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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Apostolic Delegation. Ottawa, June 12th, 1906. Mr. Thomas Coffey: My dear Sir,—I have been reading your paper...

LONDON, SATURDAY, JAN. 4, 1908.

FATHER CHINIQUY.

The Presbyterian Record for December contains a lengthy estimate of the life and work of Father Chiniquy. We do not see why this unfortunate man was not allowed to rest in his grave...

upon Catholic feeling. No man who is not utterly depraved would have so wantonly trampled upon the reverence which the very name of God demands. He was a priest. He knew in his heart of hearts his priestly power. To show his caution and daring, to parade his contempt for the Church of his fathers...

PROTESTANT UNION.

Union in Canada may be discussed from two sides, religious and patriotic. Both are desirable. The former is not practical, for the divisions are of too long standing and the attempts at union are too artificial to be realized. Patriotic union, which should be fostered by every builder of our young country...

and will not speak English—a people so simple that they have large families which threaten to outnumber others. These fellows, however, find the Catholic Church a hard wall to beat down, and the French Canadian an obstinate people to convince. However much zeal these mountebanks may display or whatever money they spend results are not encouraging. Some few young men are caught and placed in the Presbyterian Colleges. Then because their friends show their indignation Mr. Inkster calls it persecution. The worst case is the mildest kindness compared with the treatment dealt to countless numbers, who for conscience' sake have come over to the Catholic Church from the sects. Here is a sample of Presbyterian fortitude: "One young fellow who had been in the institution (Presbyterian College) for four years and who had not dared to leave it in that time, was going to go home for Christmas this year..."

JOHN REDMOND.

We were pleased to read in the Tablet words of high praise from the venerable Bishop Hadley upon the leader of the Irish party. Bishop Hadley is now the oldest of the English Bishops. A Benedictine, he has always been a great student, cultivating with advantage the brilliant talents which he possessed by nature. His Lordship is one of the profoundest theologians in England and a most polished writer and speaker. Any word, therefore, which he would say in favor of some person or cause would have the double weight of his episcopal rank and his personal character. Mr. Redmond having been engaged in a political campaign in Great Britain, visited Wales for the same purpose. At a luncheon given to him at Cardiff, the Bishop of Newport, in proposing Mr. Redmond's health, said: "There was not much necessity for his saying many words. He himself, and he spoke for many others too, had followed the career of Mr. Redmond for several years, with great admiration and interest, and he thought he could say that they all—every one of them—were pleased, delighted, and honored by the fact that he was now paying a visit to South Wales—a very unusual thing for a leader of the Irish party. They were honored and delighted that he had come, for they looked on Mr. Redmond as a distinguished politician—he might say, a statesman, an orator, a able leader. In the distinguished position he occupied, he had followed many gifted and distinguished men, and he succeeded worthily, and in a way that no man need be ashamed of. He was in the position of one trying to do his best to redress the evils of that ascendancy, which, in days gone by, cast its evil spell upon Ireland. There is no greater gift of Providence than an able leader. They were reminded of Judas Maccabees, of whom it was said that because he was strong and bold from his youth up, he was chosen as leader. They might apply these words to their honored and respected guest to-day. There was no Catholic, no Irishman in Cardiff who was not pained at Mr. Redmond's visit—to meet and see him amongst them. They would have a more earnest or more enthusiastic one. In conclusion, he wished Mr. and Mrs. Redmond all health, happiness,

HEATHEN EDUCATION.

Now and again the fruits of irreligion, godless education are plucked, examined and put aside without the reflection upon their deadly nature which their gravity deserves. A case came up in a court held at Newark in which a schoolboy, thirteen years of age, did not know that there was a God, never heard of the Bible and was absolutely ignorant of the nature of an oath. He went to school, but never had heard of God, and stated positively that he did not know the meaning of the word. Ignorance of this kind is to be attributed more to the system than to the individual or his parents. No doubt the latter deserve some of the blame. The deeper guilt lies in the school, from which law has excluded the very name of God. According to general opinion that boy ought to have spent seven years at school. Even if he went only two or three years he is a more damaging comment upon American school teaching than any graduate we ever met. His masters must have all been slavishly servile in following the letter of the law by not mentioning God. They may answer that it was not their business. It was their business to teach other subjects, but not God. All this in a nation professedly Christian. It takes Protestants to sweep away religion from home, nation and heart. Divided themselves they propose to separate from education all religion. They block out their education as the bricks of a wall. They forget that man is one in such a way that a factor like religion cannot be left out except by destroying the harmony of man's knowledge and his royal destiny. Here we have a boy not able to fulfil the law: he cannot take an oath. One boast of the Public schools is that they make good citizens. They do not teach a word about God, the Bible oath, affirmation or anything of the kind, so that a boy in court presents the degraded spectacle of not being capable of a legal witness. Either the law ought to do away with the oath or affirmation, or have religion taught in the schools. They know better than hazard such an experiment. It shows how much more conservative the Americans are in their legal institutions than in their education. The Bible stays in the courts whilst it has been driven out of the schools. To be consistent they should have it in both, or out of them. No matter how we look at godless education we see its dangerous rapids in the stream ahead of us—unbelief, immorality, crime, irreligion, heathenism. This poor lad is not alone. Many more can be found to whom God is an unknown word, the Bible a sealed book and an oath nothing. Education will tell its tale—that as an evil tree will bring forth evil fruit.

THE EPIPHANY.

Christmas brings with it a number of feasts which, while they are a continuation of its holy time, have also a special character of their own. Such is the Epiphany or Manifestation upon which is celebrated the apparition of God to His creatures. In the earliest ages of the Church it was the day upon which the Nativity of our Lord was celebrated. When in 376 the Nativity was by a decree of the Holy See ordered to be celebrated on the 25th of December the Epiphany was still retained as the day to which tradition had assigned the baptism of our Lord. This feast is also called the King's Feast, in allusion to the Magi, to whose visit and adoration continual reference is made in the office of the Church. A triple manifestation of the Eternal Son of God is celebrated, for besides the two already mentioned is the manifestation of His divine power to His disciples at the marriage feast of Cana. The Roman Church, however, in her office and Mass, is more intent upon the adoration of the Magi. On the other hand the baptism of Christ absorbs the praise and thoughts of the Greek Church. To us Epiphany celebrates the vocation of the Gentiles; because in the Magi all nations have been represented. "The Lord our saviour, begotten before the world and all ages appeared to the world on this day" is the announcement with which the Church opens the celebration of this great feast. There is so much earnest faith and love in the vocation and journey of these men who had seen the new star in the East and had patiently followed its course till it rested over the stable, what must have been their illumination when He, the light of the world, rewarded their resignation. There is so much mystery in their gifts—type of our gifts of heart and soul, and in the Babe whom they are given—frankincense for His divinity, myrrh for His humanity and gold for His Kingship. They had come asking unto a king—a royal cavalcade with generous presents. They had longed for a Redeemer, for the

coming of the Son of God, for One Who would save them and their nation from sin. What beautiful figures they present in the cave of Bethlehem—rich kings in the shade of ignoble poverty. Yet their own gifts were nothing to the enchanting radiance with which the Divine Infant filled their soul. Omnipotence shone out with all the more radiance when veiled by the weakness of infancy. Loving condescension seemed to them to have stooped to the very depths of humility as, taking the Babe from its Mother, they in turn caressed it, and watched its simplicity. Never was there such a manifestation. It was wonderful in itself. It is more wonderful in the long train of worshippers whose endless procession still, under the guidance of faith, wends its way to Bethlehem, there to adore and worship and offer gifts of love and prayer.

MR. TARTE'S WILL.

In his day the late Hon. Mr. Tarte occupied a large space in the political horizon of Canada. By party men his life work will be summed up from varied standpoints, but this may be said of him, that he loved his race and the faith which has in all ages brought lustre, and he loved Canada with an intensity which made him beloved of all Canadians. He was never identified with that pigmy set who were wont to prattle about Voltaire and that heartless, soulless and hideous "free dom" which placed the "Goddess of Reason" on a pedestal. Mr. Tarte was the founder of a daily newspaper, La Patrie, which has attained a very marked degree of prominence in the Province of Quebec. In making his will he said to his sons: "You have a paper. See that it wounds no one's feelings and blackens no one's character. Do not quarrel with the clergy. Remain French and Catholic and loyal to Queen and Empire. Discharge your duties as good citizens." Noble words! Of infinitely more value than goods that perish. Stored away in the memory of his fellow French Canadian Catholics of Quebec, this utterance will bear fruit which means much for God and country. "Do not quarrel with the clergy!" Need there is for reflection on these words by a certain class miserably small, but who wish to bulk large by appearing frequently in the limelight. Perhaps the most contemptible of human beings are those who, knowing that the priesthood have sacrificed all that is dear in this world that they may thereby promote the eternal happiness of their fellow beings, repay them with the sneer and the behaviour of the ingrate.

HOPE FOR IRELAND.

Not for many years, it appears to us, has there been such a bright outlook for the attainment of a system of self-government for Ireland. This is owing largely to the fact that a unity of purpose has taken possession of the people and their representatives. When we say "the people," we mean almost the entire population, for it is quite evident that very many who were either strongly opposed to Home Rule, or indifferent in the matter, have now become ardent advocates of a change in the method of governing the Emerald Isle. Many Protestants, particularly in the North of Ireland, were for long deceived by the landlord faction for the purpose of creating division among the people. The Dublin Castle influence made the most of the ridiculous cry that "Home Rule" meant "Rome Rule." But the schoolmaster has been abroad and religious bigotry has to a great extent been eliminated from the controversy. Up to a very recent period the Nationalist party, too, suffered somewhat from divisions in its own ranks. This has passed away, however, and now we behold what may be considered a thoroughly united Ireland. This is, indeed, good news for all who have at heart the welfare of a country which has for generations been cursed by a system of government which brought but shame to the British Empire and which would not be tolerated in any other country in the world. This despatch from Dublin, dated the 22nd of December, will be read with interest: "The series of conferences which have been held with a view to bringing about the reconciliation of Wm. O'Brien, Nationalist member of parliament for Cork, and the parliamentary party, of which John E. Redmond is chairman, resulted to day in an agreement on certain propositions. In an official report of the meeting which will be given out, both Mr. Redmond and Mr. O'Brien say they see no reason why the Nationalists should not unite in a pledge bound party on the following principles: "1.—No man or party has authority to dismember the inalienable right of Ireland to the largest measure of National self-government it may be in her power to attain. "2.—Pending the attainment of an Irish Parliament and a responsible Irish Ministry with full control of all purely Irish affairs, which is our belief can alone be accepted in full satisfac-

tion of the National demands, it is the duty of the Nationalists, while striving incessantly for Home Rule, to devote themselves earnestly to working for every measure of amelioration which it may be possible to obtain for her people from either of the English parties, and, as especially urgent matters, for a university settlement acceptable to the Catholics of Ireland, for the complete abolition of landlordism and for financial redress. "Mr. Redmond would not agree to the immediate calling of a national convention, saying that a convention would be held after the Government bills had been introduced, probably about Easter."

WHO ARE THE CONSPIRATORS?

We have every reason to think there is an organized conspiracy to vilify the Irish people in every part of the English speaking world. The object is quite plain. The London money lenders hold mortgages on Irish estates. They have some of the Irish land orders in a Snylock grasp. The granting of Home Rule would, they think, have for effect the depreciation of their mortgages. These same money lenders also control certain press agencies. Through these agencies they send broadcast the most villainous misrepresentations of the actual condition of things in Ireland. The peasants who engage in cattle driving they characterize as criminals of the deepest dye, notwithstanding the fact that we have yet to hear of a single murder having taken place in Ireland for a lengthened period. In fact Ireland today is rated one of the most crimeless countries in the world. True, there is plenty of crime, if we call cattle driving criminality. While this particular kind of lawlessness is looked upon in Ireland by the authorities as little short of high treason precisely the same procedure on the part of the English people would be called "passive resistance." Examples in plenty we have had during the past ten years. Let us name what the London money lenders sent to this country and succeeded in having printed in Canadian papers. A despatch published on Monday states that "antagonisms of race and creed were never so violent as now." The Irish papers do not give us any evidence of this condition of things. Further on, the correspondent says that "evidence has been accumulating which throws doubt on the alleged deep-seated desire of any considerable section of the Irish people for a separate Parliament at all." When we consider that the Irish people send to Westminster ten Home Rulers to one Unionist, and that the Home Rulers are elected by overwhelming majorities, the controllers of the press agency must surely be very much mistaken in their estimate of the intelligence of the Canadian people. As to cattle driving the writer says: "The purpose of cattle driving and boycotting is to injure the owners of grazing lands in order that they may be squeezed into giving up their holdings or that the land may be bought by the estate's commissioners and distributed among the people." While this course may be illegal we think the freedom-loving people of Canada will concede that the Irish people are not wholly irredeemable because they think they have a better right to the land than cattle intended for the English market. The whole tone of this press correspondent would lead one to suppose that he is high up in the Orange order. In fact the "specials" have a "Ballykilbeg Johnson" favor which makes them wholly worthless as news despatches. Our daily papers have a perfect right, of course, to publish matter of this kind if they so desire. This is a free country. But there is no law to compel the Irish people to become subscribers of such papers.

CARDINAL NEWMAN AND THE MODERNISTS.

THE GREAT CONVERT'S OWN ANSWER TO INTELLECTUAL REBELS AGAINST THE DEISM OF THE HOPE. The effort of the unfortunate Father Tyrrell and a few others infected with the "modernism" condemned in the Holy Father's latest encyclical to drag into their company the name of the illustrious Cardinal Newman has aroused indignation both in England and in Rome. In order to remove even the slightest danger of misunderstanding as to the great Cardinal's sentiments respecting the authority of the Holy See, Mgr. John S. Vaughan, in a contribution to Rome, quotes a passage from Newman's writings with reference to a case in which the Pope interfered. The words are free from all ambiguity and constitute the strongest possible rebuke to the atti-

AN ENGLISH CATHOLIC LAYMAN.

Captain Mark Sykes, who is to be the Conservative candidate for the Parliamentary Division at the next election, delivered a striking speech at Norton, Yorkshire, on Thursday night. He was supported on the platform by Sir John Gorst and several prominent politicians of the same color.

things to be proud of, nor are they things which tend to the long life of a great Empire. If the heart of a man is affected, though he may be as strong as a Saxon, he is useless, and will sink under the first stress of illness or physical strain.

him he could not find his weapons in a society of property defence for if one thing above another was likely to irritate the poor people it would be to see the rich leaguing together to keep money in their own hands.

mistake. So far from there being no such thing as subjection, we are all subject to the authorities which God has established; and we make fools of us if we imagine then to have more by liberty than the right to do what we please.



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THE LAW OF THE CHURCH.

At certain times when the needs of the Church seem to require it the members of the hierarchy assemble in council and formulate such regulations as are in their judgment necessary for the promotion of spiritual and material progress and the fostering of common discipline, and the fostering of common discipline, and the fostering of common discipline...

AN APPEAL TO THE CHARITABLE.

Convent school of Our Lady of Sion, Dec. 18, 1907. Dear friends—I have come to places before you an undertaking which at the present time is interesting to all since it is a question of colonizing the North West of Canada.

THE CATHOLIC Bazaar, WALSACREBURG, ONT.

Below is given the results of the Grand Prize Drawing in connection with the Catholic Bazaar, held at the Opera House, Walsacresburg, Ont., Saturday evening, Dec. 21st. Persons holding winning tickets will please send their tickets to Rev. M. J. Brady, stationer here, who will forward them, when their wishes shall be promptly complied with.

NEWMAN AND THE POPE

Owing to the reverence that is felt for Cardinal Newman's name and the affectionate regard in which his character is held, too much care cannot be taken to remove even the slightest danger of misunderstanding as to his sentiments respecting the authority of the Holy Father, Mgr. John S. Vaughan then has done well to quote in a contribution to Rome an appropriate passage from Newman's writings with reference to a case in which the Pope interfered. The great O'stavian's words are free from all ambiguity.

TICKETS WINNING

Ticket No. 78541 draws prize \$25 in gold, donated by Rev. Father McEvoy, London, won by Mrs. Mary Lynch, London. Ticket No. 82727 draws prize \$10 in gold, donated by Rev. Father Loughran, P. P., London, Mich. U. S. won by Peter Martin, Dover Centre.

Wrote the ecclesiastical province of Baltimore comprised the whole territory of the American Republic, the provincial councils held in that city sufficed for the Church government of the country. When, however, several ecclesiastical provinces had been formed, plenary councils became necessary for the proper consideration of the issues involved.

DIocese of London.

A POPULAR PRIEST HONORED. Last Friday evening a number of gentlemen from Detroit presented Rev. Father Brady, P. P., Walsacresburg, with a silver loving cup. They were gentlemen who occupy some of the highest positions in the City of the Straits.

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College Re-Opens. The Central Business College of Toronto will re-open for the registration and reception of new students for the Winter Term on Jan. 2nd. This school employs a staff of twenty-four regular teachers with several extra assistants during the winter months when the attendance is largest. The courses given are modern and the results produced are best shown in the success and satisfaction enjoyed by the graduates of this excellent institution. The new Catalogue just from the press is an excellent one and explains in detail the systematic work of all departments of this great school.

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

FROM THE REVELATIONS OF VEN. MARY VAGHEDA. At the instant of the creation of the soul of Mary and its infusion into her immaculate body, the Most Holy Trinity said these words, with much more affection and tenderness than it expressed them in the creation of man; as related in the first chapter of Genesis: "Let us make Man to our image and likeness, render her our true Daughter and Spouse, to make her the Mother of the Son Who is consubstantial with the Father."

REMEMBERED BY THE CHILDREN.

A charming entertainment took place at the separate school on the same occasion. Father Brady presided in a silver loving cup. He presided in a very friendly and cordial manner, and he presented the entrance candidates with their certificates. The children were very happy and they presented him with a very pretty chorus. On this occasion the entertainment was rendered doubly interesting by the presence of His Lordship the Bishop of London. A short address was presented to him by Miss Maud Killy. His Lordship made a very happy and interesting speech.

REV. FATHER MORA'S SILVER JUBILEE.

Friday the 21st. Instant was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of our parish priest, Rev. Fr. Moré, and an anniversary which was given in his honor by the school children in the afternoon at the school room, and they presented him with a silver loving cup. His Lordship the Bishop of London, St. Joseph in charge of the school, at the same time presented him on behalf of the community of St. Joseph, with a silver loving cup for olive oil and vinegar.

By the force of these divine words and the love which brought them forth from the mouth of the Almighty, the blessed soul of the incomparable Mary was created and infused into her body, and replenished in the same instant with grace and gifts which raised her above the Seraphim. Therefore there was not a moment when she was with out the light, favor and love of her Creator; not a moment when the soil and obscurities of original sin stained her. On the contrary, she was created with a justice more perfect and more eminent than that which Adam and Eve received in their creation. The use of a reason, perfect and proportioned to her spiritual gifts, was also accorded her in order that these gifts might not be useless for one sole instant, and that they might work effects so admirable that the Creator could take sovereign complacency in them. In this new creation the voice of the Lord sounded more strongly than in the first when He contemplated His work and called it good. Let human feebleness approach this prodigy with devout humility, let it publish and proclaim the greatness of the Creator, and recognize the new benefits that all humanity received in His reparative; let the blindness of the mortals cease, vanquished by the force of divine light; because if the infinite goodness of God, under the conception of His Most Holy Mother, regarded original sin as with eyes of indignation, and refused to have a just cause and good occasion to arrest its course, how can human wisdom admit that which God has had in such horror?

At the time of the infusion of the soul into the body of the angelic Virgin, the Most High willed that her mother, Saint Anne, should experience in a marvelous manner the presence of the Divinity; she was filled with the Holy Spirit, and so intimately penetrated with such joy that she was ravished in a sublime ecstacy, whereby she was enlightened upon the most hidden mysteries, and celebrated the praises of the Lord with new songs of joy. These precious effects lasted during the rest of her life, but they were greater during the nine months that she guarded in her womb the Treasure of heaven; because during this time these favors were renewed and frequently reiterated, and she acquired

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