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We beg to tender His Lordship the Bishop of London a hearty expression of condolence on the death of his mother, which sad event took place at her residence Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, to wards the close of last month.

A MASONIC SERMON.

On Sunday last the Rev. Canon Innes delivered, in St. Paul's Cathedral, this city, a sermon to a body of Freemasons, members of various city and suburban lodges, that by reason of its admissions and omissions, calls for some comment.

We give the worthy Canon credit for an earnest desire to make of the Masonic association something Christian. But, as oil will not mix with water, neither can pantheistic teachings and principles be reconciled with revealed religion.

ECCLIASTICAL CONFERENCE.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., was held at St. Peter's palace the regular ecclesiastical conference of that portion of the diocese of London comprising the counties of Huron, Perth, Oxford, Middlesex, Norfolk, Elgin, and Lambton.

masonry has hitherto avowed respect for government and established authority, and that it has not had any immediate action on politics, its members being as numerous on one side of politics as the other.

MGR. LORRAIN AND THE RECORD.

We have received from Mgr. Lorrain, Vicar Apostolic of Pontiac, a few lines of commendation which we have much pleasure in laying before our readers.

Vicariate Apostolic of Pontiac.

Pembroke, January 11th, 1885. THOMAS COPPEY, Esq., Catholic Record, London Ont.

DEAR SIR:—I am glad to say at the beginning of the New Year, as I have said before, that I like how your paper, THE CATHOLIC RECORD, is got out.

His True Inwardness.

On the 18th of December last the weekly survivor of the Toronto Evening Canadian held the following language in regard of His Grace the Archbishop:

A FEDERAL DISTRICT.

In an article published about the time of the late municipal elections, the Ottawa Sun said:

It is conceded by the more thoughtful of our citizens that the people of Ottawa cannot much longer continue as they are. The remedy has been suggested often and ought to be considered by the government.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

The British government has evidently awakened to the fact that its occupation of Egypt is likely to lead to complications of the very gravest character.

Make your horse move forward, and let mine take his place, or let us ride side by side.

The matter, resolved to leave the subject to its incoming successor. We are not prepared to say that the terms offered by the government are liberal, but we do hold that the City of Ottawa has never received proper treatment at the hands of the Federal authorities.

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THE LEGISLATIVE POWER OF THE CHURCH.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa on Sunday the 11th inst., speaking in the Basilica of that city, dwelt at some length and with much impressiveness on the important subject of the legislative power of the Church.

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the interests of 'horse' not at stake. The Catholics of Ontario, particularly those who have Conservative leanings, do not object to the Archbishop of Toronto holding his own views on the great questions of the day, as he has as much right as any other citizen to do so; but what they decidedly are opposed to is his active propagandism in the interest of Mr. Mowbray in the character of a quasi ecclesiastic; and which they claim does vast injury to the Conservative party in Ontario by the private letters which it is well known he is in the habit of issuing at election times—all of which are in the interest of the Reform party.

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this power, anathematizes the incestuous man of Corinth and delivers him over to the fury of Satan.

Invested with the authority of Jesus Christ and that given the apostles, the Church may communicate any rebellious subject, that is, deprive him of her worship, her sacraments, and her suffrages. Excommunication is to be dreaded above all evils—for if it be not removed it deprives him who has incurred it of all spiritual good in this world and in the next.

It is the right of the Pope or a bishop to pronounce this terrible sentence. Either may, of course, pronounce lighter judgments. Thus, for instance, a bishop may suspend from his functions an unworthy minister, or he may put a certain place under interdict, or prohibit public worship in a certain parish, or even in a whole country, author of a participation in some great crime or enormous scandal. In practice every Christian should firmly believe in the legislative power and authority of the Church and faithfully observe that which the Church prescribes.

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