

needed, his birthplace speaks. This talented gentleman just completed a term of school at Miami, where he held the position of principal. We most cordially welcome Catholic teachers to our vast Territories and cannot resist a feeling of pardonable pride when they are of such talent as those attending the Normal this season.

Mr. and Mrs. Rimer have returned to Regina from Ottawa, where they resided for a number of years, we welcome them both to the capital again. Mrs. Rimer was a very energetic and highly capable member of the Altar Society, and we trust to see her resume her place in that society.

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Altar Society was held on Sunday, when arrangements were made concerning the Bazaar to be held this fall. **GENA MACFARLANE.**

CONSIDERATIONS OF CATHOLICISM, BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN.

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Dr. Ross, in the "Presbyterian Witness" informs us, with great satisfaction, that the world henceforth is no longer to be governed by an "infallible" personage.

This would be very sad, if we took Dr. Ross literally. All Christians believe that the world is being steadily directed toward a Divine consummation, under the governance of Jesus Christ, the personal union of whose Humanity with the Godhead necessarily renders His guidance of mankind infallible.

However, Dr. Ross would justly remonstrate against being supposed to deny, or to neglect the infallible, although invisible, control of Jesus Christ over the earth, and over the universe, which the high scientific authority of Alfred Russel Wallace insists on identifying with the earth and with that spiritual sphere which opens up from it. Dr. Ross would rightly contend that what he, and the colleagues from whom he quotes, mean, is, that in time to come the world and the Church will no longer own the government of any earthly mortal man as infallible.

Yet this saying, although true in itself, needs close attention before becoming true practically. In the sense in which the Church teaches that the pope is infallible at all, she recognizes this more distinctly now than ever. Before July 18, 1870, a Catholic who denied the Pope's definitory infallibility, in questions resting on Apostolic revelation, was viewed with much disfavor, but was not refused the sacraments. Since 1870 the revelation of this dogmatic infallibility of the Pope is a condition of communion.

On the other hand, the Church does not teach, and has never taught that the Pope's "government" is infallible. Here are the very words of the Pastoral of the Swiss bishops, issued in August, 1871, and confirmed by a Papal brief in November of the same year, as a sound exposition. They are therefore, although in form the words of the bishops, in fact the teachings of the Pope.

"The Pope is not infallible as a man, or a theologian, or a priest, or a bishop, or a temporal prince, or a judge, or a legislator, or in his political views, or even in his government of the Church."

I have quoted this papally ratified sentence I do not know how many times already, and if I should live to quote it a hundred thousand times more, I presume that the bulk, not of the Protestant world merely, but of the educated Protestant world, would still persevere in the sullen repetition of the same falsehoods. However, I mean to keep on. I will remember Robert Bruce and his spider, and will still hope for some sudden success to shine upon me. Indeed, I am advised that I have already converted one A. P. A., and, considering how much of a piece these gentlemen are, one of them ought to give hope of ten thousand, unless, indeed, this one had a touch of honesty which is not supposed to be common among these Amorrhceans, or Gomorrhceans, or whatever their true name may be. As my brother Faulkner of Dew encourages me, falsehood may be a stubborn rock, but the

continual droppings of truth will wear a hole through it at last.

What can Mr. J. S. Johnston say for himself, in view of this disclaimer of the Pope? Writing in the "Churchman" of July 30, he says: "Two systems are presented to us: The Roman, which is a despotism, pure and simple, demanding the absolute surrender of the intellect and the will to an authority which is supreme, and claimed to be infallible."

The connection shows that Mr. Johnston is speaking solely about the relations of the colored members of our American churches to the white; in other words, about a pure question of discipline, as to which the Church in general and the Pope in particular, expressly disclaims infallibility.

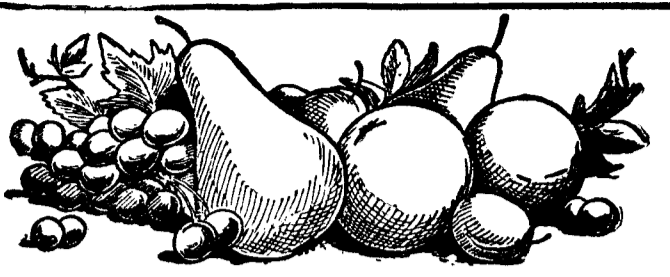
Now such a statement as that of Mr. Johnston is distinctly inexcusable, and therefore distinctly calumnious. No one of such standing as to be entitled to publish a long letter on church matters in an ecclesiastical organ ranking as high as the "Churchman" can be dispensed from knowing what the Roman Catholic doctrine of Infallibility is, and what it is not. For just thirty-four years there has been a constant flood of Protestant definitions and distortions of it. These have been met by a multitude of Roman Catholic explanations, limitations, avowals and disavowals, theological, episcopal and papal. Now either Mr. Johnston has seen enough of these to know what is meant by Papal Infallibility, or he has not. If he has not, why does he talk about the matter at all? If he has, why does he not tell the truth?

To be sure, his culpability is a slight thing compared with that of Dr. Gustavus Warneck, on account of the thorough German learning of Warneck, and his ripened age. When Leo XIII. conducts a purely disciplinary and diplomatic correspondence with Portugal, over the Indian bishoprics, Warneck, angry that the controversy has not, as good Protestants hoped, issued in a schism, reproaches the Pope with having published an "ex cathedra" decree out of worldly policy, although the agreement is not in the least dogmatic (how could there be a dogmatic "agreement" between the Pope and a King?) and although Leo's policy is the highly commendable policy of yielding in part to somewhat overbearing demands, rather than to hazard throwing a Catholic kingdom out of communion with the Church. Mr. Perkins, in his life of Mazarin, remarks on the slowness of Rome to provoke a breach, an unwillingness which is much to her credit, and which she may fairly claim to resemble St. Paul's inexhaustible patience with the refractory members of the church of Corinth.

Still, it can not be denied that the Pope, in coming to a final agreement, has disappointed the natural expectations of a good many pious Protestants, and if these should enter a complaint against his Holiness before the Hague Tribunal, the proceeding would certainly provoke a good deal of innocent hilarity.

Hobbes, we know, remarks that if a theorem of Euclid interfered with men's passions or desires, it would long since have been denied. How much more a proposition not self-evident, expressed in technical language, easy to be explained, but easy also to misrepresent, if one does not wish to understand it! Now the ruck of Protestants, and of Protestant ministers, devise explanations of the Pope's infallibility for no other end than to serve as cudgels to beat the Papists with. The question with them is not what Papal infallibility really means, but what it should mean in order to show that Rome, in propounding it, has departed from the very essence of the Faith. Now in order to do this they must be allowed to fashion the doctrine for themselves. What is the use of appealing to the Vatican Council? If that, indeed, had shown a proper and pious alacrity in meeting the wishes and interests of Protestantism, and had given some monstrous definition of Papal Infallibility, such as neither reason nor faith could stomach, you would have found these theological heroes up to their eyes in Vatican learning.

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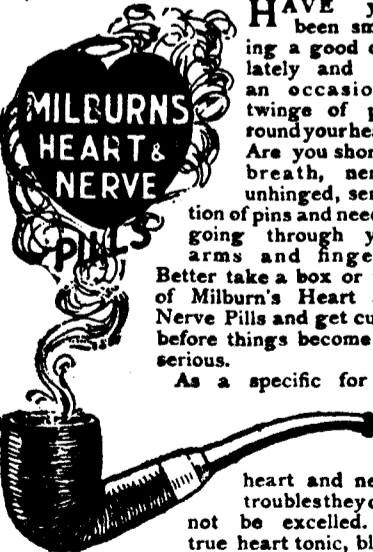
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as good as no hold at all. Then how can you expect them to concern themselves about the Vatican Council To use the vulgar slang, "they have no use for it." They must be allowed to be oecumenical council for themselves, and certainly the definitions which they give are various enough and preposterous enough to convict Rome, but for one reservation, of having taken leave alike of conscience and reason. The reservation is, that as she has given out none of these definitions, she naturally declines to be answerable for any one of them.

An intimate friend, of many years' standing, once wrote to me announcing a breach of our relations, on the ground of my defending certain Ritualists, as he called them, against grossly unjust imputations. He did not deny that I had made out my plea, but my sin in his eyes, was that I did not treat all Ritualists, of every sort, as beyond the pale of charity and justice. Even so a Presbyterian minister once wrote to me: "A man of your standing has no right to defend the Papists." Had I been ignorant, I might have been excused, but that I should speak from knowledge, was intolerable. However, the number of those is increasing who, with a former



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Moderator of the General Assembly, have thanked me, not so much for my articles as for having made them acquainted with a journal of so high a Christian character as the "Sacred Heart Review."

CHAS. C. STARBUCK.

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Canadian Pacific

Lv.	EAST	Ar.
Imp. Lim.	Selkirk, Rat Portage, Fort William, Port Arthur, Toronto, Detroit, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Boston, Portland, St. John, Halifax, daily	21 10
6 45	Molson, Buchan, Milner, Lac du Bonnet, daily	19 30
7 00	Selkirk, Molson, Rat Portage and intermediate points	18 30
8 00	Keewatin, Rat Portage, during July and August, only	12 00
13 30	Keewatin, Rat Portage, Fort William, Port Arthur, Toronto, Detroit, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Montreal, Quebec, New York, Boston, Portland, St. John, Halifax, and all points east, daily	8 30
Tr'ns Pass.	WEST Portage la Prairie, Gladstone, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Yorkton, and intermediate points, daily except Sun. Morris, Winkler, Morden, Manitou, Pilot Mound, Crystal City, Killarney, Boissevain, Deloraine, and intermediate points, daily except Sun.	17 00
7 45	Portage la Prairie, MacGregor, Carberry, Brandon, Oak Lake, Virden, Elkhorn, Moosomin, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Banff, Revelstoke, and all points on Pacific Coast; Lethbridge, McLeod, Fernie, and all points in East and West	19 00
8 50	Kootenay, Headingley, Carman, Holland, Cypress River, Glenboro, Souris and intermediate points, daily except Sun.	15 20
9 40	Portage la Prairie, Carberry, Brandon, and intermediate points, daily ex Sun	12 20
16 40	Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Broadview, Regina, Moose Jaw, Medicine Hat, Calgary, Banff, Revelstoke, and all points on Pacific Coast and in East and West	5 55
Imp. Lim.	22 00 Kootenay, daily	
	NORTH Stony Mountain, Stonewall, Balmoral, Teulon, daily except Sunday	10 20
16 00	Middlechurch, Parkdale, Victoria Park, Lower Fort Garry, West Selkirk, Clendeboye, Netley, and Winnipeg Beach, Tues., Thurs., Sat.	9 45
16 15	Winnipeg Beach, Mon., Wed., Fri.	8 45
17 15	Winnipeg Beach, Tues., Thurs., Sat.	
	SOUTH Morris, Gretna, Grafton, Grand Forks, Crookston, Fargo, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Chicago, and all points south, daily	13 40
14 00	St. Norbert, Carey, Arnaud, Dominion City, Emerson, daily except Sunday	10 45

Canadian Northern

Lv.	EAST	Ar.
50	"The Steamship Limited." St. Anne, Giroux, Warroad, Beaudette, Rainy River, Pinewood, Emo, Fort Frances, Mine Centre, Atikokan, Stanley Jct., Fort William, Port Arthur, daily	10 30
8 00	Lorette, St. Anne, Giroux, La Broquerie, Warroad, Beaudette, Rainy River, and all intermediate points, Mon., Wed., Fri.	18 30
	Tues., Thurs., Sat.	
	SOUTH Twin City Express between Winnipeg, Minneapolis and St. Paul, 14hrs. 20min., via Can. Nor. and Great Nor. Rys. Morris, Emerson, St. Vincent, Crookston, Fergus Falls, Sauk Centre, St. Cloud, Elk River, Minneapolis, St. Paul, daily	10 10
17 20	Minneapolis and St. Paul Express via Can. Nor. and Nor. Pac. Rys. Morris, St. Jean, Letellier, Emerson, Pembina, Grafton, Grand Forks, Crookston, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, The Superiors, St. Paul, daily	13 30
	WEST Headingley, Eli, Portage la Prairie, Gladstone, Dauphin, and all intermediate points, Tues., Thurs., Sat.	16 15
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	Bowman, Birch River, Erwood and intermediate points, Mon., Wed., Fri.	16 15
10 45	Fork River, Winnipegosis, Fri., Sat.	16 15
10 45	Oak Bluff, Carman, Leary's and intermediate points, Mon., Wed., Fri.	17 50
7 00	St. Norbert, Morris, Roland, Wawanesa, Brandon, Hartney, and intermediate points, daily except Sun.	16 30