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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

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

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Dear Sir: 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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CHILDLESS AND GODLESS.

We have before us an interesting and forceful letter addressed to the Star Journal by the Rev. Mr. Ker, Anglican Rector at St. Catharines, whose stand upon many questions we have often admired and whose discussions upon France we have always respected.

ceive the tradition of faith or to wave the country's flag. When we reflect upon the decreasing birth-rate in France we may rejoice that the Church is free and no longer the paid servant of a State whose law is atheistic and whose social fabric is worm-eaten with the most dangerous and suicidal crimes of nation-destroying sins.

THE GREEK CHURCH.

We take up the second point to which a correspondent referred, as given in last week's issue. He wishes to know how to answer those who deny that the Greek Church was ever subject to Rome. Let us see. Supposing a blind man was to tell us the sun did not shine, what would be our reply? There would be little use in contradicting him. We might try to find out his idea of the sun and also what he meant by translucency and other optical terms. The cases are not dissimilar. Here is the bare, bald proposition: "The Greek Church was never subject to Rome."

was subject to Rome. As for the Russians, some have claimed that they were converted to Christianity by missionaries from Constantinople after the schism. This is not correct. They were converted while the Greeks remained in communion with the Holy See, and were very good, zealous Catholics. Indeed the Russians did not separate from Rome when the patriarch of Constantinople did, nor till long afterwards. It was not till the reign of Ivan the Terrible, (1553-1584) that the schism in Russia was complete.

ANGLICAN SYNOD.

In the General Synod of the English Church held at Ottawa last month, amongst other questions a resolution was introduced "providing for the adoption of a prayer in the administration of the sick." The resolution did not carry. The debate preceding the vote was interesting, for it showed how woefully deficient the lopped and lonely Branch is in consistency of doctrine and practice.

BAPTIST DISCOLORING.

The Canadian Baptist undertook lately to give an explanation of Corpus Christi, or La Fete Dieu. Whether by evil intention or perverted judgment, the comments passed by this journal upon Catholic matters are more calculated to insult the children of the household than to instruct strangers. This is no exception. It may be that the Blessed Sacrament is the centre of attack, as it is the centre of faith and devotion. What pride will not admit, this it turns into greatest scorn. Ceremonies appeal no more to some than pictures to iconoclasts. It seems that "B"—whoever that is—a bright genius no doubt—stood last Fete de Dieu upon the steps of Molsons Bank, Montreal, and saw the procession of the Blessed Sacrament pass.

handshaking, to trifle with matters which all people regard as sacred, is descending lower than we would even expect Anglicans to fall. This new union is very well named the Kangaroo scheme. The rocks of Protestant Federation are close, and Anglicanism is breaking to pieces upon them.

THE SORT OF WORK DONE by so-called missionaries in Catholic countries has little to commend it to those who are sincere Christians. It would appear as if the desire of these people were more for the purpose of creating hatred in the minds of Catholic youth for the Church of their ancestors than for making them good Protestants.

"The boys they educate go away to drift into religious indifference. . . . Some missionaries have come to the conclusion that all they do is to unsettle such Christian faith as their pupils have, and are drawing back from the work. . . . It is highly doubtful, to say the least, whether either the Iglesia Espanola Reformada of Bishop Cabrera or the Evangelicos of Don Cipriano Torros, or the Plymouth Brethren could exist without foreign help."

IN LAST WEEK'S ISSUE we made reference to a despatch from Rome in which it was stated that Cardinal Merry del Val was about to resign his position because of displeasure with the action of English and American prelates. Archbishop Ireland upon being interviewed stated that "the story is a falsehood made out of whole cloth. The Avanti is the chief representative of the 'yellow press' of Italy; it is an avowed enemy of the Vatican; invented stories, deliberate falsehoods, are its stock in trade, when facts, or even appearances of facts, are wanting. As to the statement that English and American prelates sent to the Pope complaints against the cardinal because of his war on modernism, nothing could be more viciously false."

WE ARE PLEASED to see in an American exchange that during "the past summer a notable feature in the industrial life of Nova Scotia has been the return to their homes of many of the young men and women who had gone to the United States during the past four years in search of employment. One express train from Boston which ordinarily has only eight cars arrived one day recently with seventeen cars, and though many tourists were on board, the bulk of the passengers were natives of Nova Scotia, who had decided on States to come back home and work on the farms."

THE 5TH OF OCTOBER brought us a despatch from Rome, the intelligence conveyed in which is quite characteristic of those in whose hands has been placed the government of the city. The mayor is what is known as an "anti-clerical," and also a Jew. The posting of bills and advertisements on the walls of Rome is a municipal undertaking. Heretofore a private firm secured these contracts, but the usage of all ages prohibited the placarding of the churches. The mayor has over-ruled this custom and bills of all sorts will soon cover places of worship. It cannot be expected that the mayor of Rome would have the same respect for Catholic

churches as he would have for Jewish synagogues or Masonic temples. Doubtless he is possessed of the same hatred for the Church as that which actuates the enemy of mankind. We hope to hear that he will ere long be voted out of an office which he has disgraced.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us that a very warm discussion is going on in the eastern section of the country on the question of marriage. "Why there are not more marriages" is the subject of controversy. We may remark that there are two sides to this question and that both sexes are blame-worthy. If we were asked to distinguish we would feel inclined to place the greater amount of blame on the young men. Many a time we have heard some of them declare they could not afford to get married on account of the extravagance of the fair sex. We have in mind at present one in particular who made a statement of that kind. He was in receipt of a very liberal salary, but his savings were nil because he was a sport. In his leisure hours he was faultlessly dressed. The gents' furnishings storekeepers knew him well. He owned an expensive dog. He carried a gold-headed cane. He smoked the most expensive brand of cigars, drank the most costly liquors, and in the heated term he was very fond of showing a Panama hat for which he paid forty-five dollars. And this is the young man who could not get married because the girls are too extravagant. The probability is he is looking for a girl with great expectations. Such a young man is a poor asset in any country, and fortunate is the girl who does not give him her heart and hand.

WE SEND OUR congratulations to the Most Rev. Archbishop of St. Boniface on the opening of his grand new cathedral, one of the most splendid sacred edifices in the Dominion. The missionary zeal which has prompted the erection of such a magnificent place of worship gives us proof abundant of the warm faith and untiring zeal of the clergy and laity under the jurisdiction of Archbishop Langevin. Indeed, throughout the length and breadth of the greater Canada in the West the active and whole-hearted work of all the missionaries is an object lesson most commending to those that have at heart the spread of God's kingdom upon earth. God's blessing must surely be the portion of His Grace of St. Boniface and his ever faithful clergy and loyal laity for the sacrifices they have made in the cause of religion.

ARCHBISHOP O'CONNELL, of Boston, has made official announcement of the purchase of the Boston Pilot. In a signed article His Grace says:

"Unless we are willing to sit by inactive and indifferent spectators while the faith is threatened with weakness from a thousand influences about us, we must bestir ourselves and do something more than praising the past, which, however good and excellent it was, is past; and which after all was the achievement not of ourselves, but of our fathers and mothers. . . . The Pilot makes its advent modestly and without boast. Under diocesan control, however, it will be no uncertain voice, and no unsteady force for Catholic life and action."

In its career of well over half a century The Pilot has always been the staunch defender of the Church and has also done yeoman service in the cause of Ireland. Under the new arrangement we doubt not its influence for good will be increased.

AN AMERICAN EXCHANGE asks what is becoming of our Catholic young men. He assigns various causes, all of which are more or less worthy of consideration. We may add to this list the reading of bad books and the over indulgence in sports, some of a character having nothing to recommend them. We have seen young men become fairly frantic over certain sporting events, who are in many cases mere non-entities in the activities of life. Legitimate sport has its place in spare time, but the young man with the shining metal in his composition will give the bulk of his time to character-building and the reading of good books. A place at the top will be his in the community.

SOMETIMES we hear the Catholic Church commended by our separated brethren for its condemnation of the divorce evil. A few weeks ago Governor Swanson of Virginia, speaking at the diamond jubilee conference of St. Vincent de Paul society, at Richmond, Va., said: "In this age of luxury and wealth, when men are seeking to return to the policy of the pagan world, which permitted divorces from whims and caprices, I wish to commend the Church which still places around the marriage vows the sanctity of religion, and stands as a barrier in the path of those who would destroy marriage, and with it the home, the main source of modern progress and civilization. May the Catholic Church ever uphold the sacredness of the nuptial bond, upon which are dependent individual and national happiness and prosperity."

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. Making the Best of Whatever Happens.

Some people are thrown off their balance the moment anything goes wrong with them. They do not seem to have the ability to overcome impediments and to do their work in spite of annoyances.

his power. This position has been a perpetual humiliation to him. He is conscious that, when he goes around among the employees and gives orders, he does not know half as well as they do to do.

very poor excuses for tools. If we wished to grind an axe we were compelled to go away to a neighbor. I do not say this to cast any reflection on my father, who was a good man. He simply could not do any better.

of the use of tools that he had gained in the time he had been away from home. It would be a great day for him when he went down to the city and saw the graduation exercises. That would be worth all the years of toil and sacrifice.

graduation hall that night. He listened to the names as they were called one after another, and the young men rose to receive the diplomas they had earned.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. FOR THE LOVE OF FATHER.

"I think you understand now the purpose I have in offering this prize, if it may be called that." The principal of the school, with whom Mr. Stoebel was speaking, glanced at the memoranda he was making on a piece of paper which lay on his desk.

But what made Edward really care, was that his father should be compelled to work at all on the farm. He knew it was with pain that all he did was accomplished. He did all he could himself to spare his father; and yet, in spite of all he could do he seemed to be growing less and less able to carry on the farm operations.

Edward knew this, and the hardest thing he had to bear when the time came that father felt he should begin his course at the school was that father was not able to work as he had in the past. For a long time he hesitated about going at all; but the father's heart was set upon it, and he was willing to undergo any sacrifice if only his boy might gain the power to achieve what he himself had not been able to do.

There is no wood better to kindle a fire of holy love than the wood of the cross which Christ used for His own great sacrifice of boundless charity.—St. Ignatius Loyola.

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