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"Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen." — "Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

LORD HARTINGTON said recently in an address to his constituents at Rosendale, Lancashire, that "the only chance of Home Rule becoming a practical policy is gone forever. It is improbable that the Irish party will be reunited, as the confidence of the Gladstonians in the political honesty of the Parnellites is permanently destroyed." There is no doubt that the wish is here father to the thought; but His Lordship might see the incongruity of making the rights of a nation dependent upon the morality of a single individual in whom the nation trusted. If her confidence was misplaced, it was her misfortune, not her fault, yet it may very well be disputed whether Mr. Parnell's crime was any more heinous than was the conspiracy of the Government and the Times to ruin his character on a previous occasion on the strength of the Pigott forgeries. The political dishonesty of Lord Hartington's allies is at least as much to be reproached as that of Mr. Parnell. Why not apply the same rule to England which Lord Hartington would apply to Ireland? Is it not as reasonable to say that England should be deprived of her liberties on account of the political dishonesty of the Government as that Ireland should not get justice because of the delinquency of one of her political leaders? But it will be found that Ireland's case is not so hopeless as her enemies would wish. Ireland must soon present anew an unbroken phalanx demanding that justice which has been so long denied her, and the cause of Home Rule will soon be as strong as ever, and sooner or later it will be crowned with victory.

The acrobatic feats of the *Maid* in its essays on the political situation of the Province of Quebec certainly entitle it to rank as the chief of mountebanks in Ontario. Not long ago we were told that the "Church" had decided that Mr. Mercer's Government should be sustained for Quebec, and Sir John Macdonald's for the Dominion. Next we were informed that the matter is as yet not quite decided, but that Mr. Mercer is negotiating with Sir John to make a raid on the treasury to relieve the necessities of Quebec, and that all Mr. Mercer's influence would be used to bring about a triumph for the Dominion Government in that Province. The Church in this case seems not to have had anything to do with the matter, or, if it had, the bargain which some months ago had been fully completed, was still only among the contingencies of the future a few weeks ago. We are next gravely informed in a paragraph, quoted approvingly from the *Montreal Witness*, that Mr. Mercer, on the occasion of his late visit to Montreal, kept company chiefly with Conservatives and that "a politician is known by the company he keeps." The inference is, of course, that Mr. Mercer has thrown in his lot with the Conservatives. But now that the writs are out for a new election, the same journal informs us that it is believed that Mr. Mercer has postponed his intended trip, so that he may do all he can for Mr. Laurier during the impending election contest. Surely those who look to the *Maid* for a knowledge of what is going on in the political world must be in a sad state of perplexity, if they take as much interest in Quebec matters as that journal would wish them to do.

The Russian Government, instigated by the scheming Bishop Alexis of Wilna, ordered that three Catholic churches of the town should be closed, the popular sanctuary of our Lady of Otrabrans being one of the number. Mgr. Andriewicz, the Catholic Bishop, refused to obey the mandate until he was assured that the Minister of Public Worship insisted upon carrying it out. Accordingly, severe though the weather was, he repaired to St. Petersburg and had an interview with the Minister, who gave him no satisfaction, but insisted that the outrage should be perpetrated, and the officers of the town were notified of the Government's inflexibility on the matter. Before the decree could be carried out the scheming Bishop dropped dead upon the platform of the railway station. Such consternation was produced by this occurrence that the authorities countermanded the order, which, for the present at least, will remain in abeyance. It may be a mere coincidence, but such coincidences occur so frequently in the history of the fate of serfdom as to produce in us the conviction that "the finger of God is here." Such is the conviction which has forced itself upon the people of Wilna, schematical as well as Catholic, and the occurrence has been followed by

increased reverence for the Catholic Church. This manifestation of intolerance on the part of the Government is in curious contrast with the festival congratulations sent by the Czar to the Holy Father at the opening of the New Year. These felicitations were conveyed in an autograph letter expressing Alexander the Third's best wishes, and the hope that all the questions at issue between the Holy See and Russia will be settled promptly in a manner satisfactory both to His Holiness and the Czar.

The Rev. W. T. McCormick, Vicar of St. Matthew's Anglican Church at Brighton, England, has resuscitated the slanders which were set afloat by Rev. Mr. Hyde, the Presbyterian minister who wrote from Honolulu to the New York Presbyterian paper that Father Damien bore a bad character. Mr. Edward Clifford, a Protestant gentleman who was intimately acquainted with Father Damien, declares that the statements made by Rev. Messrs. Hyde and McCormick are slanders without any foundation in fact, and he passes a high eulogium on the martyr priest. He reminds the slanderers that by retailing such falsehoods they injure the cause of Protestantism, inasmuch as a reaction in favor of Catholicism is sure to be produced. Mr. McCormick said that Mr. Clifford might have singled out many Protestant heroic workers among the lepers instead of selecting as his hero a priest of "the corrupt and apostate Church of Rome." In reply, Mr. Clifford says: "I can only say that I never heard of one who lived and died as Damien did. But I should be glad to hear such a story and to do honor to such a man if there be one."

It is stated as a fact that the Mormons have purchased three millions of acres of land in Mexico and that they intend to establish a Mormon colony there. It would be very pleasant to the people of the United States to be rid of their Mormon population, but we think that the Mexicans will scarcely allow a population so undesirable to establish a colony on their soil unless they agree to obey the laws of the country.

The Catholic population of the United States, as given in Hoffman's Directory, is 8,579,966; but, as the returns are not complete, the actual Catholic population is believed to be about 10,000,000. There are 6,424 secular and 2,384 regular clergy, making a total of 8,778 priests, with 7,631 churches. There are thirty nine theological seminaries with 1,711 theological students. The number of parochial schools reported is 3,277 with 655,328 children in attendance. In this also the returns are not complete.

The editor of the *Western Watchman* states that he saw the headquarters of the so-called "Free Church of Italy" in Rome, in 1889. It consists of an empty room in a tumble-down building near the Castle of St. Angelo and an enormous sign in letters of gold. No one in the neighborhood could tell us when it was ever used for worship. And this is the concern which some Evangelical haters of Catholicism would have us believe is going to annihilate the Catholic Church.

The mediation of the Pope between Portugal and Belgium on matters relating to the African possessions of the two powers has been finally agreed upon. This mediation is in reality an arbitration, as both parties have formally agreed to accept the Holy Father's decision. There is a prospect also that the arbitration of the Holy Father will be asked between France and Spain in regard to West African difficulties. All this looks as if the position which the Pope occupied in the Middle Ages will be given to him once more as general arbiter, at least as far as Catholic powers are concerned.

VICAR GENERAL BOUTHERS, of Ottawa Archdiocese, has been appointed Dominus Præfatus to the Holy Father, Leo XIII., with the title Monsignore. No one more worthy of this honor could have been selected.

The great expansion of Ritualism in England, and the extent to which Catholic doctrines, which have hitherto been regarded with detestation, have spread throughout England, may be judged from the fact that in two hundred and fifty Anglican Churches, so-called "High Masses" for the dead were sung on All Souls' Day.

Very wisely, in our opinion, the *Boston Pilot* and other Catholic journals of the United States protest against the proposal to establish a Catholic political party, similar to the Catholic parties which have been operating with so much

success in Germany and Belgium. In these European countries, as well as in Italy and France, the persecution to which the Church was subjected was sufficient ground for the establishment of a party to secure the liberty of religion and education, but, if we except the matter of a more just distribution of State aid to schools, there is no question in the politics of the United States which requires the existence of such a party, and it is probable that even this question will be justly settled by the innate love of fair dealing which is to be found among the people. What we have said here of the United States is also applicable to Canada, with this difference, that we have, at all events in Ontario and Quebec, school laws guaranteed by the Constitution which are just to both Catholics and Protestants. It is only when our rights are attacked that it would be justifiable to introduce the question of religion into Canadian politics.

The ministers who have been suspended from ministerial functions by the Reformed Presbyterian Church at Pittsburg, Pa., for exercising the right of the franchise, are sustained by their congregations, so that a new sect is likely to rise from the imbroglia, which will maintain the right of American citizens to take part in the government of the country. There are already between one hundred and forty and one hundred and fifty sects reported by the census Commissioner, besides a number of independent organizations in certain localities. Many of these religious bodies have names which are unknown to the public generally: such as the Schwärkfeldians, General Six Principle Baptists, etc. The difficulties of establishing Church union among so many sects, each having its peculiarities of doctrine, will not be easily overcome, as the natural result of the principle of private interpretation is disintegration and not union.

### ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.  
On Thursday, the 5th of February, the imposing ceremony of consecrating the new church recently erected by the Catholic congregation of Thurso, P. Q., was performed by His Grace Archbishop Dabanel of Ottawa, assisted by a large number of priests of the Archdiocese. The attendance of the laity was large, notwithstanding the severity of the weather—the day having been one of the coldest of the season. His Grace, seated in his Archiepiscopal robes, on taking his seat in front of the main altar was presented with two beautifully-worded addresses—one in the French language, and the other in English—to both of which he feelingly and eloquently replied in the English language, of which he is a thorough master and graceful speaker. The ceremony of consecrating the church was then performed in the usual manner and need not be described for your readers, except to incidentally remark that the noticeable fine and well-cultivated voice of many of the priests who took part therein lent a more than usual sublimity to the ceremonial. Pontifical High Mass was sung by His Grace, assisted in the usual manner by some of the clergy. The rendering of the choir—powerfully supplemented by several priests—was exceedingly grand. Before the conclusion His Grace delivered in finely accented English a very eloquent and instructive sermon, during the delivery of which he took occasion to pay a graceful compliment to the pastor of the church, the Rev. Father Castin, and a well-merited tribute to the laity of the parish for the zeal and devotion and self-sacrifice manifested by both pastor and people in erecting such a magnificent place of worship as he had the pleasure of that day consecrating to the honor and glory of God. At the conclusion of His Grace's learned and very argumentative discourse a young priest from Ottawa, the Rev. Father Longvin, addressed the congregation in French. It is a pleasing, eloquent and powerful speaker, and one who gives a fair promise of acting in the near future a high place among the pulpit orators of the day. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the church was again filled by the congregation, to witness the administering of the sacrament of confirmation to a very large number of the youth of both sexes, who had been, evidently, well-instructed and carefully prepared for the occasion. His Grace delivered an address to them in both languages, replete with wise counsel, and lucid instruction on the importance and merits of the sacrament they were to receive and on the necessity of being in a state of grace for its worthy reception. He then administered the sacrament of confirmation to them, and concluded with the Benediction. The church, built of select stone, is a commodious one, and is both attractive and imposing in its external appearance, and very beautiful in its interior, and is without doubt a grand monument to the zeal and devotion and energy of the devoted pastor and his people of Thurso. May they long live to enjoy it!

Considerable progress has already been made in preparation for the Catholic exhibit at the World's Fair to be held in Chicago in 1893. Several structural religious orders have taken up the matter with great enthusiasm.

### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

On Tuesday last, at 2:30 p. m., the new St. Mary's school was solemnly blessed by the Bishop, assisted by all the city clergy and in presence of the Board of Separate School Trustees, Inspector Donovan and a large gathering of the friends and relatives of the pupils. Two juvenile choirs were present—the boys on the first floor, arranged in order, led by Brother O'Leary, who played on a cornet with piano accompaniment, and a choir of girls on the second floor, directed by the Sisters of St. Joseph. An address on Christian Education was delivered by the Bishop, followed by short congratulatory speeches from Vicar General Laurent, of Peterborough, who honored the occasion by his presence, Inspector Donovan and Father McEvoy. The proceedings closed with prayer and the episcopal benediction.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated to-day at the Cathedral, *Cornu Episcopi*. Father McEvoy was celebrant, Father Brady deacon, and Father City sub-deacon. The Bishop blessed the candles, distributed them to the clergy and choir, and preached on the gospel of the day. In the evening His Lordship assisted at Vespers at St. Lawrence Church.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The Rev. J. J. Gray, Chancellor and Administrator of St. Patrick's church, is at present quite ill at St. Joseph's hospital. The doctors, however, are hopeful that, after a few weeks, he may be restored to health. He is at present reported to be improving under the skillful treatment of Doctors McCabe and Oimstead.

### FORMOSA.

The venerable Dr. Eiena, for many years pastor of Formosa, has resigned his charge, owing to age and infirmity. He has been a most zealous and exemplary pastor, having labored incessantly for the welfare of his flock. During his pastorate he built and paid for one of the finest churches in the diocese, living himself in a wretched shanty and resigning at the very moment that he had gathered funds sufficient to build a new and suitable presbytery. It was with the utmost reluctance, and after repeated entreaties, that the Bishop consented to accept his resignation. His successor has not been appointed, but his efficient assistant, Father Wey, has been appointed Administrator pro tem.

### THE BOARD AND THE BISHOP.

The Separate School Board has tendered a cordial vote of thanks to His Lordship the Bishop for presiding at the opening of St. Mary's school, for the interest he takes in promoting Catholic education and for the many sacrifices he has made on behalf of the schools.

### THE ORPHANS' FESTIVAL.

The annual St. Mary's festival, in aid of the orphan asylum, is announced to be held in the Orphan House on the evening of the 19th inst. It has always been a great success, and promises to be so at the forthcoming celebration.

### DIOCESE OF LONDON.

#### FIRE AT LADY OF LAKE ST. CLAIR CHURCH, WALKERVILLE.

At 10:45 a. m. on Friday last the fire alarm was sounded in the town, and within a few moments the fire department turned out in full force and were quickly on the spot. The "Cyclones," as usual, were first on the scene of the fire, which was laid at the vestry of the Lady of Lake St. Clair Church, just outside the boundaries of the town of Walkerville. The fire is supposed to have originated through a defective flue in the vestry, a service of the church, and but for the promptitude of the Chemical Company and Hose Company No. 2 of the brigade, who succeeded in quickly putting it out, the whole church and surroundings would certainly have been destroyed. The township of Sandwich East is indebted to the fire department of Walkerville for thus saving the property of its ratepayers. Great praise is due to the chief of the fire department for being so promptly on the spot.

Next day Chief Thomas Reid received the following letter from the Rev. Father Boubat, which speaks for itself:

Walkerville, Jan. 30th, 1891.  
Mr. Thomas Reid, Chief of the Walkerville Fire Brigade, Walkerville.  
I have the honor to allow me to offer you and your gallant firemen, the heartfelt thanks of my parishioners and my church committee, for your heroic work performed this morning by yourself and brave men in saving our church property from what might have proven to become a very dangerous conflagration. I am sure, in gratitude for your noble efforts, that you may do us the pleasure of accepting an oyster supper, which our ladies will be delighted to serve you and your men, to-morrow night, Saturday, 8 p. m. in our Bazaar Hall at Walkerville. I need not say that three tickets will be given so that you may take your supper without let or hindrance from our fair oyster servers for charity.

Believe me, dear sir,  
Yours and your men's grateful servant,  
A. BOUBAT.

In accordance with the above kind invitation, Chief of Fire Department, Thomas Reid, and his brave firemen, masqued in a body from their rooms in

the Music Hall Bock, Walkerville to Mr. Montreuil's Hall, where a bountiful spread awaited them in the shape of raw and stewed oysters, turkey, fowls, etc., to which the men did ample justice. The men were addressed by Father Boubat, who thanked them on behalf of his congregation and self, for their promptness in answering to the fire call, and for their great bravery and discretion in putting out same, and saving his church. Chief Reid replied in a felicitous speech on behalf of his men. The boys of the brigade then joined the merry throng in the bazaar, and had a real good time.

During the evening, and before the close of the bazaar, great excitement was manifested as to whom the gold-headed cane (presented by Captain Masonville, to the most popular man in the town) should be awarded. There were two gentlemen in the contest, viz: Dr. Emme Casgrain and Mr. P. M. Keogh, one of Her Majesty's Excise officers, of the Walkerville division. Although Dr. Casgrain is well liked in Walkerville he had a powerful rival in Mr. Keogh, who is a tower of strength in our midst, and a great favorite with the ladies of Lady Lake St. Clair congregation. There was a good race, but ultimately Mr. P. M. Keogh won "hands down" and was awarded the cane by his fair admirers. Mr. P. M. Keogh, is well known in Catholic circles, and is brother-in-law to the Lord Bishop of Hamilton. The gold-headed cane is valued at \$25.—*Walkerville Mercury Feb. 7.*

### CATHOLIC PRESS.

#### MILWAUKEE CHURCH.

A brilliant lawyer named Crispi came from an obscure corner in Sicily some years ago to rule Italy as no other man has ruled it since Cavour. Last week he fell from power, and deservedly so too, for he has not only been a persecutor of the clergy, but a corruptionist in politics as well. Italy is poor, but Crispi has millions.

Boston Pilot.  
Appropos of the just and honorable tribute paid to the memory of John Boyle O'Reilly, by Senator Hoar, our esteemed and common-sense content parry, the *Boston Herald*, said: "Senator Hoar says that 'there was no more perfect lover and admirer and appreciator of the Puritanism of Massachusetts than that noble and magnificent Irish Catholic, John Boyle O'Reilly.' It strikes us that Rev. Dr. Fallon and Rev. Dr. Miner may well be appealed to let us have places after that." Whereupon Dr. Miner writes to the *Boston Traveller* an angry denial of the imputation that he is capable of having "peace" on any terms with an opponent who is dead. We are sorry to see any man, and doubly sorry to see an old man, guilty of such baseness as that of defaming an honor to whose memory, as Dr. Miner does, it is, as the *Haverhill Gazette* says, "an other illustration of the jackass kicking the dead lion"; but surely Dr. Miner should have some friends wise enough to tell him that he can refuse an olive branch without betraying his preference for thistles.

#### AVE MARIA.

It is related of the Canadian prelate Mgr. Labelle, recently deceased, that at the conclusion of an audience with Leo XIII, some few months ago, he experienced difficulty in opening the door of the Pope's apartment. The Sovereign Pontiff graciously hastened to his relief, saying, "I will open it." The Monsignor, with ready wit, improved the occasion by remarking, "It is not surprising that Your Holiness can open the door, since you hold the Key." How deeply the late Cardinal Newman was animated by the true Catholic spirit is strikingly manifested by the tender filial devotion which characterized his sermons on the Blessed Virgin. The following brief extracts will serve as an illustration of the fact. Preaching in presence of Cardinal Wiseman and the other members of the restored hierarchy at the Synod of Oceot, he thus apostrophized Our Lady: "Arise, make haste, my love, my dove, my beautiful one, and come! . . . Arise, Mary, and go forth in thy strength into that north country, which once was thine own, and take possession of a land which thou hast not. Arise, Mother of God and with thy thrilling voice speak to those who labor with child, and are in pain, till the babe of grace leaps within them! Shine on us, dear Lady, with thy bright countenance, like the sun in his strength, O Stella Matutina, O harbinger of peace, till our year is one perpetual May! From thy sweet eyes, from thy pure smile, from thy majestic brow, let ten thousand influences rain down, not to confound or overwhelm, but to persuade, to win over thine enemies. O Mary, my hope, O Mary undefiled, fulfil to us the promise of this spring! Again, in the course of a sermon on devotion to the Blessed Virgin, he exclaims: "Such art thou, Holy Mother, in the creed and in the worship of the Church—the defence of many truths, the grace and smiling light of every devotion. In thee, O Mary, is fulfilled, as we can bear it, an original purpose of the Most High. He once had meant to come on earth in heavenly glory; but we sinned, and then He could not safely visit us, except with thimble-radiance and a bedimmed majesty; for He was God. So He came Himself in weakness, not in power; and He sent thee a creature in His stead, with a creature's comeliness and lustre, suited to our state. And now thy very face and form, dear Mother, speak to us of the terms of our life; but like the morning star, which is thy emblem, bright and musical, breathing purity, telling of heaven, and infusing peace. O harbinger of day! O hope of the pilgrim! lead us still as thou hast led. In the dark night, across the

bleak wilderness, guide us on to our Lord Jesus,—guide us home."

Boston Republic.

Mr. Balfour has been for years posing in the role of a little tin Cromwell, and so numbered has become with himself, and so muddled to his ears his rattling around the Protector's show, that he cannot give up the game even when famine is, by his own showing, hovering over Ireland. His latest exhibition was given the other day, when Mr. James J. Long, editor of the *Nationalist*, Clonmel, was numbered among the victims of the coercion system. He was charged with having, through the publication of resolutions of the National League as news in his paper, intimidated a Turley cattle dealer named Edward Ryan. Mr. Long is a journalist of energy and varied experience. For over thirty years in Dublin, Belfast and Manchester, he has been a practical journalist, and though always advocating the National cause, he was never previously accused—not even by Mr. Forster—of having transgressed the due limits of freedom of the press. By one of Mr. Balfour's policemen he was described as "a very respectable man," and it was admitted that he had no ill-feeling against Ryan, whom he had never known or seen. Yet the result of the trial is that for publishing what he, as a veteran journalist, considered suitable news, he is now undergoing a term of three months' imprisonment. Of course, Mr. Balfour's policemen he was described as "a very respectable man," and it was admitted that he had no ill-feeling against Ryan, whom he had never known or seen. Yet the result of the trial is that for publishing what he, as a veteran journalist, considered suitable news, he is now undergoing a term of three months' imprisonment. Of course, Mr. Balfour's policemen he was described as "a very respectable man," and it was admitted that he had no ill-feeling against Ryan, whom he had never known or seen. 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