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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 13th, 1905.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is imbued with intelligence and ability, and above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

Mr. Thomas Coffey. For some time past I have read your estimable paper, the CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Hail day of days! In praise of praise Throughout all ages owned

When Christ our God hell's powers down And high o'er heaven was throned.

Next Sunday will be Easter Sunday, the day of Christ's Resurrection from the dead, glorious, triumphant, and immortal.

The above words taken from a hymn written over thirteen centuries ago show that the faith of the Catholic Church is unchangeable.

Easter Sunday is called the day of days because it is the most joyous feast of the year, the day of the triumph of our Blessed Redeemer over death and all the powers of hell, and of man's salvation.

Hence, to this day the Church applies to the festival of Easter the words of the prophet. (Ps. cxvii. 24.)

"This is the day which the Lord hath made: Let us be glad and rejoice therein."

The world was redeemed, heaven being opened to mankind, and the powers of darkness overthrown by the atonement which Jesus Christ made for sin by His death on the cross on Good Friday.

But the complete triumph over these powers was not accomplished until on Easter Sunday He rose from the dead, thus treading underfoot the powers of hell arrayed against Him.

This report of the soldiers is evidently false, for it is not customary for soldiers to sleep at the posts at which they are placed on guard, and the soldiers of the Roman Empire were peculiarly careful to observe their duties.

It was this obedience to the call of duty which enabled the Roman Empire to conquer and rule all the nations around, so that at this very period they were masters of nearly all Europe, and a great territory in Asia and Africa.

Further, the Apostles were in terror owing to the death of their Master, for they feared that if they showed themselves at this moment they would share His fate.

They all abandoned Him through fear while He was being led to Mount Calvary, and it is inconceivable that they should dare to go to the sepulchre to steal away the body, whereas they knew that they would have to contend with a guard of soldiers before they could succeed.

There is no solution of the difficulty except that which the Christian religion gives, that Christ's body was not found in the sepulchre, because He had risen from the dead.

The Resurrection of Jesus, besides being the crowning act of our redemption, is declared by St. Paul to be the fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion, so that "if Christ be not risen again, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

Yes, and we are found false witnesses of God, because we have given testimony against God that He hath raised up if the dead rise not again. For if the dead rise not again neither is Christ risen again, and if Christ be not risen again, your faith is vain, for you are yet in your sins.

Therefore they also who have slept in Christ have perished."

Further, the apostle says: "Now if Christ be preached, that He arose again from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen again."

Thus it appears that not only is the resurrection of Christ the basic truth of our religion, but it is the guarantee that God will raise mankind from the dead on the last day, that the just may be duly rewarded and the wicked pun-

ished, in their true personality, made up of body and soul, and that for all those who shall have loved and served God on earth there shall be prepared the crown of glory which, according to the same apostle, a just Judge shall bestow upon all who do His will.

It was because of the importance of this mystery of Christ's Resurrection that Christ remained on earth for forty days after rising from the dead.

As this was to be the chief miracle whereby Christ's divinity should be proved, it was necessary that the truth should be made absolutely sure to the apostles, and this could be done only by their seeing Him many times, and conversing with Him, and keeping His company for a length of time.

It follows, also, from these considerations that those modern neologists who pretend to be Christians, and yet deny the resurrection of Christ, as well as His other miracles, destroy the very foundation on which Christianity is built, and are not deserving of the Christian name which they assume.

PROFIT-SHARING OR CO-OPERATION

Leo XIII. expressed the desire that the Guilds of Catholic times should be restored with such modifications as the changed conditions of the times demand.

One essential difference between the Guilds and modern Trades Unions is that the former united all the interests of the trade, temporal and spiritual; masters and workmen were united in this identity of interests.

Whereas present day Labor Unions are, as a rule, bitterly antagonistic to Capital.

Though the religious conditions in the English-speaking world may preclude religion from its old time influence, still the spirit of Christianity might have a much greater share in solving the industrial problem.

This is by no means an isolated instance of Protestant intolerance and injustice in Ireland; but a plethora of statistics is confusing; this will do for a sample.

Some idea of the mean-spirited bigotry that animates these "loyalists" may be gathered from the following letter:

Private 22 July, 1904.

Dear Sir,—We hope that you will be able to attend the meeting of the Ennis-

killen Board of Guardians at the Workhouse, Enniskillen, on Tuesday next, July 26th, at 11 o'clock a.m., when an election will take place for the position of caretaker for the Florencecourt Dispensary District.

We hear that there will be a Protestant candidate for the post and if every Unionist Poor Law Guardian attends, she should have a good chance of being elected.

Therefore on behalf of the Protestant inhabitants of Florencecourt Dispensary District, we earnestly trust that you will do your utmost to attend.

Yours truly, William Elliott, Claudius W. Reid, Henry Lyons, Wm. J. Burrows.

Small wonder that John Redmond complains of the paid emissaries of the Ulster unionists going from house to house in England to canvass against Home Rule.

One can not reach the private slander any more than one can answer the arguments used in the lodges. But the Ulster unionists are wise in their generation.

Bearing false witness in the dark is safe, while on the public platform such misrepresentation could easily be triumphantly refuted.

THE STRUGGLE FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Constant and ever-widening is the effort to make better the sanitary and hygienic conditions under which the mass of the people live.

Worthy of all praise and co-operation is this movement; but there is an atmosphere morally vitiated that needs purifying and conditions that imperil the spiritual health that need amelioration.

Both the one and the other are reached by an extremely practical scheme originated by Father James Curry of New York City.

This is none other than an ordinance, defeated last year, but about to be re-introduced in the Board of Aldermen, to compel the placing of a plate, bearing the name of the owner, on every public building in the city.

The object is to let the light of publicity fix the responsibility for unsanitary tenements, law-breaking saloons, houses of prostitution and other such places, the revenue from which may go into the private coffers of highly respected citizens.

We congratulate Father Curry, and we hope that in his fight for the poor, whom he loves and amongst whom he works, he will be able to overcome the pharisaism and cupidity of the rich who are responsible for the conditions that he is seeking to better.

Father Curry's action is an inspiration to Catholics everywhere to do something practical in the fight against moral contagion and disease.

The Bishops of Ireland have all referred to the spread of immoral literature amongst the Irish people, and issued the most solemn warning with regard to its pernicious effects.

Eminent practical means have been taken by the Catholic laity to extirpate this evil. The conditions here may not permit our following the same lines, but there is something that is as feasible as it is

desirable; and that is the exercise of supervision over the book-shelves of public libraries that are now found even in every village.

At the Ecumenical Methodist Conference last fall, in Toronto, we noted the following:

"I'm appalled at the rotten literature which is flooding our country," stated Rev. Dr. Alexander.

"There are pernicious books circulating by the million, sometimes by public libraries, sometimes even by our Methodist publishing houses. I won't tell you the name of a vile book I found circulating in a girls' school, because you would all go and get the book."

The reverend gentleman was, no doubt, facetious; but there is a modicum of truth in the reason for his reserve.

Often one merely advertises a bad book by calling public attention to it, and, alas! it may be only the more widely read. But in many cases there are decent and reasonable men on the Library Board who will retire the book from circulation when their attention is quietly called to it.

Unfortunately some of the vilest books are issued in the name of religion or religious controversy; probably it was to them that Rev. Dr. Alexander referred when he said that some of the pernicious books were the product of Methodist publishing houses.

Books unfair to Catholics, if they can not be banished from our public libraries, should at least have their Catholic refutation side by side with them.

There are practical methods within the reach of every intelligent Catholic, to help purify the intellectual and moral atmosphere created by public libraries.

And let us not forget that we have equal rights with Protestants in the public libraries, and though prudence may dictate quiet intervention in any particular case, we should feel that we are asserting a right, not asking a favor.

AN AMUSING CULT

A subscriber writes us that it would, to his mind, be advisable to omit all editorial reference to the escapades of the members of the Orange Grand Lodges, and suggests that we should merely print full reports of their proceedings as they appear in the daily papers.

The resolutions duly proposed and duly passed with unanimity and acclamation by the different Orange bodies—north, south, east and west—read like an infringement of the copyright of the publishers of Mark Twain's works.

Take as an example the action of the Grand Black Chapter—we may here recall the fact that Detroit's Lime Kiln Club was also a Black Chapter in regard to Irish Home Rule.

With due solemnity and apparent earnestness, accompanied by resounding and enthusiastic applause, the sum of \$200 was extracted from the Black Chapter safe, and dispatched to Belfast to stay the onward march of Home Rule.

Two hundred dollars make £40 and £40 would buy eight rifles, and eight rifles would arm that number of Orangemen and that number of Orangemen would be the ditches of Ulster, and they would invite the British army to "come on."

To show the similarity between the Black Chapter of Detroit and the Black Chapter of Ontario East and the Black Chapter of Ontario West, we might recall the fact that at the meetings of the first named, Brother Gardner, the President, was wont to fine the members \$50,000 when they were out of order.

The financial transactions of each are equally amusing. For the average Orangeman we have much respect. He is a good citizen and a kind neighbor.

But it is one of the mysteries that he does not appraise at its proper value the motives of the Orange Ward Boss, who is but using him for selfish ends.

The Ward Boss loves to be elected to some position in the Order, and a joyful day is it for him when he dons the Grand Master's regalia. He is then comfortably on the road to his goal, an office of some sort. It may be a position in the civil service, a judgeship, a mayoralty, a seat in Parliament, and last, but not least, a seat at the Council table of the Dominion or Provincial governments.

Beware of these Orange orators, Protestant young men! They are but looking for your votes, and playing upon your prejudices.

THE PRIEST

We are a priest-loving race. We have all reverence for the representative of Christ. By baptism he gives us spiritual life. By his teaching he preserves for us our faith, than which there can be no greater gift.

This faith which he gives and preserves we cannot acquire. It is due to no merit, however great on our part. And yet if there be one attitude, which more than another naturally disposes us for this inestimable grace it is unquestioning obedience on our part and bishops. The world may term this attitude simplicity or blindness, but for its coincidence with the Redeemer's appointment of a teacher, a living guide, satisfies us that it is providential, and shows a very keen appreciation of: "He that loveth you loveth Me, and he that despeth you despeth Me." Faith must always re-

main a purely gratuitous gift on the part of Almighty God, but history bears very clear evidence that loss of faith and final apostasy of individuals and nations come from criticism of and contumacy towards priests and bishops.

A little of the latter, and the former hastens to follow.

SOMETHING NEW FROM ANGLICANISM

Chicago, March 24.—Dean Walter T. Sumner, of the cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul, to-day delivered a sermon upon the Sacrament of Marriage, during which he made the following announcement:

"After consultation with Right Rev. C. P. Anderson, Bishop of Chicago, and with his approval, Dean Sumner and his co-workers of the cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul have agreed upon an advanced policy with regard to the administration of marriage in the cathedral."

"Beginning with Easter, no persons will be married at the cathedral unless they present a certificate of health from a reputable physician to the effect that they are normal, physically and mentally, and have neither an incurable or communicable disease."

"This step is taken only after months of study of the situation and deliberation as to its advisability. It is believed that this stand will meet with the immediate sympathy of the clergy in the Church at large, all of whom have long felt the undesirability of being party to the marriage of persons who, because of their physical condition, should never be allowed to enter into the marriage state."

We do not propose to deal with the merits of the case as presented by the worthy Dean. Our sole desire in reproducing the despatch is to draw attention to the fact that it is one of those incidents in our lives which will be read to-day and forgotten to-morrow, but if something of a similar character were proclaimed by Archbishop Quigley, of Chicago, from his cathedral pulpit, there would be much noise in the Protestant pulpit and in the Protestant press regarding "Romish" encroachment on the liberties of the people of the Republic, and the question would be asked, as a similar question has time and again been asked in the course of the Ne Temere Decree discussion, "When persons wishing to contract marriage proceed to a minister of the gospel armed with a licence from the authorities of the country, setting forth that they are qualified to be married, what right has said minister to defy the law and refuse to solemnize the marriage?"

MAKE MONEY, HONESTLY IF YOU CAN, BUT MAKE MONEY

A subscriber has sent us from St. Johns, Nfld., a copy of a little paper called the Advent Messenger, published by the Newfoundland Tract Society of Seventh Day Adventists.

To render the production attractive it is made to contain a goodly supply of anti-Catholic literature, all of which is the old moted slander which have been contradicted from time to time, but resurrected for the perusal of the unlettered and bigoted folk who are prone to believe any silly gossip they may hear which reflects discredit upon God's Church.

We have neither time nor inclination to cross swords with such men as the publishers of the Advent Messenger. His paperette is in the same class as the monthly published in an Ontario city by an opium eater who claims to be an ex-monk, but whose connection with the Franciscan Order was in the capacity of man of all work who cut the grass in summer and shovelled snow in the winter months.

A leaflet, by way of advertisement, came folded in the Messenger, in which it is stated that certain books are published by a firm in Chicago. We do not know if they are kept on sale in the Messenger Office. We should not be surprised if they were. This feature of the enterprise is a matter for the Morality Department and the Post Office authorities of Newfoundland to consider.

THE COWARDLY CATHOLIC

Man is tested in various ways. Is he sober? Is he honest? Is he always on time? Experience goes to show that success in business depends largely on the possession of these qualities. They mark the man of character, the man who trains himself to the fulfillment of duty.

And the world is right; we should be loath to say it is wrong. In moral or religious matters the exterior act tells the tale. Among Catholics it is the Communion table. Did you ever meet the Catholic who is always explaining away the doctrines of the Church to make them look broad, or something like what he sees or hears in the world around him? He is just ignorant enough to imagine he could set the Church right on several points. Did you ever remark how punctually he remains away from Communion? Strange facts! And for a man who knows so much. And yet how true. It requires courage to go to Communion. The poor craven creature who thinks he is bestowing a favor on the Church by keeping up a formal relation with her has no principles that promote action. Hence his cowardice; he is too cowardly to appear at the Communion table.

MARRIAGE AT A CARNIVAL

A despatch from Moose Jaw, Sask., dated March 24, tells us that "a unique carnival has been arranged to be held here Easter Monday, to celebrate the opening of spring in the North-West. There will be an automobile and agricultural implement show on the principal streets and a public wedding on Main street. Valuable prizes are offered to couples coming forward, including a wedding ring, a license and the clergyman's services. The programme also contains bands, concerts, Indian pow wows, square races, a large procession and a confetti battle and other amusements of a similar nature. The whole city will be decorated and ornamentally illuminated. The Portage la Prairie Highland band has been engaged. Special floats are being prepared for the procession by merchants."

We await with interest the outcome of this unique event, that we may know the name of the clergyman, and the particular sect to which he may belong, who will perform the sacred rite of matrimony at this carnival. There will not, we think, when the day arrives, be any difficulty in procuring the services of some preacher.

A GOOD WORK

A Ladies' Catholic Society, called St. Monica's Society, has been formed in St. John, N. B., the chief object of which is to meet Catholic immigrants arriving in that city from the old country.

The ladies meet all the boats arriving with immigrants aboard. They wear crucifixes on their breasts as a mark of identification; they also distribute prayer-books, pictures, and other religious articles, and assist them in every way possible.

It is certainly a much needed work, as heretofore Catholic immigrants arriving in St. John have been sadly neglected, while immigrants of other denominations have received the best attention. We would be pleased to see like societies established at the different points in Canada where immigrants arrive.

WHY A PROSPEROUS IRELAND NEEDS HOME RULE

In treating of the religious aspect of Home Rule we have shown that the Orange objection to the measure is founded on the theory that as long as a majority of the people of Ireland are Catholics, they must not be permitted to govern themselves, but must continue to be ruled by England, where the majority are Protestants.

The only other argument which they are able to adduce is that Ireland is prospering under the present arrangement, and therefore why not leave well enough alone? It seems to be a case of "heads I win, tails you lose." On the two former occasions when Home Rule was before the public the great point made against it was that Ireland was too poor. Now it is contended that it should not be given Home Rule because it is too rich. At the banquet recently tendered him by the Eighty Club in London, Mr. Redmond exposed the fallacy of this argument:

"Ireland is prosperous, they say. Yes, by comparison with her own miserable past she is prosperous, but by comparison with this country (England), with Scotland, and with Wales, and any progressive country on the continent of Europe, the statement is absolutely untrue. The simple fact is that for half a century, under the operation of the Act of Union, Ireland has been blest at every point. It is not true that while the rest of the country was progressing her progress was arrested? It was far worse—it was absolute decay that spread over the land, withering her prosperity and destroying her industries. During that time she was starved and ill-treated, and now at long last, thank God, and thank also the grit of the people of Ireland themselves, she is beginning slowly and painfully to lift her head and to feel the pulse of life beating again in her veins. Ireland was like the man who fell among thieves, and was robbed and beaten, and left unconscious by the roadside. The services of the Good Samaritan, in the shape of a kindlier feeling or better understanding on the part of England, has, it is true—and we are grateful for it—partially restored Ireland, but to speak of Ireland at present as industrially thriving and prosperous would be as absurd as to speak of the victim of the robbers as thriving and prosperous and happy just as he is recovering consciousness."

Mr. Redmond proceeded to give statistics to prove that by comparison Ireland is still the most backward country in Europe. And yet the opponents of Home Rule instance her prosperity as a reason why it should be denied her! An Orangeman seems to be composed of a maximum of hot air and a minimum of sense. If Ireland is on the up grade to whom is the credit due? Is it to the Orangemen who, in the words of Sir Frederick Pollock, K. C., the latest convert to Home Rule, "never stirred a finger for the amendment of notoriously absurd methods of administration?" The men who now oppose Home Rule admit that in the past the government of Ireland was in many respects indefensible; but it will be remembered that this indefensible form of government was in those days supported by the men then opposed to the national demand. When it is a question of opposing the demand of the

Irish Catholic to be permitted to do his own business in his own way...

or apparently imminent, or by some extraordinary provocations...

heart's content reflect upon the part such meddling, incendiary, foreign-subsidized movements as the McAll Mission...

A truly maternal tenderness for those under her care, and a simple directness of manner, singularly free from mere sentiment...

The Rev. Dr. Campbell, who is regarded as the foremost English champion of the higher criticism...

RECOGNIZING THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE

The Rev. Dr. Campbell, who is regarded as the foremost English champion of the higher criticism...

that is in you? If you say that your friend is deeply prejudiced, I answer that that shows his deep sincerity...

Let us thank God that here in America favorable conditions for making converts are multiplied. The whole nation is inclined to religion...

NOTES AND COMMENTS

IN THE course of an article on Fasting, occasioned by the recurrence of the Lenten season, the Presbyterian seems to regret that such a wholesome penitential practice should have been eliminated entirely from the Presbyterian conception of religion...

From all of which, in the light of the present, it may be seen that Presbyterianism is no less variable than Presbyterian dogma...

THE REV. MR. CRUMPT, a Methodist light in Winnipeg, who officiated at a fake marriage in that city which has received much publicity in the daily press...

DEATH OF A RELIGIOUS

In the death of Rev. Mother Ignatia Lynn, the community of Loretto, Toronto, has lost one of its most dearly loved and venerable members...

Her death was preceded by a long period of illness, which was the immediate result of her resignation of the chief Superiorship nearly two years ago...

A WESTERN CATHOLIC INSTITUTION

On April 24th, 1910, the first sod was turned for the building of a new hospital at Prince Albert. The institution was to be in charge of the Sisters of Charity from St. John, N. B.

DAILY BIBLE READING

HOLY FATHER APPROVES PRACTICE OF CARRYING NEW TESTAMENT

It is not an unusual thing now for the devout layman to slip into his coat pocket a handsome edition of the New Testament...

Our Holy Father Pius X. recently addressed the members of the St. Jerome Association in the words of our Lord, that should encourage every Catholic to read the Scriptures...

"THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ME"

If you imagine that non-Catholics will not listen to religious talk from you, you are mistaken. Many among them think that Catholics don't want converts...

GOOD FRIDAY

Three gibbets on a lonely eastern hill, Three writhing, tortured victims; and a multitude that marched with ribald jest...

THE REMARKABLE thing is, however, that amidst the all but universal wreck of one of the few wholesome practices that did survive was fasting, and it remained in some form down to the present generation almost.

THIS ADMISSION of the Guardian's might be taken as a hopeful sign were it not discounted somewhat by the organ's moralizing. "What protection," it asks, "has a Protestant minister against trickery and false swearers?"

The solemn funeral services were largely attended by members of the clergy of the local city and other parts, also a number of relatives and members of the Alumnae.

However a larger institution means a demand for more help. There is no difficulty, what we are to do is to get the work done, and we remain undone, when so many a young and promising life is sacrificed on the altar of worldly pursuits.

IT MAY be instructive to here quote from those chapters of Presbyterianism what they have to say on the law and practice of fasting. The Westminster Confession of Faith was formally adopted as the creed of the Presbyterian churches of Scotland and Ireland...

UNDER the heading "Shall we recall our Foreign Missionaries?" the Rev. Edwin Hobbs, B. D., tells some homely truths in the columns of the Canadian Congregationalist.

Rev. Mother Ignatia Lynn was born seventy-seven years ago in Port Credit. She was the daughter of Samuel Hood, a well-to-do merchant of that place.

Having been intimately acquainted with the community, for a number of years, I am in a position to say that the religious spirit of the community is in a really ideal condition.

THIS, THEN, is what the Confession of Faith has to say about Fasting: "Solemn fastings and thanksgivings upon special occasions which are, in their several times and seasons, to be used in a holy and religious manner..."

AN APPELLING indictment truly, which we do not understand Mr. Hobbs to altogether share, but, notwithstanding his qualifications, the outstanding fact remains that the Protestant zealots of the mother country, or, for that matter, of the United States and Canada, are convicted, not for the first time, of the unparalleled folly of wasting their substance in the vain endeavor to weaken the faith of Catholic countries...

But we are attracted rather by the remembrance of the child, the devout novice, the zealous teacher, and the venerable and holy nun, who came from that home. We are toler than her generous nature shrank from no duty, however painful or discouraging.

Information Bureau for Non-Catholics. The Rev. Henry A. Gabriel, S. J., of Santa Clara, Cal., has opened recently a Catholic information bureau, the object being to work for the progress of Christianity by inducing non-Catholics to seek and find information about the teaching, practice, ritual and history of the Catholic Church in all its details.

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Just sit down and write us for full particulars of the best business proposition you are likely to hear this year. Let us tell you, in plain words, how very little money will start you in the profitable business of poultry-raising. The Peerless Way. Let us show you why it will pay you well.



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FIVE-MINUTE SERMON
EASTER SUNDAY

Peace be to you. (St. John's Gospel xx. 19.)
It was the evening of the first bright
Easter day. The accounts of the rising
from the dead of Him Whom they had
hoped should redeem Israel were being
discussed, in that upper room where
they had celebrated the Passover, by
the disciples. Suddenly Jesus Himself
stood in the midst of them, and said to
them: "Peace be to you."
He who burst the bands of death, He
who is the Author of life, came back to
earth with the same message with which
He first came—the message of peace.
The angels over the plains of Bethlehem
sang "Peace on earth to men of good
will," but to day is heard that word of
Peace of which theirs was but the faint
echo. When God, the mighty One,
chants His psalm of triumph, well may
all created things be silent.
My brethren, Our Blessed Lord has
for us a message of peace this day.
For three years He went up and down
the hills and vales of His native land,
and His whole pilgrimage there seemed
but a warfare. Men scorned His teach-
ings. He died, and seemed as if a
great light had been extinguished. But
when He rose triumphant over death when
by His death He overcame him who had
the power of death, then came victory,
and with victory came peace.
Is this the case with your hearts?
Is my dear brethren? Has Our Lord
Who perchance lay, as it were, dead in
your soul—has He, I say, risen in you
again? Are you in Him risen up to a
new and a better life this glorious
Easter morning? If such be the case,
peace is yours.
For six long weeks you have been
preparing for this day. To this hour
you have looked forward. Lent has
been a preparation for it. You piously
entered on the performance of certain
duties which you took upon yourself.
You engaged to battle in a special way
with sin. You have fought the battle
nobly, and with the aid of the sacra-
ment, you have won the victory, and Jesus
now stands in our midst. He is in your
very breasts, and says: "Peace be to
you."
What means this word? It means a
victory won in your hearts. It means
that, having overcome, and being in a
state of grace by co-operating with the
grace of God, you are now so strong
that you can say: "I never will, with
the help of God, commit mortal sin
again." It means that you have the
power to live new lives. So put into
continual practice those means which
you found so helpful to Lent. Did you
pray regularly in that time? Do not
leave off the practice now. Did you
renew the Sacraments often? Why
not keep on in the same good custom?
Ah! so many people when Lent is
over run all the good they gained by
leaving it all behind them. But the
person who will put into practice all the
good deeds, all the prayers and devo-
tions, which he used in Lent for the
rest of his days, he is the one who may
be said to have obtained the great and
inestimable gift of peace—Our Lord's
benediction on Easter Day.
Neither is peace exactly the same
thing that we mean when we speak of a
peace being concluded between two
nations who have been at war.
We are still at war with sin. There
is no truce, there can be no truce with
it. There is not and there never can be
any cessation of hostilities. It is nothing
else, then, than the firm purpose of
amendment of life, put into daily prac-
tice, by efficaciously using the spiritual
weapons which Jesus Christ in His
mercy so lovingly provides for you.
Be not discouraged then, though you
have yet to fight and wage war. Peace
is yours, because He is on your side
Who overcame, and by Whom you, too,
will conquer. What care you for such
battles when Christ Himself fights for
you? Your souls are in peace, for He
is dwelling in you. Such my dear
brethren, is the gift of peace which our
Divine Redeemer bestows upon you this
Easter morning. And I can wish you no
greater happiness than that when, soon
or late, He may stand in your midst,
your ears may rejoice to hear those
blessed words—"Peace be to you."

THOUGHT IT
WAS CANCER

"Fruit-a-tives" completely restored me
SYDNEY MINES, N.S., Jan. 25th. 1910.
"For many years, I suffered tortures
from indigestion and dyspepsia. Two
years ago, I was so bad that I vomited
my food constantly. I also suffered with
constipation. I consulted physicians,
and I was afraid the disease was cancer,
but medicine gave only temporary relief.



I read in the 'Maritime Baptist' about
'Fruit-a-tives' and the cures this
medicine was making and I decided
to try it. After taking three boxes, I
found a great change for the better and
now I can say 'Fruit-a-tives' has
entirely cured me when every other
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have the same traditions, the same
language, the same faith, the same
character, the same love of liberty, in a
word, all that constitutes the reality
and oneness of a nation. The victorious
might of 3 conquerors does not affect,
still less impair, the right of the con-
quered to racial and religious unity.
They look back with pride to their
age-long strife with the Prussians, who
at one time were vassals of Poland.
Especially do they most righteously
glory in the well-known fact that their
ancestors were the chief bulwark of
Christendom against the Turkish in-
vasion, which was not finally and forever
checked till it stopped in 1683 under
the walls of Vienna before the resistless
valor of Sobieski.
The Polish language, in spite of the
difficulties it presents to those who
have not learnt it in their childhood, is
the parent and still the finest of all the
Slav languages. The Jesuit orator
Skarga remains as yet, indeed, un-
equalled. In his sermons and other
writings, during the Golden Age of his
country's literature (1548-1600), he is
"the purest embodiment of Polish
patriotism." But in the present period,
one of exceptional brilliancy, Sienkiewicz,
the author of "Quo Vadis" and
"With Fire and Sword," has won world-
wide fame. How passionately the Poles
cling to their language may be gathered
from the lamentable failure of a
meanly hostile attempt made in Russia
and Prussia to drive it away from out
of the school, the church, and the very
streets. Not so long ago did all Europe
applaud those Polish children who sub-
stituted their own language for that
which they were forbidden to use, and
prayed in a tongue that was not their
mother's. What enhanced the heroism of
this ultimately triumphant struggle was
Poland's most valued treasure, her
faith.
For it is undoubtedly her faith, still
more than her language, that maintains
the unity of this wonderful
nation. Poland was born Catholic.
Her centuries of fights against Russia
were mainly in defence of religion. If,
in the sixteenth century, she was, like
France, on the point of becoming Pro-
testant, like France too, she was
rescued by the intervention of whom she
drew back in time—Poland has re-
mained, on the whole, truly Catholic.
The catastrophe that dismembered her
was above all a defeat of Catholicism by
Prussian Protestantism and Muscovite
Orthodoxy. Even in our day all Rus-
sianizing and Germanizing measures are
aimed chiefly at the traditional faith of
the Poles. Their enemies are evidently
convinced that, if ever Poland ceases to
be overwhelmingly Catholic, she will
then cease to be a nation.
But this faith, which is the secret of
her abiding vitality, is she sure of keep-
ing it ever unimpaired? The truth, as
presented by observers on the spot and
by lookers-on from afar, seems to be
that, while Catholic sentiment is still
an integral factor in the Polish mind,
convictions are beginning to waver
among many of these sons of martyrs.
However, the mischief is not irremedi-
able; it has hardly begun. In sollicit-
ing prayers from the entire Catholic
world we are acting upon our persuasion
that the Polish Church, great as
is its zeal for the flock and eager as it
is to help itself, trusts even more to the
blessings of heaven obtained by the

fraternal intercession of united Catho-
lic Christianity throughout the world.
In order to make as plain as possible
the object of our thoughts and prayers
during this month, we shall briefly re-
view the conditions that obtain in the
three branches of the nation, now com-
monly, though less correctly, spoken of
as the three Polands.
Of the three powers that divided the
spoils of the ancient Polish kingdom
one only was Catholic, Austria, and
there the Polish nation remains more
vigorous than elsewhere. The evolution
of the Austro-Hungarian Empire,
which, under the wise guidance of its
venerable and most wise Emperor,
tends more and more towards federalism,
has favored this survival. Those
who have lived in Galicia know that
one hears little of any other language
than Polish not only in social inter-
course but also in political life. The
diet of Lemberg is practically a
national parliament; the administration,
the schools, the press, the law courts
and to a certain extent the army, are
all Polish. At Vienna the influence of
the Polish members of the diet decided
the fate of ministries. There is nothing
in Austrian Poland to remind one of a
fallen nation. Galicia is the rallying
point for the less fortunate Poles of the
"kingdom" and the "duchy." Cracow
has become once more the real capital
of Poland; its University is year by year
drawing the great intellectual centre of a
nation.
The Catholic faith benefits largely
by this liberty. The clergy is not
hampered, as in so many other coun-
tries, by the petty tyrannies of secretly
imperial governments. The public
manifestations of religious piety, such
as processions, pilgrimages and frequent
communion, show that Poland still has
a living faith. The Postolanie Serca
Jesuwego (Messenger of the Heart of
Jesus) is one of the most flourishing
organs of our holy League. Founded as
early as 1872, it had, last year, 152,000
subscribers. Of late, since the Russian
custom-house has become somewhat
tolerant, 30,000 copies of this Messen-
ger are sent monthly from Cracow into
Russian Poland.
What a contrast between Galicia and
the two other non-Catholic empires!
In Germany religious liberty, the
equality of the two chief Christian de-
nominations is a fundamental principle
of the Constitution, which the valiant
Centrist members know how to enforce.
But in practice the Berlin government
cannot forget that Prussia owes its con-
quest of Germany to the hereditary
Protestantism of its kings. So it favors
mixed marriages in order to weaken the
integrity of Catholic faith. Moreover
Prussia forces odious laws appropriating
Polish landowners and replacing them
by Germans. Whatever may be the
future in store for the German Empire
and the socialist gains at its recent
elections, it forbids no good
—it is quite certain that the Polish
question will not be one of the easiest
problems of Imperial policy.
There remains the "Kingdom of
Poland," or, as Russian bureaucracy
prefers to say, "the province of the
Vistula." It is the largest third of old
Poland, and also the richest, for its
industrial resources are daily developing
through a multiplication of factories.
No wonder the Muscovite coveted this
splendid prey. But his Tartar avism
got the better of his avarice. Instead
of winning over the conquered Poles, he
brutally persecuted them. The history
of Russian Poland is one long martyrology.
In 1905 the Catholic world, long
weary of such horrors, heaved a sigh of
relief on learning that religious liberty
was at length granted and promulgated
by the Tsar. In Russia, however, the
words have not the obvious meaning
they enjoy elsewhere. What has been
the exact gain for Catholicism can be
apprehended by those only who are
familiar with the astute dodges of Mus-
covite legislation. An Orthodox
Russian can henceforth become a Catho-
lic without incurring confiscation or
exile. Assuredly this is something.
But it would be rash to infer that the
interior government of the Catholic
Church has thereby gained an increase
of freedom. Albeit recognized and
subsidized by the Government for the
sake of its Polish subjects, Catholic
worship is, nevertheless, subjected to
the most annoying supervision. A
Catholic priest cannot preach a sermon
till his manuscript has been censored;
he cannot, without leave of the police,
go outside his parish, even to make his
confession; all communications between
the Bishop and his clergy, and still
more between the Holy See and the
Bishops, are closely watched and often
intercepted; episcopal sees remain
vacant very long; State officials are
present at examination in the seminaries,
and the syllabus of studies is fixed
by the foreign reviews and the official
document of the Holy See cannot cross
the frontier unless they are approved by
the censors, who never hesitate so to
black out entire pages as to render
them illegible.
Proselytism is forbidden to every
priest under the severest penalties.
Thus each individual conversion may
entail an enquiry tending to prove that
a word of advice from a priest origi-
nated this conversion. A nice damper,
this, to apostolic zeal. The Orthodox
Church alone is allowed to evangelize
the numerous Pagans of Siberia, there-
by cutting off all hope of Catholic ex-
tension in a region where the true
Church could easily make converts.
Moreover, spontaneous conversions
must be registered by the civil authori-
ties, under pain of rendering impos-
sible important certificates of marriage
and baptism. This registration of con-
versions brings with it technical formalities
that place it beyond the reach of
that multitude of peasants, who, having
formerly belonged to the Uniate Greek
Church, had been forcibly incorporated
into Orthodoxy, and innocently fancied
that they might now return in a body
to Catholicism; in point of fact, if a
single one of these unfortunate victims
of State tyranny has neglected one
single technical formality, the priest
who consents to baptize that man's child
incurs a heavy fine.
However, it would be a mistake to
suppose that persecutions, which without
being the only danger threatening the faith
of the Polish nation. Outside fees are
powerless so long as they do not find a

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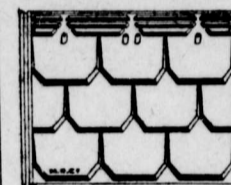


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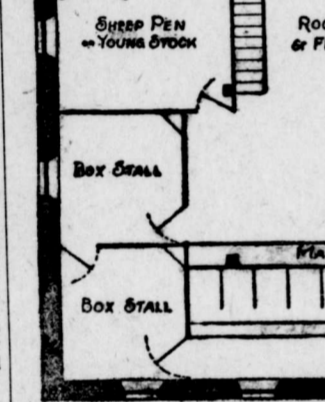
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