAUL,  
Archbishop of Montreal

## THE LATE GRADUATES.

Comments have been made upon the fact that but few of the late college graduates have enlisted in the teaching professions.

In view of existing conditions, we are not surprised at this; on the other hand, we are surprised that so many of them do adopt this vocation. The responsible nature of the work, and the unceasing labor during school sessions—we might say self-sacrifice—has no compensation in the miserly salaries generally paid. These young people, after years of arduous study, and, in the case of many, years of much sacrifice, cannot be expected to take up this work when other fields offer more compensation and greater attractions. They have to live, and words of praise neither clothe nor feed them. The only solution is to pay them salaries consistent, at least, with decent living.

## A ROMAN ANNIVERSARY.

There has been observed in Rome recently the thirty-seventh anniversary of the suspension of the Vatican Council and the declaration of Pontifical infallibility; and a requiem Mass was celebrated in the Sistine chapel for the late Pontiff, Leo XIII. who died four years ago. The thirty-three years which have elapsed between the earlier of these events and the later are filled with a strange eventful history.

Among the many Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops and Bishops who were present at the opening of that great Council in 1869, the survivors might be counted on the fingers of both hands.

Among the survivors of the Council is His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore, who was thirty-five years of age at the time. And of all the great names that one reads in the list of the Fathers of the Council from Ireland and America and England and other English speaking lands, only three are left.

## THE "MODERNISM" THAT IS CONDEMNED.

Some of the headlines the daily press has placed over the cable despatch announcing Rome's condemnation of anti-Christian teaching are somewhat misleading, writes Father Lambert in the Freeman's Journal. Thus one of the New York dailies announces that "Pope Pius X. Bans Modernism."

Now, for the man in the street the word modernism stands for the great progress made in real science in our day. He, therefore, having no inclination to read the Encyclical in order to learn what the Holy See condemns, takes it for granted

that Pius X. is the avowed enemy of all that has shed so much glory upon the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Of course, there is no real basis for this belief. What the Holy Father condemns are the insidious attempts to substitute for Christianity a form of religion, which in the last analysis is undiluted pantheism. What, else, pray, is the "New Theology," which, as taught by an English clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, has been making such headway in England. It was only the other day that the ecclesiastical authorities of the episcopal diocese western New York deposed the Rev. Dr. Crapsey from the ministry, advocating this form of "modernism," which would strip our Lord of his divine character and would make nature itself, and the whole framework of things, "the school, the law of the highest kind of living, which we call religion."

In such vague language as this the attempt is made to do away with a personal God. The Protestant churches themselves, unless they would surrender the last vestiges of Christianity, should be as one with the Pope in condemning and denouncing this sort of modernism.

## CLASSIC LASSIE DISTURBS

I. O. A. and the A.P.A. are in a state of dreadful distress just because the late Augustus St. Gaudens selected a little Irish maiden as a model for the new issue of American coins. They see in it another horrible Popish device and are flooding the Washington mails with protests. But thanks to the architects of the Capitol, in this case at least, provisions were made for capacious pigeon-holes and waste paper receptacles. Through it all little Mary is receiving profuse compliments. The Monitor, Newark, says: All honor to Mary Cunningham! She is a lassie with a classic face and an Irish heart and the makings of as good an American as came across the seas. Oft will we look upon her face, and the oftener the better, for it will be wrought into the gold of the Republic. So luck goes to the bonnie girl exile from old Erin. And yet the "Independent Order of Americans" rise on their hind legs, wag their ears, and bray their protest against Mary, the beautiful, Beauty and the Beast! Can there be any doubt where the sympathy of the people will be? There are some things that transcend boundary lines. The genius of a Shakespeare thrills every human heart. The charity of a Vincent de Paul softens and wins every human soul. A beautiful woman does not belong to any one. She is God's gift to common humanity like the rose which blushes through the morning dew. Who challenges the Venus of Milo because the magic of a Grecian chisel drew it from the cold marble? Who will challenge Mary Cunningham, not a goddess, but a waitress, because God moulded her beauty amidst the enchantments of the Emerald Isle?

## FEDERATION TAKES ACTION.

That the Federated Catholic Societies do not intend to meekly take insults even from judges, is evident from the following resolution passed at a meeting of the Federation last week in St. Louis, Mo:

Whereas it has been reported that Judge Willey, of the United States Consular Court of China, has used insulting and calumnious language in a recent decision rendered by him, wherein it is said that "Popish clergy robbed the widows and orphans."

Therefore be it resolved, that the Federation of Catholic Societies of the city of St. Louis, the home of Judge Willey, investigate these charges and exonerate the judge if they are false, or if they find them to be true, that they place them before the National Federation of Catholic Societies, with the request that the Executive Board of the American Federation bring them to the attention of President Roosevelt and the State Department at Washington.

## THE SINN FEINERS.

It is lamentable that a mutual understanding and good will has not been established between the Sinn Fein and the Parliamentary parties in Ireland. They have now developed bitter hostility towards one another and their antagonism will soon be irreconcilable. To a certain extent it is history repeating itself. A war to the death was waged between Daniel O'Connell and the Young Irelanders, who, discouraged by the failure of Repeal, and disgusted by the growing conservatism of the immortal champion of Catholic Emancipation, conceived a

more radical, aggressive and relentless policy against the Sassenach, the hereditary foe of Ireland's regeneration. The spirit of the Sinn Feiners and their relation to John Redmond's party closely resembles the spirit of the Young Irelanders and their relation to O'Connell.

## THAT JAPANESE INVASION.

Here are some sensible words from the Gazette in reference to that disquieting "invasion" on the coast. The whole matter, at the present writing, however, appears to be enjoying a natural sleep since the politicians silenced their batteries.

Despatches from Tokio via London indicate that Japan will not consent to any restriction of the rights under treaty of Japanese subjects in Canada. It is only a few years since European powers consented to their subjects in Japan being made amenable to Japanese laws and liable to be tried by Japanese courts.

It took long negotiations to secure for Japan the admission of equality involved in this new order. The Japanese Government will naturally be unwilling to consent to anything that could be counted a withdrawal from the position it has secured. A Canadian delegate sent to ask from Tokio, an admission that Japanese are a people inferior to Canadians may hardly hope that his efforts will be crowned with success. It might be well for the Government to wait till it is seen if the influx of Japanese is to be more than temporary before putting itself in the way of being rebuffed. It should be more ready to do this because there are indications both that the influx may be practically over and that the immigrants are recognized by many, even in British Columbia, as useful additions to the working population.

## WISDOM AND GRACE.

Few Catholic publications are free from "friends" who are at all times urging the editors to get what they call "high class" reading. There are others who consider themselves sanctified in wisdom and grace and they do not really need a Catholic publication. Of these the Catholic Messenger remarks:

"We have one neighbor who is in a class by himself. He is not on our subscription list, either. He works in a nearby drug store, answers to an Irish name, and can talk a flock of crows out of a swamp. If there is anything he does not know, from the differential calculus down to beating the ponies, he has not found it out. Some people find both pretty tough problems to solve. His proudest and loudest boast is that he does not read or subscribe to The Catholic Messenger or any other Church publication, because he has nothing to gain from their perusal. He knows so much that he has nothing to learn from the concentrated wisdom of the College of Cardinals or the Roman Congregation of the Index."

## MEAN WELL, BUT—

Nine out of ten who read the secular papers and magazines will swallow hook and bait whatever the editors undertake to say about God or man and things. Things Catholic are generally incorrect. Here is a confirmation from the Ave Maria. "Pearson's is classed as a cheap magazine, but it would still be too dear if it were sold for half the price. It is a periodical of many advertisements. An article on lotteries in the September number contains the most remarkable lottery of all was held at the City of Mexico in 1897. The tickets were a dollar (peso) each, and the Church—the was a church lottery—guaranteed that numbers 841 and 762, respectively, should release from Purgatory's fiery torments the bleeding and tortured souls of Senora Calderon, Senora Perras and Don Diego Vasquez." This is a clear case of invincible ignorance. We acquit both the writer and the editor."

## ALBERTA'S NEW JUDGE.

Alberta is to be congratulated. Mr. N. D. Beck, K.C., of Edmonton, has been elevated to the Supreme Court bench in that province. Mr. Beck was the first Grand Knight for Edmonton Council, Knights of Columbus. He has always been prominent in his profession and in educational circles, and is recognized as a sound and erudite lawyer. He has been a member of the Territorial Law Society since 1898 and is at present the president of that body. For a number of years he was editor of the Territorial law reports and also a member of the old Educational Council of the Territories and is at present a member of the Educational Council of Alberta.

## CRIMINAL BUSINESS MEN.

The Rev. John Talbot Smith, LL.D., President of the Catholic Summer School, was the labor Day orator at Plattsburg this year. The learned doctor always commands an attentive audience, as he is noted for his straight from the shoulder blows. His Plattsburg audience contained many business men who must have been edified by some of the doctor's thrusts. For instance the following:

"The criminal class of business men always rob the laboring poor by trickery. They are usually too respectable to steal a man's purse or to use dynamite in breaking a bank,

crimes which would speedily land them in jail, but they can steal, and they do steal, in a thousand ways which the law does not reach, perhaps which the law cannot reach, which come only under the domain of conscience, and of conscience they have not enough to move the soul of a typhoid microbe. They lower wages at every possible chance; they manage stores for the sale of necessities at the topmost price; they adulterate every article that can be adulterated; in fact it would take almost a man reading a whole year to registe the list of their peculiar and manifold deviltries. And their chiefest trick is to rob the laborer of his opportunity to work and his rightful wages in the employment of children where adults should be employed. There is the economical reason for child labor. By reducing the wages of the father they force him to send his child to work as soon as the little boy or girl are able to handle machinery, or to accept any responsibility, and thereby the trickster secures the entire service of three persons for the price which ought to be paid to a single adult."

The doctor's words are not idle ones uttered for effect. Everyone who has given the matter attention knows that the indictment is a just one against all too many "captains of industry" at the present time. The law is tricked at every turn and the honest poor is always found to be the sufferer.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Westminster Gazette called attention to the number of titled Englishwomen who are leading the simple life within the walls of a convent. The Ladies Minna and Etheldreda Howard, sisters of the Duke of Norfolk, are both nuns. The former belongs to the ancient Carmelite Order, while the latter is a very hard-working Sister of Charity. Lady Edith Fielding, sister of Lord Denbigh, is also a Sister of Charity, and works in a Catholic medical mission in China. Four sisters of the present Lord Herries are nuns, whilst Lord Petre has three sisters who have also renounced the world. Lady Francis Bertie is in a convent at Harrow, and Lady Leopoldina Keppel, sister to Lord Albemarle, and the Misses Ellen and Marie French, sisters of Lord French, are amongst other nuns of lofty birth.

It costs a lot of American money to make a convert to Methodism in Italy. From the report recently sent to this country from Wesleyan missionaries who are having the time of their lives in that sunny land, it appears that in the past year more than \$100,000 was poured into Italy, which amount was spent by forty workers to secure the baptism of two adults and sixty-six infant Italians. At this rate of expenditure and progress it will take \$2,500,000,000 and 36,000 years to convert the Italian people from the "darkness" of Popery to the "light" of Methodism.

Quebec should be happy in the possession of the district of Ungava. From Labrador to Hudson's Bay the French-Canadian Province would be monarch of all it surveys, and proudly acclaim its title "the largest province in the Dominion." Ontario and Manitoba also have eager eyes on the new north, and Quebec's success at Ottawa will whet their appetite also to possess outlets on Hudson's Bay and thousands of square miles of new territory where in may be found a dozen Cobalts and Klondikes.

Of the 80,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, 45,000 are Highland exiles or their descendants, 20,000 are French and 15,000 Irish. There are sixty Gaelic speaking priests, of whom the doyen is Bishop Cameron. A wonderful old man he is, who has himself seen Pope Gregory XVI., Pius IX., Leo XIII. and Pius X. Besides the sixty priests, there are about fifty Gaelic-speaking nuns in the diocese, who are chiefly engaged in the schools.

The services so long rendered by Mr. T. P. O'Connor to the cause of Irish Nationalism in Great Britain are about to be fittingly recognized on the occasion of his jubilee as President of the organization. During the past twenty-five years Mr. O'Connor has done much in Irish politics, but one thing he has never done—he has never boasted of his services, and he has always managed to avoid, without seeming to do so, those compliments which are the reward of men who gratuitously devote their time and their services to a popular movement.

That Protestantism has no longer a hold upon the masses will be granted. Many are coming back to the Catholic faith, but vast numbers have given up religion altogether. It is safe to say that Catholics and unbelievers will divide the country between them before the passing of another century.—True Voice.

A General Favorite.—In every place where introduced Dr. Thomas' Eucalyptic Oil has not failed to establish a reputation showing that the sterling qualities which it possesses are valued everywhere when they become known. It is in general use in Canada and other countries as a household medicine and the demand for it each year shows that it is a favorite wherever used.

The purchasing power of the Catholic body, not only as families and individuals, but as parishes, societies, teaching orders, and so on, is enormous. If this power could be shown concretely to the advertising public the financial problem of the Catholic press of the country would be solved as readily as that of the secular press.

A despatch from Rome to La Croix states that the Holy Father has authorized the introduction into the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus, of an invocation in honor of the Holy Eucharist. It will read, "Through the most holy Eucharist, instituted by Thee, deliver us, O Jesus."

Volume II. of the Catholic Encyclopedia will be issued about November 1st, and from the advance sheets sent us by the publisher, Robert Appleton Company, it is easy to see that the success accorded the first volume will be duplicated by the forthcoming one. There has been no Catholic literary work ever issued to compare with the Catholic Encyclopedia. Its typographical excellence and its general appearance rank it with standard publications of cyclopedias. The information contained in its pages is valuable to every Catholic—to Protestant as well—as it is an authority of the Church's view on important questions of dogma and practice.

It is a work that Catholic laymen should own, that the clergy will find valuable, and in itself is an important contribution to the highest standard of Catholic works. It is a unique field, and should and must appeal to every educated and thinking Catholic.

Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., addressing a Nationalist meeting at Longford on Sunday, said that the Protestant bishop of that diocese, Dr. Elliott, had recently stated that in one district of Ireland Protestants were afraid to leave their houses on Sunday and go to church. He challenged the Bishop to give the place and names, and, if the statement was accurate, he promised him he would go down and prevent such a thing happening.

The Anglican Bishop of London was in Montreal very recently and was very outspoken in condemning the "new theology." Pius Syllabus on the errors of our times has already hastened the obsequies.

Preaching in his Cathedral in Denver, Colorado, lately, Bishop Matz referred to Messrs. Carnegie and Rockefeller, and said the widow's mite, given in other-right spirit, was more acceptable in the sight of God than the princely endowments of colleges which millionaires were praised for giving.

O'Malley, M.P., is a man of wealth and drives an automobile through the streets of London. O'Malley in America is a poor man and edits several Catholic newspapers; therefore both are dangerous men. So say the Sinn Feiners. If Fate attends the movement to live she will have to pull out the tongues of its advocates and put some brains in their heads.—Catholic Sun.

We half suspect that Editor O'Malley is not entirely in sympathy with Shinn Fane.

The threatened suppression of the Irish College in Paris may not, after all, take place. The college was reopened this week after the holidays.

The authorities of Columbia University, New York, have decided to establish courses in Celtic, to begin with the opening of the academic year 1908-1909. Dr. John Lawrence Gerig will have charge of the new department.

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