A Morning in the Vatican Grottoes.

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a Shiraw , rear later, bass bass of the two crowns instead of with two crowns in which the property of the crown of the cr here are bas reliefs of exquisite work manship from the chisel of Mino da Fiesole. and there a mosaic picture of an angel from the pencil of Giotto; here in brilliant electric light you may study the carvings on the sercophagus of Junius Bassus, who Prefect of Rome in 859, who became a Christian while he still exercised this office. His sarcophagus is a splendid specimen of the best work of Christian monumental sculpture of the 4th century, ses an absorbing interest as a work of art and as a display of Christian symbolism.

Thus it is that here one's thoughts are carried from an inscription to a mosaic, and from a statue to a co with an overwhelming rapidity Marucchi has said that the objects collected here constitute a real mu-"in which reigns the most perto fect disorder. It is impossible guess what principle presided at the classification of the 238 pieces. Inpaintings, sarcophagi, mosaics, and statues follow one another without any care or any chronology: an inscription of Pope Damasus follows close on a mosaic of Giotto and precedes a fragment of sculpture of the 15th or 16th centuries; epitaphs of the 6th century are neighbors to a tomb of the 13th; furthermore, the fragments of one monument are scattered on different sides while monuments which have absolutely nothing in common are united under the same number."

As we ascend from this gathering place of the landmarks of history, and emerge from the pedestal of St. Veronica's statue into the tempered and brightness of St. Peter's, Monsignor De Raymond is chanting the epistle at a temporary altar raised in front of St. Peter's shrine and the Chapter of St. Peter's are there assisting. The music of the choir floats on the air and reechoes from the vaults, and one feels that here, whether on the old pavement of porphyry of the Constantimarble of the Pauline Church-for Paul V. is written large on its facade—the same rites and services have been carried on in unbroken succession day by day through long ages that are marked by the monuments I have been looking at and thinking over during these hours of the morning in the Vatican Grot-

Correspondence.

JUDGE SPEAR AND CATHOLIC WORSHIP.

Editor of the True Witness:

Dear Sir,-I noticed in the columns of the local daily papers last week a few remarks made in public by Hon. Judge Spear, Past Grand Commander of the State of Maine Priory Knights Templar, during the civic reception at the City Hall, an extract of which is reported as follows:

"I noticed particularly a painting representing the Resurrection, and I could not help considering how difthe viewpoint of the worshippers there from that of the Templar. The impression of worship, instead of being enlarging and educative, is restrictive in its teaching, while the work of the Knights Templar is devoted to extending the federation of the world and the brotherhood of man. I heard with surprise since of the difficulties that have in the past been experienced by our order here, when it has even cost a man his political influence to become known as a member. In my own state of Maine our citizens have always felt proud become Knights, and I was astonished to find a different feeling here."

It seems strange that a gentleman of the Judge's culture and intelligence should have fallen into the only too common error of our Pro-

He attended Mass in Notre Dame Church, and during the service noticed the painting and people praying before it. He was there as a Protestant, as an unbeliever, and consequently could not understand the sublime mysteries of a society far superior to the one he repre ed-the society of the Holy Catholic He formed a quick and evidently preconceived opinion that the people were "worshipping the paint-ing," while ignoring the God above, and with this fallacious idea of "Ca-

for comparing the work of the Ca-tholic Church with the "work" of the Knights Templar, which, recog-nizing no religion, government or politics, is anything but Christian or

patriotic in its sentiments So much for the "enlarging, edu cative but restrictive form of wor-ship" of the Catholic Church, and now for the "work of the Knights Templar, devoted to extending the federation of the world and brotherhood of man."

In the eyes of devout Roman Catholics and even of fair-minded Pro testants it is impossible to pare the work of the Knights Temp lar with the work of the Catholic Church. The one stands as a huge solid and substantial, defving the elements and that arch-destroyer Time, while the other is an insigni ficant band of selfish toilers, pick ing, shovelling, boring, blasting in hopeless endeavor to level the moun tain to the earth, but all their work is in vain, for the mountain stands solid and secure on eternal founda

The work of the Catholic Church is the work of Jesus Christ, while the work of the Knights Templar is the work of poor insignificant man -man without Jesus Christ! How, then, can the work of godless man be compared with the work of God blasphemous, and that is the com parison which the learned judge has

Then again he "heard with sur prise of the difficulties experience by the Order here, when it has even cost a man his political influence to writer sincerely sympathizes with the Judge in this grievance, for it has cost him (the writer) two good jobs to have been known as a Roman Catholic, and that right Montreal!

The writer also personally knows of a case in Bedford, Maine, the state which the learned Judge represented, where a young Irish Ca tholic Canadian worked for a firm of painters and decorators as book keeper for a period of three years One day two nuns entered the store placed an order, and one gave her name as "Sister —, of the Sacred Heart." After the Sisters had departed the head of the firm began to speak disrespectfully of them and of Catholics in general. Of course the nean basilica, or the pavement of young man's Irish blood was arous ed at the insult, and he gave his employer "a piece of his mind."

"Oh! you're a Papist too, eh? Wall, I'll be d- if I'll allow Popish schemer to have anything to do with my books, so ye can just put on yer hat an' git! Here's yer That's the way it is in Bedford, Maine, the State the judge came from.

"However," he continued in his emarks, "Nature is exactly same in Canada as it is in the United States." It certainly is.

When the Judge was informed that his remarks at the City Hall were occasioning comment in the city, h replied that he regretted that what ne had said should lead to any one feeling grieved, as he had not intended to single out any particular form of worship. But the learned Judge certainly made it distinctly understood that it was the Catholic Church and no other at which he aimed his undiplomatic remarks There can be no mistake about that He also feels that there is no apo logy to make, because, he said, he 'simply spoke as a Mason to Ma sons. In our order there is neither church nor creed. In our state it is not at all uncommon at the pubforced itself upon me that that form lic installation of Masonic officers of views of the Masonic order with those of any sect or church."

It is a notorious fact that whenever the Masons compare the work of their order with the work of religion, it is always the Catholic Church which is singled out for comparison and attack. Such has been the case throughout the cades and if the Masons had more respect for the Church we would have more respect for them. Church works for the entire world, for the Christian and the Pagan, for the believer and the unbeliever, the Masonic order works for the Masons only, and the work of the order is very exclusive, so very indeed, that it can charged with selfishness. That it is a power for good, socially and mogood work is so selfishly and ar rogantly confined within certain bounds of blind restriction that all which is grand and noble in

Roman Catholics who may have seen the Knights "Templar parading through the streets during the convention could not have failed to notice that the Sir Knights were large red crosses edged in white upon their

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Ah! But Catholics can understan and will forgive !

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Redmond, M.P., distribu to the students of St. lege in Holborn (Eng Hall. Long before 8 1 hall was already filled and friends, who were the doors and marshal wearing rosettes of the At the appointed hour mond entered the hall pany of the Rector, t Donnelly, S.J., and with enthusiastic apple Proceedings began v In a spirited prologi(Form I.) reminded hi

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SPEECH BY MR. J. 1

Mr. John Redmond, wh said that when the invi tend that function was him he felt, as a Catho Irishman, that he could it, when he was told t sence there would be us the smallest degree to religious education.

As an old Jesuit boy ed) and one whose hear reverence and gratitu great society to which I knowledge I owe so mu vitation came to me no compliment and hone command. I congratule my heart those who are for the management of a College, where is given sound religious educatio highest form of literar (Hear, hear.)

THE STRUGGLE IN MENT.

In Parliament we ha reached the end of one controversy about reli tion in the schools, and the physical and mental last few months and ou disappointments and fa to obtain justice, or to tection in the smallest our Catholic schools in try. I feel that we can one great consolation, least some reward for ou ing and seemingly fruitle is true that up to the have failed. The Ed will leave the House on Monday next in such not to offer justice or pr the Catholic schools in try. But I say to you t applause). And I say t fidently, that one of two inevitably occur-eith will never pass into lar else it will be amer passed in such a way as at least tolerable schools (applause). Be the struggle so far as we can lay to our cred achievement—I say that great debates which ha

ceeding now for cation question attitude of Cat question of edi