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FREEMASONRY CONDEMNED

One of the leading Masonic papers
of the country is the *American*. Under
our observation. It seems that the
paper has changed editors; at least
its policy has of late been that of a
rabid anti-Catholic sheet. The copy
we were shown contains a letter said
to have been written by Monsignor
Salotti which we have never seen
published by our Catholic contemporaries—a fact which, considering the
importance of the matter treated,
seems rather strange. It is written
in reply to the communication of an
Episcopal gentleman who wished the
Apostolic Delegate to make a personal
investigation of Freemasonry, as
it exists in America, and then to use
his influence with Pope Leo XIII.
to have the ban of the Church removed
from the organization in this country,
at least. The reply to this communication
is, we say of importance.
It is important because it sets at
rest, once and for ever, any doubts
that may have existed as to the stern
opposition of the Church towards
Freemasonry in all countries. It is
important because of the publication,
in a New York daily paper a few
weeks ago, of a misleading article
which tried to prove that, though the
Catholic Church condemned French
and Italian Freemasonry, its attitude
toward the Lodges in Spain, England
and the United States was "passive
and even friendly." How far
this assertion is from the truth may
be judged from Monsignor Salotti's
letter, which, as given in the *Tyler*,
is as follows:

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18, 1893.
Dear Sir—In answer to yours of the
19th November, I must say that
Freemasonry is essentially anti-Catholic
in its principles and aims, without
questioning the intention and behavior
of the individuals who belong to it.
Such a society has been clearly
condemned by the Church, which
has come to such a decision after a
careful and serious examination. Believe
me, dear sir,

Yours Respectfully,
CARLOTTI, Deleg. Apost.

The above letter confirms the position
taken by this paper, recently,
in commenting on the New York
Tribune's article.

The *Tyler* makes the publication
of this letter the occasion for publishing
a venomous tirade against
the Catholic Church delivered in Portland,
Oregon, by an anti-Catholic
rafter named Grant. The ignorance
of this gentleman concerning the
real beliefs of Catholics may be
judged from his interpretation of the
dogma of the Immaculate Conception.
He says:

The Church has in all times believed
in the Immaculate Conception, that
Mary, the mother of Christ, was a
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Like the greater number of those
who vilify the Church, Mr. Grant
does not know what the real doctrine
of the Church are. Another
page of the *Tyler* furnishes evidence
that even a Masonic journal will be
satisfied to print an anti-Catholic ranting.

On the next page printed a
copy of the following letter, which is
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writing which is to be expected from
the pen of a man who is so ignorant
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SIR Wm. VERNON HARCOURT INTENDS TO INTRODUCE A MEASURE IN PARLIAMENT GRANTING SALARIES TO MEMBERS OF THAT LEGISLATIVE BODY. THIS WILL ALLOW A POOR MAN TO BECOME AN M. P.—AN IMPOSSIBILITY IN THE PAST UNLESS THE POOR MEMBER'S CONSTITUENTS TOOK CARE OF HIM.

THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Luke vii. 11-16.—At
that time: "Jesus went into a city
that is called Naim, and there went
with Him His disciples and a great
multitude. And when He came nigh
to the gate of the city, behold a dead
man was carried out, the only son of
his mother, and she was a widow;
and a great multitude of the city was
with her. When the Lord had seen,
being moved with mercy toward her,
He said to her: Weep not. And He
came near and touched the bier,
(And they that carried it stood still.)
And He said: Young man, arise, I say
to thee, arise. And she that was dead
sat up and began to speak. And He
gave her to her mother. And there
came a fear on them all, and they
glorified God, saying: A great prophet
has risen up among us, and God
hath visited His people."

The dead man is a figure of a sinner in
the eyes of God, deprived of every spiritual
good, and of the strength to do works for
life eternal. The sorrowful mother who
followed the bier was the figure of the Church,
which never loses sight of those of her children
whom sin has deprived of life. She
continually prays for their conversion,
ferently and constantly.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sun. Aug. 26.—Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost.
Euchar. Gal. v. 22-23. Gospel,
Luce vi. 11-16.
Mon. Aug. 27.—St. Joseph Calasanz, Confessor,
Major. St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor and
Doctor of the Church. St. Hermes, Martyr.
Wed. Aug. 29.—Benediction of St. John Baptist,
St. Sabina, Virgin.
Thurs. Aug. 30.—St. Rose of Lima, Virgin. St.
Felix and Adadaucus, Martyrs.
Fri. Sept. 1.—St. Raymond Nonnatus, Conf.
SAT. SEPT. 2.—Office of the Immaculate Conception.

ROCHESTER CATHOLICS AT THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

The speaker of the day was Rev.
T. W. Wayrich, C. S. S. R., of Rochester,
N. Y., and his subject was "The
Communion of Saints." Father Wayrich's
discourse was couched in simple
language, and delivered in an
easy and pleasing manner, his explanations
and arguments appealing to the
sense of his listeners. He said
in announcing his theme that it might
be asked why such a subject should
be considered of sufficient importance
to be the theme of a sermon on the
last Sunday of the season. And he
gave as the reason of the choice
that he wished to lead up to the very
important subject of the evening, and
in order to have that subject clearly
understood one must needs realize
what the communion of saints really
means; for this is the foundation of
the practice of the invocation of the
saints, and of their intercession for us.

One of the articles of the Apostles' Creed is, "I believe in the Communion of Saints." What does this
communion mean? It means the inter-
communication of the three branches
of the Church: the Church triumphant
consisting of the souls of the blessed,
who already enjoy the beautiful vision;
the souls in purgatory, destined
some day to enjoy the delights of
heaven, but suffering for a time on
account of their sins; and lastly, we
who are members of the Church militant,
engaged on earth in the warfare
against the world, the flesh and the
devil.

SELFR-MURDER

The advice given in an article
from the pen of Robt. G. Ingersoll, in
which the notorious infidel defended
suicide on the part of those who were
in certain circumstances, has been
followed rather more promptly than
we imagine the writer supposed