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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION. Apostolic Delegation, Ottawa, June 12, 1905.

My Dear Sir:—Since coming to Canada I have been a reader of your paper. I have noted with satisfaction that it is treated with intelligence and ability, and above all, that it is imbued with a strong Catholic spirit.

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, Ottawa, Canada, March 7th, 1905. To the Editor of THE CATHOLIC RECORD, London, Ont.

ST. JANUARIUS. From the Cleveland, Ohio, Catholic Universe we learn that Dr. A. P. Scully, of that city, who is at present travelling in Europe, gives in a letter to Dr. J. Gallagher a very interesting and graphic account of the miracle of the liquefaction of the blood of St. Januarius at Naples.

Thoughtless people speak of this standing miracle as if it were a fraud, and in his letter, Dr. Scully admits that he had often conversed with a Dr. C. of the city of Cleveland about this miracle, both being unbelievers in regard to it.

When it is borne in mind that the Cardinal Archbishop of Naples and numerous Bishops and all the Neapolitan clergy take part in the ceremony of showing the phials of blood to the assembled multitude when the liquefaction takes place, and that the ceremony is participated in regularly by the whole population of Naples, it will be seen that a fraud is impossible unless we are to suppose that the whole clergy of the city, including the Cardinal Archbishop and other high dignitaries of the Church, are engaged in a plot to deceive the citizens, and, indeed, the whole world into believing that a miracle really takes place, whereas the whole transaction is nothing more than a brazen imposture.

They who make the assertion that this is the case say that the liquefaction is the result of some chemical trick. To say nothing of the absurdity of supposing that all the clergy of Naples, including those of the Cathedral for nine hundred or one thousand years down to the present time, have been involved in this trick, we may state that many eminent scholars, including chemists of renown, have examined it carefully, but could not discover any evidences of trickery.

ANOTHER PHASE OF CHRISTIAN UNION. An effort is being made by the Congregational Union of England and Wales to establish a federation of all the Congregationalists of the world under the title of "the United Congregational Church," and negotiations to this end are going on between the British and American Congregationalists to bring the matter to a successful issue.

I followed in procession next the chief of police, over a mile through the streets of Naples, never lost sight of the receptacle, got into the Church of St. Clara, and at the altar with the Bishops and Cardinals, and was looking at the blood when the terrible moment of suspense arrived. It did not look as if it would liquefy. The Bishops and Cardinals prayed—but not yet. The wild, wailing outburst of the Italians in the church beneath, the police and soldiers with drawn swords all filled me with fear and awe.

From other sources we know that the head of St. Januarius is enclosed in a metal casket and remains in a closet of massive masonry, with the metal doors fast secured with four locks which are fitted with four keys of different make. Two keys are kept by the civic and two by the ecclesiastical authorities, so that the closet cannot be opened except with the consent of both.

ST. JANUARIUS WAS A NATIVE OF NAPLES, who became Bishop of Benevento, about thirty miles from Naples, during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian, who decreed the tenth general persecution. The saint was beheaded in 305, near Puzozoli. His head and body were buried at the foot of Mount Vesuvius, and, according to the custom of the Christians of the period, some of his blood was placed in two glass vials which were put with his body into the tomb.

THE CONGO STATE. For the last couple of years the American and English papers have overflowed with graphic descriptions of horrors in the Congo State in Africa under Belgian rule. The testimony on the subject is very conflicting, and it has been said that the Peace Arbitration Commission of the Hague will be asked to deal with the case to enforce more humane treatment of the natives by the Belgian Government, to which the civil administration of the Congo Free State has been committed by agreement between the European powers which have interests at stake in Africa.

As a result of this forced labor and military service, great and unspeakable cruelties are practiced on the native people. I have seen a number of times at least 50,000 people fleeing into the forests to escape from the cannibal soldiers of King Leopold. I have seen these soldiers scouring through the forests, and after catching a number of men whom the Government wanted as laborers, going away with the captives tied together by ropes around their necks.

When at the present day we find a Protestant church aiming to make itself one throughout the world, it is an admission that the Popes were not usurpers, as Protestants have always asserted them to be, inasmuch as the Popes have alone claimed and still claim to be the one Head of a universal Church.

Belgium is a flourishing Catholic country, and this is reason enough why some of the missionaries who are engaged in missionary labor in the Congo would be glad to see the administration of the Free State transferred to Germany or Great Britain, while money considerations would avail with the Liverpool trading companies to aim at the same result.

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CHAT WITH YOUNG MEN.

The man who makes a success of an important venture never waits for the crowd. He strikes out for himself. It takes nerve. It takes a lot of grit. The man who succeeds has both. Any man who has enough confidence in himself to take a chance. These chances are the main thing after all. The man who tries to succeed must expect to be criticized. Nothing important was ever done but the greatest number consulted, previously doubted the possibility of it. Success is the accomplishment of it. What most people think can't be done, what most people think can't be done, but get up and get it that makes a small business and a man great.—Canadian Sinographer.

and demand. We may complain at the coldness of the world, but the world will jog on. We may blame the market because we are among the left-over stock, but that doesn't help matters. The demand is mostly for the good old-fashioned kind of people—the standard varieties, that can do some one thing well, and will settle down and do it. Being fitted for a larger place, be sure the place will find you out; not being fitted for it, you would have found it a curse anyway; so, "having done all, stand." Seeing, then, that the market will not adjust itself to us, it might be wise to study the trade awhile, and fit ourselves for the market.—The Indian Advocate.

Thousands are neglecting to do this. For them this article has no moral. It is not written for their benefit. It is written for those who are getting a little ahead; those who with the income exceeds the outgo. They know that they are laying by something. It is pleasant to be in that condition. But the danger is that the work of accumulating, practiced for some years, becomes a habit which is hard to break. Then, when instead of saving to live, they live to save. They money instead of being the means for acquiring the other possibilities of life, crowds out all these possibilities. We may say that the miser is an exaggerated freak in the human family. But there are lesser phases of the miser's mania that are no less manifestations of the same disease. The man of piling up wealth beyond one's own fairly-estimated needs is wide-spread. And it is not only bad for society, but bad for those afflicted by it. It robs them of much of the pleasure of life, to say nothing of happiness of eternity.

Prayer without the spirit of sacrifice never reaches high. It is a species of hypocritical mockery. The Lord Himself prescribed tithes for the support of religion. The young men — "the hope of the future." Some of them, yes. To depend on other some is to lean on a broken reed. Why should not young men and all earning wages, contribute their fair share to the support of the Church? Who exempts them from this law any more than they are exempted or can be exempted from the law of Pascal Communion? If "every man's sin will find him out," how many will finally be confronted by this? No body of Catholics has a right to develop a parish or a sisterhood that exempts the individual members from their duty, whether this be spiritual or material.

The Chief Inspiration of Civilization. The Church even while preaching Jesus Christ crucified, a stumbling block and a folly in the eyes of the world, has become the chief inspiration and support of civilization, and has diffused it wherever her apostles have preached, preserving and perfecting all that was good in the ancient pagan civilization, rescuing from barbarism the primitive people who looked for refuge to her maternal bosom, and giving to the whole structure of society, gradually indeed but securely and with ever growing impetus that marked impress which it possesses even still.—PIUS X.

How much is enough? Where shall we place a rational limit? In a natural honest condition of society one should accumulate nothing. It is a species of hogchessen to lay by more food and clothing than one can use. But we do not live in this natural and honest state of society. In the world such as we find it, one has enough when he has found for himself a home which satisfies his wants, his family, or more sites for houses than one? Then with a comfortable home, if one's income exceeds, during the years of his youth and prime, his out-go, he has enough. If his wants are few and his habits frugal, he will never be poor. The accumulation of the unexpended portion of his daily or monthly earnings will take care of itself, and the man may devote himself to the other and higher and nobler affairs of life.—Catholic Citizen.

A Failure Atmosphere. What would you think of a young man, ambitious to become a lawyer, who should surround himself with a megal atmosphere and spend his time reading mechanical books? Do you think he would ever become a great lawyer by following such a course? No, he must put himself into a law atmosphere, where he can absorb it and be steeped in it until he is attuned to the legal note. He must be grafted into the legal tree so that he can feel its sap circulating through him.

Our Boys and Girls. BY LUCIA EMILY DORRER. THE VISITATION AN ACT OF CHARITY. "Never mind," said Father Moore, "after all a pound is better than nothing, and it will help towards the treat for the school children next week. It's on Wednesday, and of course I shall see you all there."

Some years ago, in a small town of the Middle West, a young man who was just beginning to work as a journeyman carpenter was hired to patch a fence by one of the petty officials of the place. "Don't put any unnecessary work on it," the man said. "I just want it sufficiently strong to keep out any stray livestock; and being over there out of sight behind the shabby, it won't matter what it looks like. It isn't worth more than a dollar; if you're willing to do it for that, go ahead."

The secret of pleasing is in being pleasant yourself, in being interesting, in being agreeable, you must be magnanimous. The narrow stingy soul is not lovable. People shrink from such a character. There must be heartiness in the expression, in the smile, in the handshake, in the cordiality which is unmistakable. The hardest natures can not resist those qualities any more than the eyes can resist the sun. If than the eyes sweat and light, people will love to get near you, for we are all looking for the sunlight, trying to get away from the shadows.—Success.

Some Helpful Thoughts. We may not have riches; but we may be rich. Character is riches. To be, not to get, should be our aim, for he who possesses the greatest measure of noble character extracts more true enjoyment from life than all others, and besides his capacities for enjoying the next world are enlarged.

Consequently the idea of having some pictures of a most unconventional character, tennis, cricket and golf ad libitum, a few bicycle rides on friends' wheels, and lots of amusement which they would invent themselves, seemed to them all very delightful indeed, and it seldom entered their heads to want more.

Not long after this the young carpenter went to a neighboring town and steadily worked his way up. Some ten years later the owner of the patched fence had risen to the position of County Commissioner, and his little town was a growing city, about to erect a number of fine municipal buildings. Among the many applicants for the contract, which, besides being an important one financially, would undoubtedly make an enviable name for its successful bidder, the commissioner noticed a name that seemed in some way familiar to him. After a moment he recalled the incident of the patched fence, which had really made a much deeper impression on him than he had allowed himself to admit at the time. The estimate of the young carpenter, who was now a contractor, proved to be a reasonable one, and the work was given into his hands.

Avoid the sin of anger. First, because it is a sin, and secondly, because it poisons the heart and unbalances the mind of him who fires its darts at another. The chief value of a man lies in the thought and love his life embodies and reveals, and not in the offices he fills nor wealth he accumulates.—Spalding.

It is by suffering, by penance, by mortification alone that we grow strong; and overthrow this tyrannical power which exercises such a baneful influence upon our destiny. It is by self-subjection that our souls are purified and rise to the courageous and noble aspirations, and that humbled himself shall be exalted.—Rev. William T. Russell.

Plans were in full swing of discussion at breakfast next morning. Most of those present had been to Mass, for daily Mass in that household was taken as a matter of course. The children had all been brought up to know that a certain proportion of the day should be dedicated to God by those who wished to be more than just Catholics, and they had acquired that habit of letting that keep up the habit of which the most Holy Sacrifice is offered. True, they could not all go every day. Agatha acted as nursemaid to Mabel, and had done so ever since they had lived in Everly, and she also helped Bridget with a good deal of the householding. Still, by careful management and planning, beforehand, she was able to go a few times in the week. Where the will exists the way is generally found, and even the busy Bridget was often seen at Mass assisting with the simple devotion so often noticed among the Irish poor. She was very fond of saying her Rosary during Mass, as she could not read, and knew very few prayers by heart, but the Pater and Ave she knew were the best of all prayers, and the Mass the best of all devotions, and by the diligent use of both she was able to live a good practical Catholic, one who held her faith to be dearer than life itself.

What would be the effect upon civilization if everybody would keep constantly in mind that suggestion of the photographer, "Look pleasant?" The most difficult part of the photographer's work is the effort to hide himself of the cold, stiff, set expression of his face and to replace it by a genial, kindly look or a smile. He is not willing to reproduce the sinner until he succeeds, because he knows that the change of expression will transform the photograph.

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What a blissful experience it would be to pass through streets and cars and stores—whenever we meet a human being—and find everybody looking contented and happy, every face bearing an expression of friendliness and good will! We sometimes meet such people. They look as though they long to know you. They give you the impression that they feel a close kinship to you, that they are brothers and sisters in reality, and are only barred from speaking to you by cold conventionality.—Success.

Self-confidence marshals all one's faculties and twists their united strength into one mighty achievement capable. It carries conviction. It makes other people believe in us. What has not been accomplished through its marvellous power! What triumphs in invention, in art, and in discovery have been wrought through its magic! What does not civilization owe to it! Its mine developers and city-builders, its discoverers, its railroads, its science has in war, which were deemed impossible by faint-hearted doubters.

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sure sure they could teach the children. Over one letter she pondered a good deal, and reread it a second time. "Who are the letters from, muzzy?" inquired Winnie, for letters were had no secrets from each other. "One is from Aunt Anna," said Mrs. Hamilton. "What has she got to say for herself? She doesn't often condescend to write."

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