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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION.

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DEATH OF POPE LEO XIII.

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THE ELECTION OF A POPE.

Now that the gentle and kindly Leo XIII. is no more on earth to guide the destiny of the Barque of Peter, it will be interesting to our readers to know how his august successor will be chosen.

When a Pope dies, nine days are devoted to his obsequies. On the tenth day after his demise, the Cardinals who are then in Rome assemble in the Sistine Chapel, where a Mass in honor of the Holy Ghost is celebrated by the Cardinal Dean to obtain from God for them light and grace to select the man whom Heaven desires to fill the place.

Then the Cardinals and their attendants go in procession to that part of the Vatican in which the conclave is to be held. It adjoins and includes the Pauline and Sistine chapels, with three courts and the surrounding apartments.

When the procession reaches the Pauline Chapel, the Cardinal Dean chants before the altar the prayer, "Deus, qui corda fidelium;" next the Papal constitutions or regulations for conclaves are read, and all present swear to observe those rules.

Next the Cardinals select by lot their cells. On the evening of the tenth day, every one not entitled to be inside the conclave (cum, with; clavis, a key) or shut-in place of the election, is excluded, and the only door communicating with the outside world is shut with two locks on the outside and two on the inside.

Then the Cardinals and their attendants meet in the chapel and take the oath of fidelity and secrecy. Then they retire for the night, every one to his own room.

At 6 o'clock the next morning the Cardinals go to the chapel. At 7 the Mass of the Holy Ghost is celebrated. Next the Cardinals recite the penitential Psalm and the Litany of the Saints. Then they take the first vote for the new Pope.

If there is no choice and an election requires a two-thirds majority of all the Cardinals present, they retire to their cells, have breakfast, and are free until the afternoon. At 2 p. m. they meet for a second vote. If it, too, is not decisive, they dine and wait until the next day, when the same routine is observed.

Gregory XV. ordered that the Cardinals in conclave should vote by secret ballot. Papers of uniform size, texture and color are distributed. Each elector fills two blanks in the sheet: "I, Cardinal —, elect for Sovereign Pontiff my Most Reverend Lord Cardinal —."

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Meanwhile the great door is unlocked, the barricades are removed, and announcement is made that the conclave is happily ended.

Next the Pope-elect is conducted behind the altar, divested of his habit as Cardinal, and vested in the white robes of the Sovereign Pontiff. Then he comes out, ascends the altar, and seats himself in the sedia gestatoria.

The Cardinal advances one by one, kisses the foot and the hand of the new Pope, and by him are kissed on both cheeks. So, likewise, do all the officers of the conclave.

Next the senior Cardinal Deacon goes to an interior balcony in the Vatican looking out on St. Peter's and makes proclamation to the people: "I announce to you tidings of great joy. We have a Pope, the Most Eminent and Most Reverend —, who has given himself for name —."

Next the new Pope himself appears and imparts the Apostolic Benediction to the assembled multitude.

A few days later, the Sovereign Pontiff is solemnly crowned with the triple tiara, receiving again the homage of the Cardinals and listening to the renewal of their pledge of fealty to him as the successor of St. Peter and the visible head of the Church.

THE ACCESSION OATH AGAIN.

We learn from English papers that in the House of Lords there was a lively debate on June 25th upon the question which was so strongly agitated two years ago, namely, the desirability of abolishing or amending the Royal Declaration against the Catholic Religion, taken on the king's accession to the throne.

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WHO SHOULD REDRESS THE GRIEVANCE?

Lord Rosebery also summed up the situation in much the same strain as the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Rosebery does not represent the Liberal Party but if he did so we would still answer him as we have answered the Duke. But it is ominous that in the dyed-in-the-wool Tory House of Lords, sixty-two members out of one hundred and seventy-one voted for the unceremonious abolition of the oath, notwithstanding that the Government used its whole influence to have Lord Grey's motion negatived, and in the face of the Duke of Devonshire's "bitter complaint" that Lord Grey had defied the Government by making such a motion in the absence of the Lord Chancellor, and "at a moment when the House had no time to read his bill. The support which Lord Grey received under such circumstances is a pretty broad hint to the Government that it must act soon on the very lines which Lord Grey pointed out as the way to be followed, despite the growlings of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and the Protestant Association or League of England.

The Duke of Norfolk on behalf of the Catholics spoke fairly enough, but perhaps not with as much spirit as the occasion demanded. He admitted that the Protestant Succession is a fixed fact, and that the Sovereign must be a Protestant. He said that all he asked for was that "the form of declaration should be made palatable to Catholics."

But little more remains to be said by us on the matter further than that the discussion holds up in a very ridiculous light the pretence made a few days ago by a Montreal Anglican clergyman that Protestantism is a positive and not a negative creed. It has been repeatedly said by the Lodges, the Press, and the Pulpit while discussing this subject, that the Protestant succession, and even Protestantism itself, would be endangered if the King's Declaration did not specify "the opposition of Protestantism to the Church of Rome."

This is an admission that Protestantism is not a complete entity of itself. It would have no being if it had not the Catholic Church against which to protest. This is precisely what we maintained in a reply to the Rev. Osborne Troop's recent sermon on the positive character of Protestantism.

We deem it necessary also to remark that Lord Robertson's statement that Roman Catholics should agree to a modified form of words before any change can be made is a palpable confession of Governmental and Parliamentary incapacity to deal with a pressing question of administration. Why should it be necessary for Catholics to agree upon a course to be followed? Catholics are not a majority of either House of Parliament, and they can therefore do nothing in the matter unless Protestants agree to take a course which they have themselves admitted to be reasonable.

There are other reasons why Parliament, and especially the House of Lords, should not wait for a suggestion from Catholics on this matter:— 1. The injury and insult are the work of Protestants, and from Protestants the reparation should come.

2. We have been plainly told that it is a matter for Government action and not for private members. Why then should not the Government act promptly and satisfactorily?

3. The whole discussion has shown that the Protestants who are the great majority in both Houses are ashamed of the oath as it stands. It is a testimony to Protestant intolerance, and it behooves that Protestant majority to remove the cause of their shame.

But if Catholics on the matter offer a suggestion would be to abolish the oath once for all.

A Jesuit Mission.

Two English officers on their way up to the Kebrabrossa Rapids on the Zambezi in a gunboat, stopped to rest at a Jesuit mission on the way. One of them writes: "We both came to the conclusion that it would be hard to find a more cultured, self-sacrificing and capable body of men; as with all the discomity of an African life and the monotony of teaching, they still keep up and enforce the rigid discipline of their Order." Antigonish, Casko.

A CASE OF HAPPY RELIGION.

Happily religious Province of Ontario occasionally there is a little flicker of the Monday of last week the Public School received for the school of London tender for painting firm of Pace & committee, of which man, recommended to be accepted, because firm whose tender not a Public School words, one member Catholic, and considered on anniversary of the it would be were the committee opportunity to sit the fever was his committee. Per help it. But with the friends and religious liberty manly, and bold have no rights with respect? Hypo beings at best. be admired in the proclaim his en face bigot, who Catholic, will his liberality, a the lodge room him under the save contempt. We may ask the ous committee business being ate School Public school without quest Catholic so n that Protestant ejected and the ed. It is a should be fro citizens. Now that have been aff taking the hope tees we hope municipal elec home. It is being of the men positions pal affairs. We are to note that minority. The committee was of Pace & Fitzgerald, We hope this They have e of themselves.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

To fold one's hands and let things take their course is to transform one into a man of straw...

"A Catholic Gentleman," said the Rev. Owen H. Hill, S. J., in his baccalaureate address to the graduates of Fordham College...

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Where is there a disappointment so keen or a disgrace so poignant as he inflicts who comes not back, because he dares not, having in the foreign land or in the distant city soiled his good name...

Insure Your Life Now. The saying is quite common that "Any fool can make money, but only a wise one can keep it."

These gifts specifically are seven in number, called the gifts of the Holy Ghost. Generally speaking, they are: Word and Wisdom, the Father, the Son, the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

Fortitude, the fourth gift of the Holy Ghost enables us to do that which is right, regardless of our weakness, thus surmounting the obstacles which stand in the way of our sanctification.

Bishop Elean Colton on Economy. Bishop Colton belongs to the parish branch of the C. B. L. Aside from insurance he has decided opinions as to the practise of saving in youth...

Those "Wicked" Friars. Mr. F. R. Guernsey, the special correspondent of the Boston Herald, writes to that paper as follows about the Dominican priests in charge of the Church in Chapultepec, Mexico.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Boy Mozart.

Musical Parisians are of opinion that they have a boy Mozart in their midst. At a wedding celebrated in the Church of St. Maur, in the absence of the organist, his place was taken by a little Chagnon, who played admirably through the service...

Think of This, Boys. Some one in telling boys how to succeed says that they must learn to wish. To wish until it hurts and hurts—that is the wish that comes true!

Be Prompt. "How I do appreciate a boy who is always prompt—always on time," said John Wamaker, the great dry goods merchant.

You Make Your Fortune. It is in every girl's power to be what she desires—either an intelligent, charming girl or a foolish, ignorant one.

OUR RELIGION.

The next, or eighth article of the Creed, "I believe in the Holy Ghost," is credited to St. Matthew. By it we profess a belief in the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, who is truly God, as is the Father and the Son.

Christ the Consoler. What sweeter title for the gentle Saviour than that of Consoler; how it expresses all that the Sacred Heart loved! Pardon, patience, kindness, sympathy, friendship, are all found in the Consoler.

The Old Camper. The poor, Christ comes as the poorest among the children of men, and consoles them with the vision of the manger and the poverty of Nazareth.

Little Vectors. A curious and pretty custom is observed every year in the city of Hamburg to celebrate a famous victory which was won by the little children more than four hundred years ago.

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turbed Lucy by crying in his crib in an adjoining room. This was annoying, and George Owen Koch in the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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The Cowardly Infidels. The persecutors of religion in France would have a hard road to travel if there were a great many French Catholics like the brave official of whom the Abbe Gayraud told in a speech recently in the Chamber of Deputies.

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