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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1900.

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Acts of Parliament passed at the time of the Reformation forbid the practice. Thus it appears that Parliament may limit the dispensing of the mysteries of God, and the graces accompanying them, though we know from the words of Holy Scripture that Christ Himself appointed pastors in His Church who are the authorized dispensers of His mysteries.

THE POPE AND FRANCE.

Notwithstanding that the French Government has been animated for so long a period with an anti-religious spirit, Pope Leo XIII. has great confidence that this state of things will soon come to an end. The Holy Father recently expressed himself most hopefully in conversation with Mons. Mame, the great Catholic publisher of Tours.

THE POPE AND THE DUKE.

The telegraphic despatches, in which the departure of the Duke of Norfolk for the seat of war in South Africa, was referred to, stated that the Duke's resolution to resign his position in the Government and go to the front was caused by patriotic ardor which was aroused in him by the fact that the Italian Catholic press took sides with the Boers in the present war, and that he wished to spite the Pope on account of the anti-British sentiments of the Holy Father.

SERVED THEM RIGHT.

The Secretary of War of the United States has taken action on a complaint made by Congressman Fitzgerald of Massachusetts, against Major J. B. Knight, commanding officer of the military post at Willet's Point in New York State.

allow officers to use their authority in an arbitrary manner by insulting Catholic clergymen in the discharge of their duties, and for taking this stand the President deserves great credit. It is only a few weeks since another Major who had command of a transport ship going to the Philippines, was also dismissed from his post for grossly insulting Mgr. Chapelle, Archbishop of New Orleans, and Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, who was on board the transport.

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION.

The festival of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, which occurs on Thursday, the 24th inst., has been observed by the Church of Christ from a very early period, as it is evident from the mention of it made by the early Fathers.

LORD SALISBURY'S HOSTILITY TO IRELAND.

A press despatch gives a synopsis of a speech delivered by Lord Salisbury before the Primrose League on the occasion of the grand annual habitation of that society held in London on the 9th inst.

Apostles were thus necessary for the purpose of carrying out the divine plan, and also for the instruction of the Apostles for the great work they were commissioned to carry out, that of preaching the gospel to all nations. But besides these purposes, the Ascension of Jesus is a type of how we may also ascend into heaven to share His glory, as stated by St. Leo in the passage already quoted from his sermon on the feast. Christians have therefore great reason to celebrate this festival with joy and thanksgiving, whereon when the bonds of death were broken as the same saint says further on in his sermon, His weakness became power, mortality was changed into immortality, and ignominy into glory.

THE VISIT OF MGR. FALCONIO TO TORONTO.

From the details given in our columns last week it was seen that His Excellency Mgr. Falconio, the Apostolic Delegate, on the occasion of his visit to the metropolis of Ontario, not only visited and officiated in St. Michael's Cathedral and St. Mary's Church, but also showed his interest in the progress of religion by visiting the Catholic institutions, including St. Michael's College, and all the convents and academies, together with the admirable charitable institutions all of which are conducted by the several zealous religious orders of that city.

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sees peacefully inclined. He adds: "It is impossible to speak too highly of the careful, calm neutrality which has been observed by all the Governments of the world 'down to the present moment.' Yet he adds that, desirous as he is not to use language which will lead the public to suppose there is any danger of a combination against Great Britain, it is only "through the efficiency of our own defence and the strength of our own right arm" that "there be security or confidence in the feelings or sympathy of other nations." "Everywhere the power of offence is increasing, and who knows but all these things may be united in one great wave to dash upon our shores." He therefore urges especially on every able-bodied Englishman to make himself competent to meet an invading enemy so that "we may have a defence force which would make the chances of an assailant so bad that no assailant would appear."

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civil Government is to make the people prosperous, and if the means to do this are not applied, it is not surprising that the feeling of loyalty which would otherwise be nurtured, should be greatly weakened. Loyalty in Ireland would be encouraged, and it would grow rapidly if some consideration were shown by the Government for the wishes of the people; and the people were inclined to accept the Queen's recent manifestations of kind feeling towards them as an indication that this consideration would be shown to them, but Lord Salisbury has done all in his power to overturn the edifice of good hopes which the people were building upon her Majesty's assurances of goodwill and kindly feeling for Ireland. It is now evident that so long as the English people maintain in power the present Government, which is so fixedly hostile to Ireland, all hope of a union of hearts between the two nations may be set aside.

AN EXPERIENCE WITH FORTUNE TELLERS.

The wisdom of the Catholic Church in condemning and forbidding "all dealings and communications with the devil; and inquiring after things lost, hidden or to come by improper means," is evident even to those who give a little consideration to the matter.

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DIocese of Hamilton.

School Honor Roll - Distribution of Diplomas and Medals to Pupils - Annual Visit of the Bishop.

Bishop Dowling made his annual visit to the Separate schools of the city on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of his consecration.

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

Parish of Campbellfield. Owing to the fact of the time being too short to allow all returns to be made...

DIocese of Pembroke.

Non-fid.

AN APPEAL IN AID OF TWO MISSIONS.

The people of Corbett siding intend to make an appeal to the people of the world...

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE LITERATURE.

To Mariners of England.

INTRODUCTION.—Shortly before the publication of this poem (1800) England had badly defeated the Spanish fleet...

THE CRUISE OF THE BLUE MAUREEN.

We take the following poem from a late issue of The New Irish (Dublin) Magazine.

"All day" the repetition of this in position of emphasis gives force.

THE EARTHLY SHEPHERD.

Who one coming across the world, My crozier long and crozier short.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

Sarsfield, Branch No. 1 Hamilton. At the last regular meeting of this branch the following resolution was adopted:

MARRIAGE.

MULLIN-DETRICH. On Monday, April 30, Teaswater was the scene of a most pleasant event.

MARKET REPORTS.

LONDON, May 17.—Wheat, per bushel, 10s 10d; Corn, per bushel, 10s 10d.

OBITUARY.

MR. P. DE CASTILLON, SEAFORTH. Just three weeks ago I was sad duty to announce the death of Mrs. P. De Castillon.

TENDERS FOR COAL, 1900.

Sealed tenders, addressed to the Provincial Secretary, Province of Ontario, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, and marked "Tenders for Coal, 1900," will be received up to noon on Monday, May 22, 1900.

ASYLUM FOR INSANE, TORONTO.

Hard coal—1,100 tons large egg size, 150 tons stove size, 20 tons chestnut size.

ASYLUM FOR INSANE, KINGSTON.

Hard coal—1,700 tons large egg size, 275 tons stove size, 25 tons chestnut size.

ASYLUM FOR INSANE, HAMILTON.

Hard coal—2,500 tons large egg size, 425 tons stove size, 25 tons chestnut size.

ASYLUM FOR INSANE, MISSISSAUGA.

Hard coal—1,200 tons large egg size, 120 tons stove size, 10 tons chestnut size.

ASYLUM FOR INSANE, ORILLIA.

Hard coal—1,000 tons large egg size, 150 tons stove size, 20 tons chestnut size.

CENTRAL PRISON, TORONTO.

Hard coal—2,500 tons large egg size, 425 tons stove size, 25 tons chestnut size.

INSTITUTION FOR DEAF AND DUMB, BELLEVILLE.

Hard coal—200 tons large egg size, 30 tons stove size, 10 tons chestnut size.

INSTITUTION FOR BLIND, BRANTFORD.

Hard coal—400 tons large egg size, 150 tons stove size, 25 tons chestnut size.

REFRIGERATORY FOR HOYS, PENETANG.

Forty tons stove size, 60 tons stove size, 15 tons stove size, 80 tons stove size.

REFRIGERATORY FOR HOYS, TORONTO.

Soft coal screenings 500 tons; stove coal, 120 tons.

PENITENTIARY SUPPLIES.

Sealed tenders addressed to the Inspector of Penitentiaries, Ottawa, and endorsed "Penitentiary Supplies," will be received until Saturday, May 20, 1900.

MY NEW CURATE.

A Story Gathered from the Stray Leaves of an Old Diary by the Rev. P. D. Coffey, CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont.

REID'S HARDWARE.

For Grand Rapids Carpet Sweepers, Superior Carpet Sweepers, Superior Carpet Sweepers, Superior Carpet Sweepers.

CATHOLIC HOME AND LITTLE FOLK'S ANNUALS.

We have a few of Henzinger's Catholic Home Annuals for 1900 still in stock.

WOMEN'S ART CLUB.

Exhibition of Perry Pictures in the Studio of Women's Art Club, Library, May 23 to June 1.

JOHN FERGUSON & SONS.

100 King Street, The Leading Undertakers and Embalmers, Open Night and Day.

CLARKE & SMITH.

Undertakers and Embalmers, 121 Dundas Street, Open Day and Night.

PRAYER BOOKS FOR SALE.

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