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### EPISCOPAL APPROBATION.

If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and power-ful Catholic papers in this country. I heartly bless those who encourage this excellent work.

PAUL, Archbishop of Montreal.

SATURDAY.....SEPTEMBER 8, 1900.

BOER NAMES .- It is peculiar how

easily people take to names of places with which they suddenly become ac- denced a sorrow so universal that it quainted; it is like the street-arabs left no exception amongst the numthat run about, for a couple of weeks, whistling new tunes, and saintly priest.

keeping them up until the novelty It is not for us to pronounce the talking about Mafeking, Pretoria, six months ago, had never heard of ably did not know that such a race as the Boers existed. Now it is quite fashionable to display a considerable amount of knowledge concerning South Africa, in fact, every person is supposed to know all about that country. When the war first hundreds of editors dashed started off columns, bristling with Boer names, just as if they had been for years acquainted with the subject. all this: but what we do object to is the introduction into our every- Church, and is the one in which we day conversation of words that add most heartily join. nothing to the power of expression that English possesses, but which merely indicate that the persons ry O'Brien, whose life of Parnell was using them have been reading about noticed in these columns and which the war, and that they wish to has been widely read, is writing the make others understand that they life of Lord Chief Justice Russell, of have been doing so. Our pasture whom he was a lifelong friend. our hills will be styled kopies. Recently a lady was heard addressing tion which, according to law, takes her little boy, who had carried off a place on the first Monday of Septemaggeration.

It seems to be the fate of the English language to have every imaginable kind of expression—barbaric or otherwise crammed into it; and, as a rule, these words eventually become English. No wonder that Byron characterized the English lang-uage in the somewhat harsh terms of his familiar quotation: "The mongrel breed of a thousand languages."

Mr. Piche; to-day it is our sad duty to inform our readers that Death's Angel has once more appeared in a most unexpected moment and sum-moned away another of the most beperson of the Rev. Canon Leclerc, pastor of St. Joseph's parish On this, as on the former occ it was the sympathetic and eloquent voice of our gifted Archbishop that

Notes of the Week. | fied to the love and veneration in which the dead priest was held by his sacerdotal co-workers; the crowds of the faithful that thronged the Church-despite the celebration of Labor Day, that was going on-evibers who knew and honored the

ars off. To-day we have thousands eulogy of such a splendid character His memory shall long remain gree Bloomfontaine, and all the other amongst the people he loved and "fountains" in the Transvaal, who, served so well; the institutions which he had been instrumental in founding these places, and who, very prob- or in supporting and encouraging stand to-day, as the grandest monu ments that the hands of gratitude could build to his name and fame But men of Canon Leclerc's calibr sought not the glory of the world, nor the fictitious reward of human praise; such men are ever ready to leave their deeds in the hands of God, assured by a promise that could never fail, of an et?rnal reward awaiting them beyond the confines of Of course, we have no objection to time. May his good soul find unendin repose is the prayer of Holy

LIFE OF LORD RUSSELL -Bor

LABOR DAY .- While the celebra-

old, if you commandeer that jam I'll belonging to the great labor orjust sjambok you! So the sooner you trek the better!" And this is no exity. All can properly participate in the demonstrations of Labor Day. But apart from the individual interest of each worker in the great an nual celebration, there is a social aspect to the occasion which mands the world's attention. The two great powers which to-day contend for supremacy are capital and labor. They are both absolute ne-ANOTHER PRIEST DEAD.—It seems only the other day that we recorded the sudden death of the late lamented pastor of Lacking. without capital to employ and re-munerate, labor would be a mere useless expenditure of vital energie The two must of necessity go hand in hand; and any action tending to antagonize them is injurious to the cause of both, is an attempt to efface the mutual benefits that should naturally flow from a thorough and sympathetic understanding between these two great factors.

The celebration of Labor Day-

very proclamation as a general holi-day—should be considered as one of the healthlest signs of the times. In such a demonstration as we beheld last Monday, the worker has an opportunity of seeing and appreciating his own importance and the importance of his vocation; while, in the ance of his vocation; while, in the same demonstration does capital behold the good it is destined to do and the amount of dependence it is obliged to acknowledge. Nothing but good can result from the observance of such a featival. The very constitution of all species of labor, the mere fact of the vast number of citizens active-

A WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS .- Our A WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS.—Our remittances, during the past month, from subscribers in certain sections of the country have been up to the standard, but the returns from other districts are very disappointing. We hope this little reminder will have the desired effect. The amount due—\$1.00—is very small, to each subscriber, but it amounts, in the aggregate to a very spur sum, which if gate, to a very snug sum, which if within the reach of our treasurer, would be used to good advantage at

PANIC IN A CHURCH .-- While service was proceeding at the Chapel of the Blessed Virgin at Begona, says the London "Universe," a lighted candle fell and caused an outbreak of fire. In the panic which ensued one woman, a servant, was trampled to death, and another young girl was so seriously injured that her life is despaired of. A large number of the congregation were severely bruis-

HORSE THIEVES .- Montreal's reception of horse thieves is a warm one as may be seen from the following sentence imposed on William Larocque, one of the most renowned and dangerous horse thieves and allround crooks. He was sent to Vincent de Paul penitentiary on Tuesday, for fourteen years for having stolen two horses from Edward

### LOST IN THE CATACOMBS.

According to a despatch fer Paris, a curious order of the d was issued by Colonel Clamorgan, the Second Regiment of Marines. To order fully explains itself:—

flight before the enemy.

"For this reason it is a painful but a just custom that military honors are not rendered to suicides.

"A soldier who believes in God and who loves his country would have no temptation to commit suicide. Let us therefore be true believers and patriots in order that a noble hope may sustain us during life, and that all of us, sons of France, and soldiers first of all, may know how to keep our blood for the defence of our fatherland."

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This order is a mere item in the daily routine of a barrack; but it is significant beyond expression. In the first place it leaves us to understand that even if the name of God is ignored by the French Government, we have the evidence that the army and navy still believe in God and publicly acknowledge Him. But we have here a splendid illus-

tration of the wisdom of the Church in all that she approves and in all that she condemns. It is a well-known fact that when a person deliberately and in sane mind takes his own life, the Church refuses Christian burial to the remains and offers up no prayer for the soul. Possibly there is a difference in the reason for the Church's action from that which actuated the French colonel; but the principle, after all, is the same. The action of suicide is not only cowardly, but criminal in the first degree. The one who ceases to live by any predetermined deed of his own is guilty of usurping the prerogative of God—therefore of sinning against the majesty, the authority, the power, the will, the mercy of the Omnipotent. He takes away that which he cannot restore, and

\$8,000 for church improvement; to the Little Sisters of the Poor, \$2,000; to the House of the Good Shepherd, West Philadelphia, \$1,000; to St. John's Orphan Asylum, \$5,000; to St. John's Orphan Asylum, \$5,000; to St. John's Orphan Asylum, \$5,000; to St. Joseph's Home for Industrious Boys, \$1,000; to the Catholic Home, \$2,000; to St. Vincent's Home, \$2,000; to Little Sisters of the Poor, Germantown, \$1,000; to the House of the Good Shepherd, Germantown, \$1,000; to St. Vincent's Home, Philadelphia, \$2,000.

At the death of Patrick Corr and his wife Ellen the principal of \$5,000 is to revert to St. Joseph's House for Industrious Homeless Boys, and at the death of his sister Catharine, a trust fund of \$5,000 is to be devised to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, Westminster avenue.

To Rev. Francis B. Dougherty, of St. Clement's, \$10,000 to Father Fitzmaurice and his three assistants stationed at St. Michael's Church, \$10,000 'to say masses for the repose of my soul.'' To the parochial school attached to St. Michael's Church, \$2,000; to Archbishop Ryan, \$10,000, to be used by him for charity as he may see fit; to Father J. Fitzmaurice, pastor of St. Michael's Church, \$2,000; to Archbishop Ryan, \$10,000, to be used by him as he sees fit and proper; to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, \$1,000, and to the Altar Society of St. Michael's Church, \$10,000 to be used by him should be seen fit and proper; to St. Joseph's Orphan Asylum, \$1,000, and to the Altar Society of St. Michael's Church, \$1,000.

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tical statement. It is well worth a careful perusal. It says:—

The letter from Mr. Hemelryk, chairman of the Liverpool School of Commerce, which we publish in our present issue, seems to us to strike a note which deserves to be strongly emphasized. In the days when Mr. Gladstone was fighting stubbornly for Irish land legislation he used to dwell with great earnestness upon the necessity of rooting the Irish people in the soil. If we Catholics are to grow and increase in this country we must become rooted in its business. Let it not be said that there is danger to faith through wealth resulting from business activity. The man who is energetic and upon whose time there are constitut demands as far less likely to fall into temptacion that the idle man, whether rich or poor, and as a rule, he is a source of many benefits to the community in which he lives, helping forward movements aiming at the general welfare. The better business men we turn out from our colleges and schools the more decided will be our success as a religious denomination for our power in connection with the manufacturing, mineral, artistic, and agricultural productions of the country, that is to say, in promoting national weal, will be enlarged. But unfortunately we are not sending as many well-equipped young people as we might send into the ranks of the mercantile and commercial classes. In this respect we are under the in-

many went-equipped young people as we might send into the ranks of the mercantile and commercial classes. In this respect we are under the influence of a tendency which is not peculiar to Catholics, but affects the whole population. The children of agriculturists, and shopkeepers, and mechanics are not content to work in the same sphere of life as their fathers; they aspire to the professions, and the outcome of this crowding in a particular direction is that not a few professional men are starving, and would now be glad had they spent in preparing for a business career the time, money, and efforts required to attain a professional status.

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### ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

A largely attended meeting of the above society took place on Sunday evening, Sept. 4. The committee appointed at a previous meeting appointed at a previous meeting made their report. On the revision of the bye-lews, notices of several changes were given. At next meeting (October) the members will discuss the changes, which if satisfactory will be adopted and become part of the new bye-laws. It is to be hoped there will be a large attendance of members, as the meeting is sure to be an interesting one. The success of their recent excursion has been the means of reviving the spirits and energies of the members of the old organization.

### ALL MEN GO TO MASS.

Academy, who is at present in Switzerland has evidently been much struck with what he has seen in the Catholic canton of Valais. Writing to the "Echo de Paris" he says: All the men of the country go to Mass. By the chestnut-fringed waysides are crosses and Calvaries, and little oratories in which through their grilled windows are to be seen between bouquets of artificial flowers, statues of saints and other plous emblems. These little rustic chapels are called "prie-Dieu." and the women as they pass them cross themselves and kneel for a moment, while the men raise their hats. And yet these Catholic peasants are staunch Republicans. They never even dreamed of such a thing as a king or an emperor of Switzerland. Their municipal life is full of activity; their rights and liberties are much larger than those of our French peasants, and they exercise them unfailingly. Meanwhile the peasantry of France, which no longer goes to Mass, stupidly resigns itself to oppression and deception, contenting itself with sending to the Chamber some lying Freemason who only laughs at them, votes for unjust laws and gets what he can out of the squandering of the public money.

## ABOUT CAPITAL PUNISHMENT.

In a letter to the papers Senator Pessina, professor of jurisprudence, to whose efforts was largely due the abolition of capital punishment in

abolition of capital punishment in Italy, urges that capital punishment should now be adopted in the case of "political murderers."

"It is bad enough," he observes, "that our land should have accounted the horrible repute of being the fatherland of brigands; but it is now in still worse repute all over the world as the fatherland of regicides and political murderers. It would seem as if our Italy produced heroes of the dagger and revolver as articles of export. From Orsini to Passanante, Angioillio, Caserio, Luccheni, Acciarito, and Bresci, all the gross offenders against national and international justice have been Italians." 'In the name of universal justice, and the fair fame of Italy before her sister nations' the great jurist demands "the re-erection of the gallows in Italy for regicides."

# FOR RELIGIOUS LIFE.

Fifty-one young ladies received the habit of the Sisters of St. Francis at Glen Riddle, Penn., Aug. 21, and fifty-one made their profession, 102 in all, in the presence of nearly 1,000 persons. On Aug. 30, the cornerstone of the new novitiate was laid.

Twenty-seven postulants were received into the Order of School Sisters of Notre Dame, Aug. 22, at the convent of Sancta Maria in Ripa, St. Louis, Mo.

HIGHER EDUCATION.—The Catholic University at Washington is to receive at least \$150,000 by the settlement of the late Archbishop Hennessey's will.

SOUTH BOSTON.—By the will of the late Mrs. Dyer, \$200 is left for the building fund of the new Gate of Heaven Church, South Boston, and \$100 to the Little Sisters of the

WASHINGTON.—By the will of the late Marie E. Dries, of Washington, \$1,000 is left for the establishment of a scholarship at the Catholic University, for boys of St. Mary's German Church in that city.

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