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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

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LONDON, SATURDAY, APR. 2, 1904.

THE MISSION IN LONDON.

His Lordship the Bishop of London and the clergy of the Cathedral have every reason to feel proud at the great success that has attended the labors of the Jesuit missionaries...

THE C. M. B. A.

At the conclusion of the Men's Mission, in St. Peter's cathedral, last Sunday, one of the missionaries, Rev. Father O'Bryan, S. J., made the announcement that the members of the C. M. B. A. would receive Holy Communion on Low Sunday.

It will be remembered by our readers that some years ago John Kensit, a seller of obscene and mendacious anti-Catholic literature, set on foot an agitation against ritualism...

the gentlemen who form the executive of the association—men of the very highest honor and holding positions of great prominence—is a guarantee that the interests of the members will be carefully guarded.

ANOTHER IRISH CATHOLIC JUDGE.

Last week we had occasion to compliment the Government on its very evident desire to do justice to the Irish Catholics of the Dominion in the matter of appointments to the higher offices...

LIGHT ON CERTAIN REMARKABLE CONVERSIONS.

A remarkable letter appeared in a recent issue of the Ave Maria from a recent English convert which explains in a lucid manner the circumstances which led some months ago to the conversion of the whole congregation of St. Michael's Church, Shoreditch, London, to the Catholic Faith.

“We who fought for ‘incense and reservation’ against the late Archbishop of Canterbury did not, so many of us, forsake the tents of Lambeth because we liked incense and were determined to have it.

Special devotions were practiced in that Church toward the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially during the month of May, and very unwillingly would Rev. Mr. Evans and his flock drop these practices.

THE COMBES GOVERNMENT IN FRANCE. M. Combes, the French Premier, is now in a critical position owing to a falling out between him and the socialistic party...

PEENICIOUS LITERATURE.

It is said to be the intention of the Dominion Government to shut out of the country books the tendency of which is to incite the young to crime

and violence. This will be done, if the step be taken at all, by an amendment to the Customs Act.

LOYALTY AND DISLOYALTY IN RUSSIA.

Despatches from Russia state that students of the Universities openly oppose the war against Japan, and cheer the Japanese in their class rooms when Japanese successes are announced...

Outside of the students, there is much revolutionary sentiment, especially among the Poles who have some hope that a humiliation to Russia would increase their hope to re-establish the ancient kingdom of Poland.

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lates as were intended to provide teaching staffs for schools abroad, either in the French colonies, or French protectorates.

M. Doumergue, Minister of the Colonies, insisted that French interests would be best promoted by the extension of purely lay schools.

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The case is parallel with what occurred in Belgium, where also the religious orders were subjected to similar persecution to that which is now taking place in France and the country was being ruined by corrupt officials.

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A Heaven-Sent Blessing. A true friend never changes, and his sincerity is such that you never have any doubts of their being wanting either truth on the lip or in the eye; he is ever constant—more so in adversity than in prosperity—always helpful and kind, ever ready to share your sorrows equally with your joys.

endeavor to put their country into a position to do this, but empty boasting of a responsible member of the Government like the talk of M. Pelletan is very much out of place, as it is likely to create ill-feeling which prudence should endeavor to diminish rather than to promote.

TOLD OF SENATOR HANNA.

MARCUS ALONZO HANNA IS DEAD. To recount his life here were idle, for there is scarcely one of the millions of our citizens who has not known the man in a general way.

Our Catholic people, perhaps, may not be fully aware what manner of man he was, and especially in so far as, in his thoroughly honest way, he was a friend of all the people, and without prejudice and in reality the advocate in high places of the claims of the Catholic Church and its American children.

Three years ago in Washington it happened that a Catholic priest was given a special audience by the late President McKinley, and during this time a friendly discussion turned on the future of the United States.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Nothing else gives such deep and finest satisfaction as the consciousness, not necessarily of being virtuous, for no man is ever conscious of that—like all the greatest saints they did not believe themselves good—but the consciousness of striving earnestly day by day to conform one's life more and more to the principles that are everlasting and that are embodied in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.—Bishop Spalding.

Force as a Success Factor. More people fail from lack of force than from lack of education or opportunity. A man may be well educated, or brilliant, and yet, for lack of force, be a complete failure in his vocation. A man or woman may succeed without education, but not without force; without capital, but not without energy.

Look at the Bright Side of Life. Adjust yourself to existing conditions and work with your face toward the bright side of life.—Conway. The worry that you are harboring in your mind this moment would seem unimportant to you if a great sorrow came into your life suddenly.

What a folly then, what a crime to spoil beautiful hours and days by magnifying the trivial anxieties of this brief existence! Find something to laugh over every day of your life. You can if you look for it, find something to be grateful for. Find something to do to help or cheer another, and something that will add a little richness to your own life in the way of knowledge.

Soul Against Body. Speaking to the last graduate class of Pittsburgh College of the Holy Ghost, Bishop Canevin said: "The preceptors with whom you have spent your school days have endeavored to open your intellects to the light of truth and train your wills to obedience to the laws of duty.

A Message and Warning. John M. Goarin, Esq., addressing the students of Notre Dame University gave this counsel: "Let me ask you to bearken to the warning that it is ringing out to you—a warning and a warning that is backed by the experience of all generations of men since the dawn of civilization on earth: Be temperate. Avoid intemperance as you would a pestilence. It is a pestilence, a moral pestilence. In the world of industry it is a consumer, always a destroyer, and produces nothing.

Do the Hard Thing First. Suspended above the desk of a Pittsburgh bank presided is this motto: "Do the Hard Thing First." Ten years ago he was discount clerk in this same bank. "How did you climb so fast?" I asked.

"I lived up to that text," he replied. "Tell me about it." "There's not much to tell. I had long been conscious that I was not getting on as fast as I should. I was not keeping up with my work; it was distasteful to me. When I opened my desk in the morning and found it covered with reminders of work to be done during the day, I became discouraged. There were always plenty of comparatively easy things to do, and these I did first, putting off the disagreeable duties as long as possible.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. COAINA, THE ROSE OF THE ALGONQUINS. By Anna H. Dorsey. CHAPTER IX. Father Etienne did as she desired, but it was only by the most urgent entreaties that he could get Winona and the rest to approach the dying woman, whose shrunken features and pallid skin, which already hung loose and wrinkled from her bones, were dripping with the cold dew of dissolution, while the blue, ghastly shadow threw its cadaverous hue over it all.

Self-Reliance. The man who would succeed must know his way through the forest, must cultivate self-reliance and dependence on no power but that of God, and his own honest efforts to reach the end in view. The men who have done most to shape the history of the world have been poor and friendless, and by hard struggle did they develop the character that left its impress on the age in which they lived.

TO BE CONTINUED. Brethren, the friendship of no mortal being, even the purest and noblest, can ever satisfy your hearts. God alone can be such a friend as you need, and if you like, His friendship is yours to have and to retain forever.—Paulist.

HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES.

MOST IMPRESSIVE SERVICES IN THE ECCLESIASTICAL YEAR. This week, the most solemn of all the ecclesiastical year, the Church commemorates the passion and death of our Saviour. It is called Holy Week because of the holiness of the events that were enacted during the ever-memorable week of the Passion, and holy because the faithful are called upon to assist with humble and pious dispositions at the solemn rites and functions performed in our churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday.

The observation of Holy Week is mentioned by Eusebius toward the end of the second century, while Eusebius believed that the custom of keeping Holy Week dated from Apostolic times. In the East this week was distinguished from the rest of Lent by the extreme strictness of the fast, so strict that for one, two, three, or four days many abstained from all food. In the Latin Church, however, we have no proof that the fast of Holy Week was more strict than the rest of Lent.

Close of Lent. Lent is almost at an end. It is hoped that every member of the League of Sacred Heart has done something to grace the penitential season a period of grace—of spiritual progression. The journey toward perfection is uphill, but every one would rather go up than down. Consider how very necessary it is for you to set your face against, your self and to walk in the way of penance, if you would attain perfection. If a soul has more patience under suffering, a greater endurance in the absence of sweetness, that is a sign of greater progress in virtue.

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On Holy Thursday only one Mass can be said in the same church, and that Mass must be a public one. The Mass is celebrated in white vestments. The bells which ring at the "Gloria" of the Mass do not chime again until the "Gloria" on Saturday morning, and the Church returns to the ancient use of summoning the faithful by a wooden clapper. After Mass a procession is formed. The celebrating priest carries the Blessed Sacrament under a canopy, and followed by the clergy and choir who chant the "Pange Lingua" to the altar of repose, which is richly decked with lights and flowers.

On Good Friday the Church commemorates the Passion of Christ, the most sad and sorrowful day in Holy Week. The clergy, robed in black, prostrate themselves before the altar, which is domed. No candles are as yet lighted. The prayers of the Church are then said for all conditions of men. The Passion is sung from St. John. After the Passion has been sung and the prayers ended, the cross, which up to this time was covered, is exposed to view and devoutly kissed by the clergy and people on bended knees. The Blessed Sacrament, which the day before was carried in procession to the altar of repose, is again solemnly brought back in procession, whilst the choir sing the "Vexilla Regis."

On Holy Saturday the ceremonies, which are of very ancient date, consist of blessing the Pascal candle, blessing the baptismal font and Easter water, reciting the prophecies and litanies prescribed. The Pascal candle blessed on this occasion expresses the new light of spiritual comfort the Son of God brought us at His resurrection. The Church orders it to be lighted at the beginning of the Gospel, and to be left burning till the end of the Communion



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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

IN STRATHFORD. [Star-Herald, March 18.]

The anniversary of the birth of St. Patrick was right royally commemorated in a concert of speech and song at Theatre Albert, London, Mr. Owen A. Stanley, of Toronto, Master Eugene Smiley, of Toronto, and Mr. L. J. Gravel, of London.

Dr. Ryan speaks with that clear enunciation, perfect modulation, eloquence of language and ease of delivery which characterizes the finished speaker.

The singing of the National Anthem brought to a close one of the most successful and enjoyable concerts ever given by the Trustees.

Rev. Father Cummings is receiving high compliments from many quarters for the ability shown in training the members of the society for the entertainment.

Before the opening of the play the curtain rose and showed a number of people seated in the front of the theatre.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in St. Thomas by the presentation of "Kerry Gow" by the St. Thomas Dramatic Club in Duncombe Opera House.

provided for, he arose to propose the first toast, "The Pope," which was duly honored.

Bro. J. J. Scollard, responding to the toast of the Pope, said that the Irishmen would always look forward to the National Anniversary, because it recalled vividly to their minds the great boon St. Patrick had conferred on Ireland.

Bro. J. J. Scollard, responding to the toast of "Canada," said whatever change had taken place in the past, the laws of England will permit, and he felt sure that the efforts of the Irish people would be successful.

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