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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Mr. Thomas Coffey: Ottawa, June 13th, 1903. My 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.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Around the Entrance examination centre memories, cherished memories, of the hopes and ambitions, triumphs and failures, and all those great realities of school days that only the superficial and unreflecting or those unfortunates who have no really sympathetic understanding of childhood (having forgotten their own), will dismiss as childish.

SOME SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

While preaching to a little group of nondescript gathered in the warmth of the Gospel Mission at No. 361 Michigan Street last night, Leader Andrew Henderson was arrested by Detective Fred Morganstern of the Seneca street station.

they will accept such regulation or inspection. Already formally demanding complete recognition of their assumed status they ask for legal provision for Primary Schools, Secondary Schools, Model Training Schools and Normal School. The demand is already formulated for the adoption of the dual system of Quebec with its double head and separate controlling bodies.

The object of this apparent digression from the subject of the Entrance examination is to establish the fact of fundamental importance that Catholics as Separate school supporters, not less than the Public school ratepayers, Catholic or Protestant, have a vital interest in everything without any exception, that concerns the welfare of our school system as a whole.

CHRISTIAN FORTITUDE (METHODIST)

Some weeks ago, as an object-lesson in the cardinal virtue of fortitude, we instanced the English appreciation of uncompromising Catholicism of Lord Mayor McCabe of Manchester. It goes without saying that Mr. McCabe's refusal to attend the semi-official religious service in the Anglican church was the only course open to any Catholic in similar circumstances in any part of the world.

Such are the allegations and charges. At the time of writing the decision of the Courts is unknown. Let us be tempted to thank God that such things happen in the United States, but not in Canada, let us remember some things. In Canada Ruthenian perverts in the pay of the Presbyterian Home Missions have masqueraded as priests even at the Altar, blasphemously travesty the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; and have fallen so far below the pagan conception of manhood as to pretend to hear the confessions of their grossly deceived fellow-countrymen.

Between the wine and tobacco problems and gambling and licentiousness are sandwiched in the corrupt Church of South America and the scheming hierarchy of North America! Does it not all suggest a reason for the existence of the empty pew problem in Protestant churches? The hungry sheep would be hungry indeed when they would not turn away from that fodder.

APPRECIATION OF VALUES

It has often been said that if the Catholics of France had built up an able and aggressive Catholic press with the millions they devoted to the building of Montmartre, they would not so easily have gone down to defeat at the end of the century. Is that a materialistic view? or is the materialism on the side of those who prefer a monumental church dominating the historic heights?

chiefly in the refutation of ingrained Protestant misconceptions of historic-religious events and subjects. The CATHOLIC RECORD reproduced the Rev. Dr. Starbuck's articles for the benefit of its readers; not the first nor the last time that we have been indebted for good things to that excellent and widely read journal. The series of articles to which we refer had of course the great intrinsic merit of deep historical scholarship applied to subjects of great interest to all, but of peculiar interest to Catholics.

At the present time there is a strong tendency towards union amongst the Protestant churches. Whilst giving our friends credit for good intentions we fail to see how anything can come of it, because there can be no unity without authority, and the rejection of authority is the bedrock of Protestantism. Methodists and Presbyterians and Congregationalists may agree to worship in the same church building, but that is about all they will agree upon, and in the course of a few months they will split up again.

REAL CHURCH UNION

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factious pulling in opposite ways; no petty jealousies that impede progress; do all want to direct, and none to serve? Suppose we tried to promote a movement for unity in our parish? Suppose now, at the beginning of a new year, we determined to bury fathoms deep the memories that rankle and fester in our hearts; the petty spites, the imagined slights? Don't you think, dear reader, we would do more for God in this new year He has given us?

Well, not long ago, this same Sacerd Heart Review opened a subscription list to erect an altar in a church in Rome. Soon it was able to close the list with the announcement that a sufficient sum—\$25,000—had been subscribed. We might be misunderstood if we affirmed that these two things taken together indicate a somewhat confused appreciation of values; but we are just going to ask you to think it over for yourselves, and try to answer the question, Do we fully realize that mind is superior to matter? And that this holds good with regard to the service of religion?

NOTES AND COMMENTS

IN A RECENT sermon Archbishop Casey of Vancouver laid special stress upon the desirability of Catholics in this age always referring to themselves simply as such without the prefix "Roman," and to the Church as the CATHOLIC Church. The Church is of course "Roman" in that Rome is the centre and seat of her authority and jurisdiction. But she is Catholic, first of all, and to that venerable title no other body, however numerically respectable, may legitimately lay claim.

point on which the arraignment is made is that the poet's work suffers from an excess of language and overwrought imagery. This may readily be admitted by even his most ardent admirer. It is certainly not a point over which to quarrel. There are those who have expressed the opinion that Thompson as a poet was born out of due time and that in this matter of opulence of language it may well be that generations yet unborn may have a truer appreciation of his genius than so material an age as that in which we live.

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THOSE WHO MAY have read the paragraphs in these columns a week or two ago referring to Pagan coinage, and found interest therein, may be further interested to know that for the first time in history the effigy of a Pope is to appear on a postage stamp. The Austro-Hungarian Government is printing a series, one of which represents the crowning of the Emperor Francis Joseph by His Holiness Pius IX. This historic event occurred as far back as 1848, so that the hitherto unprecedented reign of Victoria in Great Britain has been already surpassed by over two years by the Imperial head of the Hapsburgs, and it is singularly fitting that so momentous an event should be commemorated in a way that comes within the personal cognizance of every son of the Empire.

Two recent lectures, one by Professor Culverwell of Trinity College, Dublin, and the other by Professor Westwood of Oxford University, have drawn attention anew to the work of the Irish monks prior to the Danish and English invasions, and particularly to their influence on the intellectual development of Europe. It is an old story, but the world is all the better for being reminded of it occasionally. Professor Culverwell laid particular emphasis upon the dexterity displayed in those ages in manuscript illumination, making special reference to what has been called the most beautiful book in the world, the Book of Kells. On the same subject, the Oxford Professor stated that with all the skill and knowledge that he had acquired during fifty years in such work, he could not conceive how men could have had the eyes and the tools to produce such exquisite work as the Books of Kells and Armagh.

KNOWING pretty well all the libraries of Europe, Professor Westwood went on, where books of the same type appeared, he could safely affirm that they contained nothing to equal these two surviving productions of the monks of Erin. Within the space of three-eighths of a square inch he had counted, with a mag-

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GRATS WITH YOUNG MEN

THE PASSIONS

Self repression is rendered necessary by the passions of human nature, which everyone of us inherits at his birth.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE BOY'S READING

A little incident that serves to point out a moral happened the other day in this city.

SEANCES AND OUR FAITH

One of the incredible things at the present day of the world's progress is that scientific authorities, such as Sir Oliver Lodge of England and a few others, should publicly profess their belief in the so-called manifestations of spirit mediums.

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One fatal fault of the average listener, writes "The Pastor" in the Catholic Transcript, "is a tendency to shunt the application of a sermon upon someone else."

WELCOME, THOUGH WITHOUT GENIUS

There are some characters who carry their wealth with them, who are rich without money.

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