

the demon of error wrought the greatest devastation, and where it seem the entire population had fallen victims to their unflinching constancy...

To these early dispositions of piety, Alexander MacDonell added a precocious love of study and at the age of twelve years, his proficiency in the classics...

Such, dearest brethren, has ever been the manner of God's dealing with His Church. In the new, as in the old, covenant, inadequate resources, feeble beginnings, unpromising efforts are all that appear at first...

The foolish things of the world hath God chosen that he may confound the wise; and the weak things of the world he hath chosen, that he may confound the strong...

having blessed the simplicity and confiding faith of Abraham. He made him the father of a posterity more numerous than the sands of the ocean...

Nature had ever dealt out her riches with a sparing hand to the hardy Highlanders entrusted to the care of Father MacDonell, and their untiring industry could scarcely suffice to wrest from her barren hills the necessaries of life...

Do not think, my brethren, as some have falsely imagined, and as others have calumniously reported, that the Church is essentially hostile to the State, and that a good and consistent Catholic is necessarily a disloyal subject...

It is a higher organisation, because the interest over which it watches, and which it was appointed to protect, are more abiding and of deeper import; because the elements of which it is composed are less subject to decay of time...

been branded, which was made against the Master Himself. We have found his man perverting our nation and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar...

I shall not delay to refute these allegations otherwise than by appealing to the life and conduct of our deceased Bishop. He was brought up among Catholics whose fathers had suffered persecution for their faith...

The last decade of the eighteenth century left a strange spectacle on record. Every throne on the European Continent seemed tottering towards decline. In a Catholic nation, men had thought to co-exist with the Church, and to root out every trace of its past existence...

In this trying emergency, when others were inactive or desponding, Father Macdonell proposed to the British Government to organise and place at their disposal a regiment of his Highland countrymen. While acting under the sacred impulse of patriotism, he did not however neglect the duties of religion...

You all know what a panic seized every breast in Canada when the news of an invasion crossed the frontiers, and how, more especially in this western portion of the Province, men, for the most part, yielded to despair...

What was the conduct of Bishop Macdonell in this critical emergency? Nay, since the answer is the same to both questions, I will ask what was then the conduct of the Catholic inhabitants—those Catholics whose loyalty has been so many times aspersed, against whom so much calumny has been levelled...

tors of a war which threatened to destroy once promising republic, whose growth and progress was too rapid to be healthy and lasting...

Sound and loyal principles, who have the real good of their country at heart, who will not allow themselves to be duped or misled by wicked hypocritical radicals, endeavoring to drive the Province into rebellion, and to cut off every connection between Canada and Great Britain...

It is time to speak of the patriotism of this loyal Bishop, and to show with what unwearied solicitude he watched over the temporal concerns of his fellow countrymen, and with what rare sagacity he reconciled respect for the throne with love for his country...

TERENCE SELLAW M'MANUS. If the movement of 1848 brought forward one man more thoroughly pure of motive and single-minded of purpose...

Allow me to repeat it—thus for the first time a Catholic regiment, in spite of the laws, was received into the British service. It is truly strange how much may be accomplished, how many changes, for good or evil, may be brought about...

In the July number of that thoroughly Protestant periodical, the Westminster Review, we find an excellent comparison between the North, or Protestant, and South, or Catholic, section of Ireland. The Reviewer concludes that only in the latter the true principles of religious liberty are to be found...

We cannot easily offer a better example of the popular manner of judging such questions than is to be found in the general opinion of tourists who compare the north with the south of Ireland. Almost every stranger who visits that country comes back full of pity for the superstition of the south and of admiration for the religious freedom of the north...

THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS. — Welsh Methodists, Scotch Presbyterians, English Protestants and Irish Catholics, which composed the Social Science Congress, against one educational institution no voice was raised in condemnation...

The magistrical investigation in connexion with the attempt to burn Kilkenny College, has failed to throw any light on the subject, which seems almost as unaccountable as the Road murder, and had the diabolical attempt succeeded, it would probably have been involved in equal mystery...

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