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list means the Church of England. There is a special absurdity in the thought that the Church of England tainly belongs to the Pope elect, even might make any such decree as to pro- though he were a layman; but it is claim "the absolute sacredness of the marriage tie." The Church of England was established for the express and consecration until he be properly purpose of permitting divorce, and ordained and consecrated. King Henry VIII. in establishing it with himself as its supreme Head, decision of the Church on the question made such good use of the powers given him or assumed by him over the the Pope until he receive episcopal new Church, that he took to himself six wives successively with its sanction, though it is true that some of the divorces and to the new marriages.

which the Church of England would be guilty if it were to declare for the indissolubility of marriage, it is well known that the Church of England is absolutely without unity of doctrine, and has no means of enforcing such unity, even if a council of its Bishops were to attempt to do so. It was said by Dr. Wilberforce, Bishop of Winchester, thirty years ago, that "The Church of England had always within herself persons of extreme divergence of doctrines, a thing as inevitable as for men to have different countenances;" and Bishops and clergy of that Church are wont to make it a matter of pride that the Church is wide enough to admit of every diversity of belief. How, then, can it enforce a belief in the absolute sacredness of marriage?

Beside the impossibility of enforcing such a belief as the Evangelist desires, it would be entirely incongrous for the Church of England, which as a mere State Church receives its doctrines and articles of Faith from the State to make any doctrine for the State, to make any doctrine for itself, especially on the subject of marriage, as the law requires that the churches be open to any divorced persons who wish to be married in them. We believe that the law is not so stringent as to require that any minister in particular should perform the marriage ceremony, but this creates no difficulty under present circumstances, for with the existing diversity of belief, it is very easy to find ministers to do the job, if the vicar of the Church selected for it entertains scruples of conscience on the matter.

It is clear from what we have said that the mode suggested by the Church Evangelist for putting an end to the divorce evil is entirely impracticable. It amounts to the adoption of the Catholic doctrine on marriage; but this will be of no avail unless the divine authority of the Catholic Church be also admitted at the same time. The fact is not to be disguised that Protestantism as a system has come to regard marriage as merely a civil contract, and the Evangelist admits that the necessary result is the shocking state of morality which it deplores. The system must be dis-

ligation in conscience to obey these rules. In fact most of the sects admit him a layman, though the principle is readily that this is the position they occupy.

It is probable that in speaking of the Church as a whole," the Evangelist means the Church of England.

On this point we have to say that

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We are not aware that there is any whether he may be called absolutely consecration, whereby the plenitude of | s orders is conferred upon him. We presume, therefore, that there will condivorces he effected were obtained by tinue to be two opinions on this putting to death the wife from whom subject, just as Father O'Connor and he wished to be separated. In the "Nemo" differ upon it. Our decision other cases the sanction of the Church would not settle the point in dispute, of England was given both to his so we do not deem it necessary to do more than state the case as we have But apart from the inconsistency of done.

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

Rev. Chancellor Craven entertained the St. Patrick's choir to a very sumptuous repast at Newport's last week. A very pleasant time was spent. Speeches were made by Chancellor Craven, Father O'Reilly, and others.

The following items are taken from the Hamilton Times:

CANDLEMAS DAY SERVICES.

On the 6th Candlemas Services were held in all the Catholic churches of the city. The 7 o'clock service at St. Mary's cathedrai in the morning was very largely attended, and the cathedral was crowded for the service at 10.30. Rev. Father Holden sang the Mass, and Rev. Mgr. McEvay and Rev. Father Mahoney assisted Bishop Dowling, who preached an instructive sermon on Candlemas Day and the Feast of the Purification and their significance in the Catholic Church. The sermon was based on the words of Simeon, who, in receiving Christ into the temple, referred to Him as "A Light to the Revelation of the Gentiles." The Bishop explained that the candles used in the services of the Church were intended as symbolic of Christ's attitude towards the world. Continuing, the Bishop impressed on his large congregation the necessity for obedience, humility and purity, drawing several lessons along this line from the life of the Virgin Mary.

The special services at St. Patrick's church were also largely attended. In the evening the sorvice was entirely choral. The evening the sorvice was entirely choral. The choir same

entermed in St. Mary's cathedral this morning—the receiving of the biessings of the Church by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Buckley, cor of John and Barton streets, on the goiden anniversary of their wedding. Bishop Dowling, in full pontifical robes, officiated. In the absence of Mgr. McEvay on a lecturing tour, Rev. Father Holden intoned Grand High Mass, being assisted by Rev. Fathers Hinchy and Donovan. Chancedior Graven assisted the Bishop at the throne and Rev. Father Mahony was master of ceremonies. The coupie who are both seventy-nine years of age, were rather feebe, and had to be assisted to the altar by a son and daughter. The church was crowded with relatives and friends. At the close of the service Mr. and Mrs. Buckley were called into the presby tery and the Bishop again blessed them and made them a present.

The re-married couple were then driven to their comfortable home, where a wedding breakfast was served.

Among those present were: Mr. J. C. Buckley, son, of Detroit; D. J. Buckley, son, Boston; Mrs. John Fyam, daughter, Deroit; Mrs. M. Duffy, daughter, Chicago; 1988 Notice of the service of t

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## DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

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FAREWELL BANQUET TO REV. P. J. M'GUIRE.
From the Bracebridge Gazette, we learn that a number of Rev. Father McGuire's friends tendered him a complimentary banquet on Tuesday evening, at which there were present about fifty gentlemen. After the disposal of the loyal toasts, the "Governor-General and the Parliaments of Canada" (responded to by Mr. A. A. Mahaffy) and "Canada", by Mr. A. I. Bird, His Honor Judge Mahaffy offered the toast of the evening, and in doing so spoke at considerable length of the pleasure it afforded him to preside as chairman and take part in doing honor to this distinguished priest. He said ne had occasion frequently to visit all the corners or those Districts and could see the material work that Farher McGuire carried on, and wherever he had planted or taken charge of a church edifice he had always observed, with pleasure, that it was in a spick and span condition and reflected credit on its pastor as well as its people. Few people, he said, understood or appreciated the arduous labors and heavy responsibilities undertaken by the guest of the evening. His charge had been no mere town or rural parish. It embraced Gravenhurst, Brace-bridge, Huntsville, Parry Sound and villages too numerous to mention, with all the territory lying between. His mission was a high one-to advise, to admonish, to encourage, to assure, to show the way to that better land where we all hope to attain and where we trust we will meet. Father McGuire had acquitted himself like an honorable Christian gentleman. Referring to his position more particularly in Bracebridge Itself ne said Father McGuire had always taken the great stinterestin its concerns, whether it was its band, its school, its business interests or its pleasures: As for the school children, Judge Mahaffy said: 'I don't know what they will say when the apple season comes around again." As to the Rev. Father's pienies, they were not only a District gathering but bid fair to attain to Provincial fame. The agricultural society, wit AREWELL BANQUET TO REV. P. J. M'GUIRE. receive just as re-heart could desire.

Then followed the presentation of a heavy gold-headed walking-stick and a nicely illumin-ated address. The following is the address:

To the Rev. P. J. McGuire:

We, some of your many friends at Brace-brige, feet that we cannot allow your removal from our town to take place without some expression of kindness toward you. During your residence here you have ever shown warm interest in the welfare of the whole community. As a public-spirited citizen your influence has invariably been for, the private and individual friendship for you is universal.

warm reception from your many friends. Now, dear Father, it becomes our sad duty to bid you farewell, trusting that your labors may be crowned with every success, which is the earnest prayer of your devoted people. Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Gravenhurst, Jos. Clairmont, William Moore, Edmund Clairmont, John Flaherty and Bruno Lemyre.

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Sixteenth prize, a beautiful picture, won by J. A. MeGuire, Napanec, No. 3633.
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We are well supplied with fish and game. Nothing can surpass the pleasure one may have in the summer season by taking a week's vacation and canoeing up those beautiful rivers and lakes far to the north fishing and shooting. A Philadelphia millionare, Mr. Brown, has an \$8,000 residence here for sumer, and enjoys sporting along White river and the upper lakes.

The mineral section north of here is well supplied with gold, silver, copper, lead, from and asbestos.

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# "WHERE ARE YOUR MEN?"

Editor CATHOLIC RECORDS:

Trish Catholic representation in the government of the Dominion and the Province is a subject that has received a good deal of attention recently. Indeed the question of the representation of our people in the whole official life of the country has always been more or less a matter of controversy, sometimes embittered by the insolence of those who have inherited some of the old-time antipathy to the horited some of the old-time antipathy to the Hish roce and Catholic religion. Much may be said against loss representation; but if it be a patient as system preventing the selection then let it be abolished. In that happy in office will be the only consideration in the selection of the official, Irish Catholic and the will be more frequently seen in the list of office holders. Unfortunately now, one of the essential requisites, in many cases, is not to be inh. Catholic.

It was with considerable pleasure that I read in the current number of The Canadian Magazine an article entitled "The Solicitor-General of Canada" from which I take the following:

"The duties which now appertain to the Solicitor-General system which take the following:

"The duties which now appertain to the Solicitor-General and political affinity with the powers that be. The present Solicitor-General in the construction of this office. The Auditor-General is residued octs for the year \$9,989.70, while the succeeding year of 186-97, these amounted to only \$35,5261; from this latter amount, too, a should be deducted \$16,625.65, which was a residue of expendit or chargeable to the previous regime."

Thus the actual saving to the country in one fiscal year is \$52,855.74. The salary of the Solicitor-General is \$6,000 a year.

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class ability who would throw themselves more the work of the office with the whole-souled Celtic energy of the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. Irish Catholics may well be proud of their tal-ented compatriot, and all Canadians may be grateful for the ability and energy which this public-spirited young Irishman brings to the service of the country. Irish Catholic.

WEDDING BELLS. MURPHY-HYLAND.

On Tuesday, Feb. 8, St. Anne's church, Walpole, was the seene of a very pretty winte wedding. The contracting parties were Mr Simon H. Murphy, the popular agent for th. M. C. R. at Dufferin, and one of Walpole's

# Beneath the Sanctuary Lamp.

BROTHER REMIGIUS, C. S. C.

How sweet at evening's close amid the gloom,
To sit and watch the shadows ceme and go.
And feel that God is near. The heart
bowed low
In adoration deep finds here no room
For anger, strite or care. Life's trials assume
The form of gifts divine, beneath the glow
Of that soft light, faith tells me so:
My soul, thy strength renew, thy cross resume

Oh, happy life, to be consumed for Thee, Who, love-compelled, dwells with us night who, love-compelled, dwells with us night and day.

"Oh, one short hour, could'st thou not watch with Me:"

How little Thou dost ask—can we say

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What answer wiit Thou make, oh Soul sub-blime,
To Jesus calling from His hidden shrine?
Jan. 20, 1898.

## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Benjamin Reilly, Nissouri.

After a brief iliness of but one week, Mrs. B. Reilly died on Tuesday morning, the 4th inst., at her home in Nissouri, of pneumonia. Deceased was in her fifty-sixth year; was a devout and zealous Catholic. She leaves, besides her husband and two sons, to mourn her loss, three brothers and three zisters, Messrs, Johnand Jas. Byrne, of this city; Joseph Byrne, of London township; Mrs. J. Cronaghan of Nebraska; Mrs. Keany, of Saginaw, Mich., and Sister Eikis, of the order of St. Joseph, Toronto, The funeral took piace on Monday morning, to St. Peter's cathedral, London, where a solemn Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of her soui by Rev. Father Tiernan. R. I. P.

Mr. Peters B. Fox, GOBERICH. Mrs. Benjamin Reilly, Nissouri.

Jas. McIntosh, Wm. Tighe and James Fair.
The floral offerings denoted the high esteem in which the deceased was held by all who knew him; among these was a beautiful floral cross from the employees of the Singer MTg. Co., of this city.
The deceased leaves a widow and three young children, and an aged father, who reside in Goderich, and a sister. Miss M. E. Fox, who is employed by the Singer MTg. Co. of this city. for whom there is general sympathy.