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To the Editor of the Canada and the set of the Catholic State of the set of t

he faithful. sesing you, and wishing you success. Believe me, to remain. Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ, t D. FALCONIO, Arch. of Larissa. Abost. Deleg.

LONDON, SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 1902.

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISM IN GER-MANY.

The German Emperor William has issued a decree which forbids under severe penalties any member of the German army, court, State or Church Science method. This seems at first as citizens of the United States. sight to be a penal law against a religious cult, and we have no doubt the Christian Scientists will represent it in and ex-Minister Heard, who formerly of persecution; but the disastrous re- Republic of Liberia. sults of the medical treatment used by the Christian Scientists are so serious as to justify the Emperor's course in endeavoring to prevent the spread of framed their constitutions that they the cult.

ECCLESIASTICS BECOME MAN-DARINS IN CHINA.

Despatches from China show that the Right Rev. Bishop Anzer has received from the Empress of China the high dignity of a mandarin of the first class.

Notwithstanding the part which the Empress took in the encouragement of create on the public mind that Cathothe Boxers in their assaults upon all lics and Catholic countries are behind foreigners and on Christian natives, she the age in education and science, it tas a real respect for the Catholic re- still appears than in electricity Catholigion and manifests it by this new lie scientists take the lead. The honor conferred upon a Catholic Bishop. names of the Galvanic battery and Vol-

the Province of Chih-li, has been named as a mandarin of the second class, the still incomprehensible force which we badge of which is the peacock's feather. call electricity to do work for mankind. The imperial decree confirming this ap- To Roentgen and Nicholas Tessla we pointment is to be issued immediately. are indebted for the discovery of the Father Becker was recommended for this position by the Viceroy Youen-Che-Kai and the Governor of the Province. Marconi, an Italian Catholic, is the first

dignity conferred by these honors that out the use of wires, and Lord Kelvin, they have been accepted, but because an English Catholic, is to-day the greatthey give an opportunity to protect est authority on electrical machinery.

Lutheran, but after sentence he desired soever the aeronaut desires. It is still the consolations of the Catholic religion, and was attended to the scaffold by a Jesuit Father. The wantonness of the murder of the

boy Marotte added to the atrocity of the case, and there can scarcely be imagined a more terrible instance of the

horrible consequences which arise out of the vice of intemperance. Young men especially should take the lesson to heart, and resolve to avoid insidious temptation of the strong drink. The culprit, in this instance died penitent; but how numerous are the instances when those addicted to intemperance are called to render an account of their lives so suddenly and unexpectedly that they have no opportunity for penitence! Safety lies in total abstinence

from intoxicating drinks. PROPOSED EXPATRIATION OF

THE NEGRO RACE.

The negroes of the United States have shown by their recent demand on the President and Congress that they have very practical notions of what will be good for them; for at the recent session of the International Immigration and Commercial Association, which is a negro organization which recently met at Chattanooga, Tennessee, they re-

solved to petition for an appropriation of \$500,000,000 to assist their race to leave the country. Their reason for taking this course is

that they have arrived at the conclusion that the whites persist and will continue to persist in denying to them to join the Christian Science sect or to all social and political recognition, and be treated for diseases in the Christian in violating their constitutional rights

The leading spirits in the Convention of the Association are Bishop Turner this light, and will consider it as an act represented the United States in the

The negroes have certainly much to complain of in the treatment they have received in those States which have so will be permanently deprived of votes, but it can scarcely be conceived that the whites will partially repair the injury at such a price as is demanded.

SOME USEFUL INVENTIONS BY CATHOLICS.

Notwithstanding the impression which many Protestant polemists endeavor to It is further announced that the Rev. taic pile still indicate that the world is Father Becker, a Jesuit missionary in indebted to the Catholics Galvanni and Volta for having first harnessed that wonderful X rays, and the many uses to which these rays have been employed. It is not for the sake of the political to send telegrams over the ocean with-

We cannot answer for the entire

In aerial navigation also the most

Messrs. Flammarion and de Fouvielle

Hansen, like most Swedes, had been a balloon can be controlled to go whitherment of this realm necessary to find means to protect the

balloon against injury by strong winds, made in this direction by Mr. Santos-quasi-editor, Mr. Runions, who says : Dumont's invention.

M. POBIEDNOSTZEFF'S RETIRE-MENT.

The people of Russia have been great- all nations." ly surprised by the unexpected anuncement of the resignation of M. Poblednostzeff, the Procurator of the Holy Synod of the Russian Church.

In the exercise of his power as procurator M. Pobiednostzeff was practical- that of Mr. Runions) " to protest ly absolute, and it was through his influence that the persecutions of Jews, Catholics and Protestants of every shade of belief found in the Empire, as Lutherans, Stundists, Mennonites and Donkhobors, were carried out.

Mr. Pobiednostzeff is described as an astute official, and not cruel in his gen- King Edward VII.'s loyal subjects! And eral disposition; yet in practice, so far the means whereby such freedom as the matter of religion is concerned, of conscience is to be secured is by conhe is remorseless, and to him are at- tinuing to require the King to take an tributed all the religious persecutions to oath which is false, blasphemous and which those who would not conform to the Russian Schismatical Church were subjected, whether Jews or Christians. Thus the cruelties enacted against the Jews, equally with those practiced up- ance !" This hypotrisy reminds us of on the Poles during many years past Shakespeare's dictum : are all said to have been perpetrated at his suggestion. The secret of his per-

secuting measures is said to be that he was thoroughly of the conviction that the Greek Schismatical Church is the only true Church of Christ, and that members of other churches ought to give up their specific creeds, and acknowledge that the Czar is for Russia the divinely appointed supreme head of

the Church. Consequently upon this conviction, he considers the nonacknowledgment of this prerogative of the Emperor as an act of high treason, deserving of the severest punishment. It has been supposed that the Emperor was very much under the influence of M. Pobiednostzeff; and this was probably true, as otherwise the cruelties exercised against all who were not of the "orthodox" Russian Church would have been sufficient reason for depriving him of his position as procurator of the Holy Synod, in which he

has been firmly rooted for so long a period. It is not, therefore, because of his manner of exercising absolute authority that he has resigned. In fact the reason publicly assigned for his resignation is that he fears that Reporter flaunts so confidently as should he continue in office, he will soon be a victim of the assassin's dagger or bomb.

The assassination of M. Sipyaguine late Minister of the Interior, and of other occupants of high official positions, has shown that the Revolutionary party are in dreadful earnest for the punishment of those to whom they attribute the misgovernment of the country, and as one of those responsible for this, M. Pobiednostzeff has received several anonymous letters warning him that he will be the next victim. He has learned by experience that such letters are very frequently followed up by deeds, and he has therefore determined to avert the impending nemesis by giving up his position in the govern-

inherit or enjoy the Crown and Govern-The infallibility and good sense of maintained by the Reporter and its " In short it means that since the days of James the second, no Roman Catholic or King or Queen shall ever sit upon the throne of Great Britain. This should be vigorously maintained for e good, the peace and prosperity of Further on the same writer calls

upon all true lovers of freedom of conscience to sign petitions and send them in to Rapid City Reporter office or to another address given (presumably against any change in the Bill of Rights and the Coronation oath."

So it is the notion of the Reporter and its quasi-editor that true freedom of conscience consists in imposing disabilities upon and grossly insulting the twelve millions of Catholics who are insulting to such loyal subjects. In the face of this intolerance, the writer declares that " our Rapid City friends should themselves learn the art of toler-

"An evil soul producing holy witness Is like a villain with a smiling check; A goodly apple, rotten at the heart : O what a goodly outside falsehood hath!"

The Reporter writer evidently believes or wishes the public to believe that anything that the British Parliament ever decrees against Catholics must necessarily be righteous and wise.

In opposition to this we may put the reasonable words of one of J. Fennimore Cooper's characters :

"It is a great mistake to fancy that the highest duty a man owes is either to his ship or to his country. The highest duty of each and all of us is to God; and whatever conflicts with that duty must be avoided as a transgression of His laws, and consequently as sin. If Decatur ever really said 'Our counit must be taken try, right or wrong,' ith the fair limitations that he probably intended should accompany the sentiment; but if he meant it an absolute and controlling principle, it was not possible to be more in error. In this last sense, such a rule of con duct would, and in old times often would have justified idolatry, nay it is a species of idolatry in itself since it is before God." (Rev. putting country before Go Mr. Hollins in Jock Tier.)

In reference to this special legislation, " the Bill of Rights," which the something so sacred that it should never be changed, Lord Macaulay in his History of England says : "Burnet boasts that this part of the Bill of Rights was his work. He had little reason to boast ; for a more wretched specimen of legislative workmanship will not easily be found." He then points out that the very word " Papist' used in this Bill " is not a word of definite signification either in law or in theology. It is merely a popular nickname and means very different things in different months." As a con sequence, he shows that no legal tribunal could go into the question whether or not the case in point had

It is certainly not to pray for the schools in Quebec differs from that of dead or to better their state in any Ontario, it is somewhat difficult to arway, inasmuch as they declare that rive at the exact figures of the childthis Bill of Rights is practically praying for the dead is a superstitious ren of the same grade, attending school practice. There is no other pur- in the two provinces for the purposes therefore, in Protestant of comparison. But the following funcral services than to per- figures are given in the Dominion Stavert the worship of God for the glori- tistical Year-Book for 1901, affording fication of man. The Catholic Church, us a means of ascertaining very nearly which being the Church of God, has the the actual state of the case.

glory of God in view, cannot turn her The population of Ontario is 2.182. liturgy into a means of pandering to 947; that of Quebec, 1,648,898. human vanity. We must therefore not The number of children attending regard the case from the point of view Elementary (Public) High, Model and of honoring the dead sovereign, but Normal Kindergarten schools in Ontario must look at it from the standpoint of during the year was 485,372 and their the honor due to God, and the facilita- average attendance was 276,661. In the Public schools the average tion of the salvation of the souls of

men, independently of royalty. attendance of pupils on the roll was The most essential part of Catholic 56.9 per cent of the total. worship is the sacrifice of the Mass with which the doctrine of the Real the Elementary and Model schools, Presence of Christ in the Sacrament of academies and colleges, the average the Eucharist is inseparably connected, attendance in the elementary schools and this is the very doctrine of the Cath. being 69 per cent. of the number of olic Church which the late Queen at her children on the roll. From these figures coronation, and King Edward VII. at it appears that the number attending the opening of Parliament swore to be school for some time during the " idolatrous and superstitious." year in Ontario was actually Should we, therefore, offer publicly the larger than the number attending Mass for the queen in the face of the in Quebec, allowing for the difference fact that she solemnly denounced it as an act of idolatry, and never retracted

the population, while Quebec gives only that denunciation ? To do so would be almost if not 19.45 per cent. This difference may probably be accounted for by the fact quite a denial of God's supreme dominion over all creatures, and the Cathothat there is a larger percentage of the lics Church does not tolerate such an people of Quebec in poorer circuminjury to God even for the sake of stances, on account of which they are obliged to keep their children at home pleasing royal personages.

Nevertheless, we recognize that Christ to help in earning a livelihood for their instituted the sacraments and the esfamilies. However, as the children sential part of the Catholic liturgy for who actually attend school in Quebec man's sake ; and so private prayers for are evidently more regular in their atthe dead queen could be offered to tendance in the ratio of 690 to 569, the God, and even private Masses cele- actual school work done in Quebec is brated for her without ostentation. As a matter of charity

this has been done by many priests or tions. It is thus clearly established that Catholic lay people. We were even informed by telegraph from Rome that neither province has very much superthe Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII. prayed iority to boast of in regard to the secin presence of Christ in the Holy Euchular education of the children, and the arist for a long time for Queen Victoria Rev. Mr. Lewis' boast has no solid when her death was announced to him ; basis on which to rest. but the public solemn services of the There may be a larger proportion of Church were not celebrated for the elderly adults in Quebec unable to repose of her soul, because it would write their names, but these come from savor of an insult to God to make a the education of an earlier period in the history of the country when the public and ostentatious offering up of the sacrifice of the Mass for one who facilities for education were fewer than had ostentatiously, and from earthly they are to-day. At the present time, motives, denounced that sacrifice as Ontario has but little if any right to claim a superiority in regard even to idolatrous.

Catholics have on many occasions secular education. But there is a feaproved their loyalty to the queen, but ture in the matter in which Quebec that loyalty is not to be manifested by may justly claim the superiority; that is in regard to the religious education of acts of disloyalty to God, or disobedience to the general laws of the Caththe children. In Quebec this is careolic Church: for "we ought to obey fully attended to, whereas in the On-God rather than men." (Acts v. 29.)

ON THE TORONTO SYNOD FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The question of aiding the Sabrevois tario education, passed a resolution mission was raised in the Anglican complaining of this neglect as danger-Synod of the diocese of Toronto at the ous to public morals, and demanding session of Wednesday, the 11th inst. from the Government that some-This mission is kept up at Sabrevois, thing more should be done in Quebec, for the purpose of converting this regard than has hitherthe French Canadian Catholics to to been possible in the schools. Anglicanism. Other denominations The teaching of religion is the special have also a few missions in that pro- sphere which belongs to the Church, vince for like purposes. The discus- rather than that of secular studies. solved from his allegiance on the plea sion was raised by an appeal for aid for The Rev. Mr. Lewis, therefore, is in a

vocated the sending of a evangelization. Thus th Kuhring admitted, unv the very existence of England is at stake " in of Quebec, inasmuch as communities are becomin Notwithstanding this boding, Mr. S. H. Blak he was glad to know that

doing aggressive work. that he once encourage service in a French v died when the priest for to attend." The priest exactly what it was his the fact shows that ho sive" may be the Prote ies in Quebec, their effe being successful. Ner Blake declared that he give \$100 toward pay

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the Sabrevois mission. tion may end similarly gave on the previous o he refers-in the death Mr. A. Evans of To have spoken the most who had anything to sa

of the "aggressive mis " The movement app of the French-Canadia treated two million Can wera Hottentots or Borneo. We canno French-Canadians do French-Canadians do Scriptures. They hav brought in their ow acquaintance. He p treating two millio though they were would we think if the of Quebec sent miss the gospel to the peop

> PILGRIMAGE TO T. ST. ANNE DE

The annual Ontario rine of St. Anne d Quebec) will take p Tuesday, July 22nd. e patronage of the bishop of Kingston at the Rev. D. A. Twon Ont., to whom all c garding rates and addressed. Further later issue of the CA

THE VALUE OF T ME

Rev. H. E. O'Grady, M Since the Easterfive missions. In were return visits, I early in the season. return visits, and e the people both be lectures, I find that hed. Those complished. Those Church are prepare anything about a r a strange being to tell you this : "You s · I don't believ stand a priest." before, the great of the clergy, and this not understood. It engaged in this wor satisfied with result ments in the hand this prejudice. Du I have visited town thousand people wh the first time. The sionary will under object of great cur I judged from the put to me that the inxious to find o priests and, as the liar way of living, planations of the

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proportioned to that done in Ontario in

the ratio of 235 to 222 in equal popula-

tario schools it is neglected to such a

degree that the same Toronto Synod be-

fore which Rev. Mr. Lewis boasted so

loudly about the superiority of On-

Chinese Christians from the exactions and oppressions frequently practiced by Chinese officials on those who are not protected by officers who have real powers in the Empire.

A RESULT OF DRINK.

The concluding scene of a sad trag- and a child can manage the distributing edy in real life was enacted in Montreal machinery. It is said that the discovery will revolutionize the preparaon Friday the 13th inst., at 8 o'clock a. m., being the exceated of Thorvald tion and distribution of electric power. Hansen, a Swede, for the murder of a boy named Eric Marotte, in Westmount, truth of this statement, as the discovery must yet be tested to the satisfaction near Montreal, last October.

The murder, which was most wan, of electrical engineers; but we may ton and unprovoked, was direct conse- safely say that electricity is a sphere in which Catholic discoverers and inventquence of Hansen's insatiable appetite ors have greatly distinguished themfor intoxicating drink.

To so degraded a condition had he selves. fallen that it was his chief aim in life important inventions have been made to find means for the purchase of liquor, and it was to get some opportunity by Catholics. The first balloon was sent up by Messrs. Stephen and Joseph of obtaining drink that he was prowling about Westmount on the morning of Montgolfier, two fervent French Catholic engineers who invented also the the murder.

The boy Marotte was recurning home hydraulic ram, one of the simplest and in the evening from the house of a surest methods of raising a constant relativo, and was jingling a few cents supply of water to a great height by in his pocket when he met Hansen. means of an instrument which works The details of the encounter are not automatically, and which may be easily known as Hansen was so muddled with made so strong as almost not to get out liquor that he could not remember more of order by any amount of usage. The Messrs. Montgolfier sent up the than that he attacked and killed the

in front of the parent college of the then threw the body over a fence to a Basilian order which has charge of St. wacant lot near by where it was after-Michael's College, Toronto, and Asward found by the searchers. A few sumption College, Sandwich. In the hours after committing the deed, Han-College of Annonay these famous sen went to the City Central Police aeronauts received their education. Station and told the police that he had killed the boy ; but he was unable to of Paris used the balloon during the last tell further details than we have here half of the nineteenth century with given.

great success in making scientific ob-Other circumstances were brought out at the trial which left no doubt of servation, but the most remarkable feat in aeronautics was that performed the guilt of the accused, and he was recently by Mr. Santos-Dumont, a accordingly found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. The sentence of the law was carried out on June 13th.

A Spanish Catholic, named Sig ment of the country. Figueras, a prominent engineer of Las

Palnias on the Canary Islands, now an-It is said of M. Poblednostzeff that when the persecution of the Jews was nounces that he has discovered a method of utilizing atmospheric electat its height, he was asked what would ricity without chemicals or dynamos so be the result, whereupon he answered as to store it for use for any purpose, "one-third will become orthodox Russians, a third will leave the country and a third will starve."

This is very nearly what really happened, so that his foresight was not at fault, though his cruelty is deserving of the greatest blame. But he now foresees that his policy is dangerous to himself personally, and as he desires not the honors due to a martyr, he meets the emergency by retiring from office.

At all events, greater toleration may be the result of M. Pobiednostzeff's retirement ; and should this be the case that retirement from office may be the beginning of a more merciful policy of the Empire in regard to religion.

THE MARQUETTE REPORTER ON THE "CORONATION OATH."

Our attention has been directed to an article on the "Coronation Oath" which appeared in the editorial columns of the Marquette Reporter of May 15th, a journal pubboy in order to get his money. He first balloon at Annonay, in France, lished in Rapid City, Manitoba. The reference thereto so long after its appearance arises from the fact that it was only this week that it was brought to our notice.

Though the article appears as an editorial, it bears the signature of J. W. Runions, and we presume, therefore, that it expresses the sentiments both of the editor and of Mr. Runions. It opens by quoting a proviso of the Bill of Rights, as follows:

" That all persons who shall hold communion with the Church of fervent and practical Brazilian Catho-lic who was the first to show that a cluded and forever incapable to possess,

that the sovereign was "a Papist" or had "married a Papist." And it is Marquette Reporter and Mr. Runions propose to petition the British Parlia. ment to retain. These gentleman are quite as insenate as the legislation itself.

arisen when a subject would be ab-

But we are happy in being able to assure them that in spite of all the intolerant energy they may display to make themselves ridiculous by getting up and forwarding petitions to Westminister for the retention of the " Coronation oath," the repeal of that precious piece of perjury is an event of the near future. It is now admitted by all reasonable people that it ought to experience in Quebec was that a large be repealed, and even the Archbishop of Canterbury is an advocate for changing it substantially, thus acknowledging its absurdity, notwithstanding the share which his brother Bishop had in

its composition. We must now say something of the very serious charge of disloyalty brought against the Catholics of England and Canada by the Reporter writer, on the plea that they did not go wild in the celebration of ostentatious funeral services on the death of Queen

Victoria in January 1901. In answer to this, we premise that the manner in which God, and not man it differs from all man-made religions. denominations may, therefore, very appropriately, perhaps, use liturgies object, but the Catholic Church cannot loyalty, and the objective be a royal person, whether King or Queen.

Protestant denominations any funeral to all others in this regard. services at all ?

the Sabrevois mission presented by glass house while he is throwing stones this nonsensical legislation that the Archdeacon Ker and Mr. George at the Catholic Church in Quebec on the score of negligence in the discharge Hague of Montreal.

of its duties. It is in the schools of The Rev. G. A. Kuhring of Toronto spoke of "the importance of the Pro- Ontario, and not in those of Quebec, testant Churches going among the that there is an almost total neglect of French people." "The one solution religious and moral teaching.

number enrolled.

Ontario Protestants ?

As Rev. Mr. Lewis makes what he as-

serts to be a dereliction of duty on the

to convert its people, does it not follow

that the Protestant Churches of Ontario

children at school, and that Catholic

missionaries are needed to convert the

It is a poor rule that does not work

of a united Canada," he said, " lay in While on this subject will be appropriate to say a word on the Catholic the evangelization of the French." Separate schools of Ontario. Accord-Of course the success of the mission ing to the figures given in the Yearin converting the French Canadians Book already quoted, there were 420,was dwelt upon at length by the speak-097 children registered on the Public ers who were urging the sending of a School rolls, with an average attendance contributions for its support. The Rev. J. P. Lewis " saw the hand of of 237,306. In the Catholic Separate God in the success of the mission. His schools, there were 42,397 children with an average attendance of 25,875. The total average attendance at the eleproportion of the people cannot sign mentary schools of Ontario, we have altheir names. The Church of Rome." ready stated to be 56.9 per cent of the he declared, " is responsible for this, pupils on the rolls; but when we separhaving been in charge of the education ate the Catholic from the Public of the province from the beginning, school attendance, we find the average and having certainly left much to be attendance at the Public schools to be done from an educational point of 56.5 per cent., while that at the Cathoview." lic schools goes up to 61 per cent. of the

The statements of this rev. gentleman are not in accordance with the official statement of facts in connection with the progress of religion and education. As regards the education of part of the Catholic Church of Quebec the people of Quebec we have the re- in the matter of education, a reason why

the Catholic Church sets before us partment which, show that the attendance at school in that province is conis to be worshipped. In this respect siderably higher in proportion to popu- are derelict in their duty of keeping the lation than it is in Ontario, and this The Church of England and other such has been the case for a long period, year after year. Under such circumstances, it cannot be true that educa-

It is not necessary we should enter into details to show that the Rev. Mr. do this, even though the pretence be tario has produced excellent results in educating the rising generation ; but Lewis is drawing the long bow when he this province is not thereby justified in

amply refuted by other clergymen of

but in a partic against the clerg cinal objections cipal objections priests is that th overbearing and every priest in A move this prejudi cial relations with the Church. I c cipal work of the evoted his life non-Catholics is t Let the mission and zeal show th important work.

by those outside haps this is the i dition the missic tend with. They evidently take g structions, and s but that ends it. The late Bisho great missionary o instruct non

special talent fo Lent of his li sermons in the the principal te The church w

night with the city. After Ea was finished, th gratulations and body ; but, as b some few we ask for furth ing impression made. As I to repeat now, were made. receive conver The real first to remov econdly, to j vork. I speak of Bi

this account of a great mission The presentishop has t Bishop opportunities nand and the ful. In the equally as int and the futur

which have man for their ultimate tion is in a backward state. We do both ways. not deny that the School system of On-

speaks of the great success of the Sabrevois mission, for this assertion was Yet, with what object have these proclaiming itself immensely superior

Owing to the fact that the grading of the Synod, and even by those who ad-

ports issued by the Educational De- Quebec needs Protestant missionaries