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THE REFUGE OF TRUTH

Our subject is due to the fact that we have been reading a few pages of Goldwin Smith's letters to the New York Sun.

MORMONISM

Whilst England is contributing large sums of money for the circulation of the Bible in heathen lands she is permitting thousands of her children annually to migrate to Utah for the purpose of becoming Mormons.

A NEW FRENCH MINISTRY

There is nothing novel about a change of ministry in the French government.

barred from investigation and experiment, still worse, to charge any Catholic association or religious community with studied disloyalty to truth, or that the claims of the Church to infallibility are a sham, is not to prove an argument, it is to insult the whole body which could have taught the man more truth in an hour than he had learned in his eighty years.

THE FAITH OF IRELAND

Those who attended St. Peter's Cathedral on last Sunday evening will, I hesitate not in saying, carry in their memories as long as they live the sermon preached on the "Faith of the Irish" by the Right Rev. Dr. Fallon, Bishop of London.

THE LADY MISSIONARY UPON A PAPAL DECREE

That a Presbyterian missionary would have some attention to give the Catholic Church, and especially the French Canadian portion, goes without saying.

A TYPICAL ORANGEMAN

Anyone listening to Dr. Sproule, M. P., for North Grey, from the gallery of the House of Commons, would imagine that, when speaking on public questions, he is animated by sincerity and equipped with a fair knowledge of the country's doings.

A NEW LEAGUE

According to a press despatch from Ottawa a new league is starting which is partially religious and partially social.

charge of the Doumergue bills for depriving parents of their right to protect their children against the abuse of school neutrality by the teachers.

ORANGE MISSIONARIES

The Orange Grand Lodge of Ontario West, which met recently in Barrie, has adjourned and the proceedings will go into—we were going to say history, but no—will go into oblivion.

THE FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

Perhaps never before in the history of Ireland has there been such a bright dawn for its future as upon the national anniversary of this year.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

In a sermon delivered in St. Thomas Church, Toronto, during the course of a mission held simultaneously in all the Anglican churches of that city, one of the preachers, a "Father" Frere, discarding upon "Confession," is reported to have said:

IN ANOTHER CHURCH IN THE SAME CITY

and upon the same occasion, a well-known low-churchman, the Rev. Canon Cody, delivered himself upon the same subject, being moved thereto, seemingly, under a sense of obligation to offset the sacerdotal pretensions of his "High" brother in the ministry.

THE PRESBYTERIAN THINKS WE WROTE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE

The Westminster publication of Joseph Hooking's novel "The Jesuit," and counsels us to read it. Having performed that somewhat onerous task with its fellow, "The Woman of Babylon" and other writings of the same author, it is scarcely necessary to read this latest effusion in order to understand his polemical system.

WE HAVE BEEN AT SOME PAINS IN RECENT ISSUES OF THE RECORD

to elucidate the real truth about South America. It has been shown that the Catholic Church has been the civilizer and the saviour of the native races; that in a manner almost unknown on the northern continent, the conquering white races have assimilated them and raised them from their former low estate; that together they have reared cities and produced results in the way of civilization not surpassed elsewhere in the world.

of the league would take a vow of perpetual silence. They might join the Trappist Order. The difficulty with this association, as with many other similar ones, is that it attempts too much and causes confusion by mixing things religious and social.

THE BIRTH AND MISSION OF PATRICK

The birth and mission of Patrick were briefly sketched, but the recounting of Ireland's greatness during the three centuries following St. Patrick's death was a masterpiece. How eloquently he dwelt upon the glories of Ireland when it was the University of Europe, when students from the world over vended their way to its shores to receive a training from its seats of learning which at that time were not equalled in any other part of the civilized world.

THE BISHOP'S DISCOURAGED FOR NEARLY ONE HOUR

The Bishop's discouragement for nearly one hour and a half, but all present heard the last tones of his voice with regret.

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of Parliament, however, in all his Orange glory, somewhat after the fashion of Dr. Beattie Nesbit on a grey charger in a 12th of July procession, we must bear him at a Grand Lodge meeting declaiming against the granting of local self-government to Ireland.

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postedly been called to palpable mis-statements, and they either refused to retract or took refuge in silence, it was seen that there was method in their ignorance and that destruction was their trade. To describe, then, as the Presbyterian does, Hooking's malevolent fiction as "founded upon well-attested facts" is to place itself in the category we have described. If our contemporary is satisfied to be regarded in that light we suppose we have no right to complain. But it constitutes a curious commentary upon Christian ethics as understood and practised in its editorial chair.

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clusively that so far from South America being "behind the age" in nearly every element of civilization, it is the very forefront of the world's progress.

It is not, however, on the material side that this young Scotland finds the greatest charm of the Argentine. It is in the refinement and chivalry of its people, their varied accomplishments and their hospitality to the stranger.

HOW CAN THEY BE SAVED?

Father Joseph L. Prescott of Preston (England) discoursed recently at a meeting of the Catholic League on "How Can They Be Saved?"

DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE BODY AND SOUL OF THE CHURCH

This dogma was neither bigoted nor cruel. Salvation could only come by redemption, from God Himself, and if God imposed such a condition, it was necessary to make a distinction between the body and the soul of the Church.

ONLY TWO EXCUSES—INVINCIBLE IGNORANCE AND IMPOSSIBILITY. Only two excuses were possible, invincible ignorance and impossibility; but "impossibility" did not include family opposition, loss of position, or loss of fortune as excuses for remaining outside the Church.

certainty that those in invincible ignorance of the truth were not guilty in the eyes of the Lord. Understood rightly, the dogma was not only not severe, but was quite rational. Religion was not imposed by their faith, which they now considered as the fare they had to pay for their berth of safety in the Ark of Peter.

RELIGION TO-DAY

FATHER B. VAUGHAN ON THE NEED OF CATHOLICISM STIRRED BY SPEECH IN NORTH LONDON

Speaking at the annual prize distribution in connection with St. Ignace's College, Stamford Hill, London, recently Father Bernard Vaughan said there was nothing so important as education.

WHAT IRISHMEN COULD DO

In a lecture on the evils, physical as well as mental, that follow from the excessive use of alcoholic drinks, Professor Barry spoke recently in the City Hall, Cork, illustrating his lecture by lantern slides.

A STRIKING OBJECT LESSON

to the whole Catholic world, and it had held its own like an English oak in the greatest storm (cheers). He did not think it was any use the Fathers of the Society of Jesus building schools and educating Catholic boys unless they charged them with their religion like batteries so that they would give an edifying shock to those they met when they went out into the world (laughter and cheer).

CHARACTER and character would begot destiny. They could go forth from that college armed not merely with the place of citizens of the Empire, but also to win a place in the eternal City of God (cheers).

DR. GEO. J. BULL, CONVERT. DEAD

Dr. George J. Bull, who died in Paris on New Year's Day, and who was buried on the 4th inst., after a Requiem Mass at the Madeleine, was a convert of distinction. He was born at Hamilton, Canada, of Irish parents, who were members of the Orange Society and brought him up as a strong adherent of the Low Church.

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SCOTLAND

At the close of a lecture to the Literary Society of the League of the Cross on "How Scotland became Catholic" in which he showed that Scotland owed its Christianity and civilization to the missionaries of the Catholic Church, Father Graham of Motherwell spoke as follows:

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SOBERS AT TEMPERANCE

"Don't heed the scoffer, the man of the cynical smile who can't do without his dram, and who dilalkes seeing others doing without it. There are many of his sort, and their stock in trade is ridicule, which they dispense freely in support of his distillates and brewers.

audience, particularly the younger men, to take heed to the lessons of temperance given by Professor Barry. There was plenty of room for temperance work, he said, and young Irishmen who applied themselves to the problem were grappling with it with determination.

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION

Why do we pray "Lead us not into temptation when we know that God does not tempt us into temptation?" The first thing to do is to get a right notion about temptation. What does it mean? It means a trial or a proving.

FAITH VERSUS ADVERTISING

Recently we had something to say about the suggestion of the Rev. Dr. Charles Stelez of New York as to a new method for filling Protestant churches. It was embodied in this extract from an address delivered by the reverend gentleman at the McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago: "Every church should have a regular advertising manager."

GIVE US PROOF

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practiced confession. "The Columbian Church," says Dr. Campbell (in Dr. Story's "History of the Church of Scotland") "appears to have held the doctrine of transubstantiation and to have regarded it as a necessary part of living and the dead." He adds that to this were joined "many superstitions in which the Celtic imagination was so prone to indulge."

ACT OF HOMAGE TO GOD

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ows every other consideration. In marked contrast with the behavior of those deceived and disappointed job-seekers, who threatened to wreck that night, have come to assist at the divine sacrifice of the Mass before seeking physical rest in sleep for their tired bodies.

HOW IRELAND KEPT THE FAITH

The Protestant Church of Ireland remains at this day but a sorry relic of the accumulated wrongs and wretched legislation of three centuries of effort and ignominious failure to force the Irish to apostatize from their ancient Faith.

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atan also be divided, how shall his kingdom stand? The argument continued in this text unanswerable. A divided kingdom is sure to come to naught. When the head is at war with the members, the king at variance with his subjects, the general acting in opposition to the rank and file of the army, it is admitted that such a kingdom is doomed to destruction.

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