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We give below a letter from Mr. Justin McCarthy, M. P., which was published in last week's New York Independent;

REAL CHARACTER OF THE PARNELL. "TIMES" INVESTIGATION.

Un Monday, the 22ud of October, the Parnell Commission will open for actual busi-ness. This will be the most important State ness. This will be the most important of the majesty's Attorney-General 18, as I tall that has been held in England in the majesty's Attorney-General 18, as I have said, the prosecuting counsel. This is a state trial and nothing an awkward fact for the Government. It is a The decision of the three judges as to see the same of the form of procedure to be adopted in this their callesgeus, distinctly in the position the form of procedures are has made it. nal trial wand the course taken by the Government has made it a State trial. The Government ernment have, from the first to last, acted as the backers of the Times. The Attorney-General, chief law officer of the Government, is the leading counsel for the Times. The decision of the judges that the Times must proceed to make out its case just as in an or-dinary action of plaintiff and defendant, puts the Government, who has instituted the court and the trial, into the position of a prosecutor. Everyone faels this; everyone now knows that if the judges pronounce the charges against Mr. Parnell unfounded the Government will receive a shattering blow. The issue, therefore, is in many ways a political issue. Logically, of course, a national cause ought not to be advanced by the fact that a false charge has been made against its leader, or thrown back by a declaration of a court of law that the charge is true. The constitutional claim of Ireland to national self-government will not be one wit stronger alumny, or weaker in the event of the Times being declared to have spoken the truth. But all the same it is certain that the cause of Home Rule will be promoted by the one event and would be thrown back by the

THE COURSE WHICH MR PARNELL MARKED OUT FOR HIMSELF TO PURSUE.

For myself I have of course no doubt whatever as to the result of the trial. I know Mr. Parnell intimately, and therefore I have no doubt. I believe the tribunal was ill chosen and unfairly chosen; and I believe the Government were pleased with the choice because some of the judges were strongly opposed to the Home Rule agitation. But I believe that nevertheless the judges then set down to their judicial work will act with perfect impar-tiality. Therefore I am quie ly confident the result. Mr. Parnell would have brought an action against the Times when he was refused the committee of inquiry which or-a committee of members of the House of Commons-but for the urgent advice and remonstrance of the leaders of the Liberal party. Mr. Gladstone, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. John Morley, Sir Charles Russell, were all against the idea of bringing an action in London. They insisted that to refer any case in which Mr. Parnell was concerned to a London jury—a jury of London shopkespers—was to decide it; fate beforehand. The utmost that could be hoped was that one or two impartial and independent men on such a jury might hold out against the majority, and then the case would end without a decision one way or the other. Mr. Parnell therefore gave way. Again, when he demanded some sort of inquisition, and accepted in principle the court of inquiry which the Government offered, and which we were told in the first instance was to be composed "chiefly" of judges of the higher courts, the Liberals were strongly opposed to the course he was taking. All possible pressure was brought to bear upon him to induce him not to accept the commission of inquiry. Mr. Parnell, however, was firm—he could not be shaken. There are few things he would not do in deference to the advice of Mr. Gladetone; but this he could not do. He was not surprised at the ramonstrances of the London leaders. "They yoan't know," he said, "what we know. It is quite natural they should think that we may in the earlier period of this movement have done or sanctioned some wild things; but we know that

WHY THERE HAVE BEEN EXTREMISTS IN THE

PRESENT IRISH MOVEMENT. I believe the objection of the Liberal leaders arose partly though not entirely from this fear. What Mr. Parnell had to do in the beginning of the movement was to make it a movement of the whole Irish people. One of his principal objects naturally was to convert to constitutional action the whole of what I may call the Fenian party. The Fenian party described generally is composed of brave, sincere and patriotic men. No matter how mistaken they may have been at one time as to their policy and means of action, no Irish movement could be called national which did not take in such men as these. But these men had to be convinced that Mr. Parnell's movement was genuine and was in a fair way to succeed, before they could be prevailed upon to wish it well. Undoubtedly some of them were "extreme." Many of them had borne imprisonment as Feniane; many of them had taken open part in attempts at armed rebellion. Some such men are now numbered among the most useful and patriotic members of the Irish Parliamentary party. They have been won over to constitutional agitation by Mr. Parnell and Mr. Gladatone, Does anybody in his senses say that such men ought not to be won over; that they ought to have been left out of a Irish national organization? Well, but of course it is quite conceivable that some of these men may have been brought into politloal relationship at some part of their career with comrades who afterward surrendered themselves to darker counsels and to wilder deeds. જાણાની કારણ માટે મામને 11 વડલ છાલાન સાંત્રવાર માટે મામને કારણ કરવામાં મુખ્ય

BUT THE MOVEMENT HAS EVER BEEN STRICTLY

CONSTITUTIONAL.

minds of some of the Liberal leaders. They probably felt satisfied that the Times and the Government between them would andeavor I this sort of way to associate Mr. Parnell and the Irish Parliamentary party with words spoken or deeds done by men alike extreme and obscure, with whom some of them may have been brought into a casual and tem-porary companionship. But I can answer for it that the Irish leader and the Irish party have no such fear. The closer the investigation the more clearly will it be made evident that they have fought their battle all through with the weapons given to their hands by the British Constitution itself.

PARNELL'S BRILLIANT ARRAY OF COUNSEL.

peculiar and almost unique case has made it their callesgeus, distincty in the position technically as well as substantially a crimi- of Crown prosecutors, Mr. Parnell has a lians, the witty, a pen and pencil carlcaturist, whose little sketches, thrown off in a moment, are the delight of the House of Commons and the law courts. If I were an unwilling or doubtful or prevaricating witness I should not like to be cross-examined by Frank Lockwood. Lockwood, as well as Russell, is a convinced Home Ruler. Then there is Asquitb, a barrister, and a member of Parliament, one of the few really rising young men who came into the House of Commons at in the event of the Times being convicted of the general election of 1886; and Robert

A LEGAL PECULIARITY OF THIS CASE.

There is a peculiarity in the arrangement of the court which your readers might not observe for themselves. In an ordinary English court of law an Irish cr Scotch advocate cannot practise—I mean, of course, a mem-her of the Irish or Scotch Bar. The Act of Parliament which constituted this tribunal left it open to members of the Bar in any of the three countries. I need not point out the convenience and the advantage of this arrangement in the trial of a cause which will have to do with England and Ireland alike. The solicitor who is engaged in preparation of the case for the Irish party is one of the best known men in London. Who that has spent even a month in London, who that ever reads a London newspaper, does not know the name of Mr. George Lewis? Mr. Lewis is concerned in every great case that comes on wall known in metropolitan society as he is in the courts of law. The Prince of Wales regards him as a friend; and indeed I wonder who in the inner world of London does not regard George Lewis as his friend? He is one of the brightest, keenest, shrewdest of men; as full of cleverness and resource as he is of kindliness and good nature. I could not say more in praise of his capacity. Mr. Lawis, I may add, is in the highest of spirits over the case and its prospects; and delares that the Times will have proved itself in the end, very unwillingly no doubt, the best supporter the cause of Home Rule has had since Gladstone gave it his noble adhesion.

So you see we are not afraid. I myself have the honor to be one of those whom the Times distinguishes by name as the men against whom it makes its deliberate accusation of having been "in trade and traffic with avowed dynamiters and known contrivers of murder." I am known to some of your readers, and I feel pretty confident they will believe no such thing of me. I have no doubt the editor of The Independent would shake me by the hand even now if I were within reach of his friendly grasp. Anything I say for myself I say also for my colleagues. No stain rests on them now; no stain will rest on them when this inquisition is over; when the Times has done its worst and has failed. the one feeling among the Irleh party might be expressed in the words: "Thank heaven, we are going to have this all out at last!"

FAITHFUL FLORIDA PRIESTS.

STAID BY THEIR SICK IN THE MIDST OF SEC-TABIAN DESERTION.

In a letter from Bishop Moore, of Florida, bearing date of Jacksonville, the 25th ult. and addressed to a Virginia friend, and printed in the B.ltimore Mirror, he writes : A thousand thanks for your kind letter and inclosure of help for our poor sufferers. Father Kenny is over the fever and working again like the true priest he is. We have also a Jesuit from Alabama helping us, and all three of us have plenty to do, for this city for some time past is a vast hospital. I have had the fever myself—one of the first, early in August—and did not suspect what was the matter with me, as I had been through all the yellow fever at Charleston, S.C., during seventeen years and had never taken it. was only six days suffering, and I was never one whole day confined to my bed. In two weeks I was able to come here, where Father Kenny was atricken down. Soon after, the Provincial of the Jesuits in New Orleans sent: us this good saintly old Father (Duffo), who bas been through ten epidemics, and here we are now working together for the good of souls.

\*\* We have lost only one Sister of St. Joseph

—Sister Mary Rose de Lima—a most excel-lent Sister and first classes. She died at her post in St. Luke's Hospital.

"Yesterday evening I received the sadinews of the death of the preist at Tampa, Rev. D. J. O'Sullivan, who volunteered his services and lived but two weeks.

Father Kilcoyne, pastor at Fernandina, is down with typhoid fever for alx weeks, with the yellow fever there now, and none to and attain finally the fullniss aivation. attend the sick-calls. Hitherto nobody could St. Francis.

enter there from Jacksonville. At any rate I go there to-morrow morning and shall try my best to get in and attend the sick, the

poor priest among others.
"Yours truly in Christ,
"+John Moore, Blshop."

EDUCATION IN ENGLAND.

Results that are Entirely Satisfactory to Catholics. Statistics from the annual Blue-Book just

issued on the educational results throughout the country cannot be but eminently satisfactory. In two cut of the three K's the Catholics head the list in the percentages of passes, while in arithmetic they are beaten only by the Board nave said, the prosecuting counsel. This is an awkward fact for the Government. It puts Lord Salisbury and Mr. Smith, and their callesgeue, distinctly in the position of Crown prosecutors, Mr. Parnell has a splendid array of counsel. First comes Sir Charles Russell, by far the greatest advocate now at the English Bar. Sir Charles Russell is an Irishman. He had a hard fight of it when, a totally obscure young man from Irishuad, he began his career at the English Bar. He held lately a regular engagement as counsel for the Times, but he flung up his engagement, and is now leading counsel against the Times. Second in command to him is Frank Lockwood, a Queen'a counselor and a member of Parliament; Lockwood the brilliar, the witty, a pen and pencii carloaturist, worthy of the worst days of Queen Anne than of the best days of Queen Vicoria." The same reverend speaker called upon all Nonconformists to unite in a vast army for the banishment of sectarianism from the schools. He appealed to Sunday-school teachers as being able to solve the religious difficulty by bringing to their high vocation a "double portion of the Divine Spirit with the warmest affection of the heart." This is glorious, but nonsense; and we gather from a tall, that religion is to be banished from a belief to the start here calls after a war to from schools or to stay there only after a war to the knife; atheism is to these men a preferable thing to Christianty. The course, therefore, is clear—religion or infidelity; war is declared, and there is to be no surrender. If the Nonconformi ts can bind religious liberty, if they can stay the tides, the victory is theirs; but if not, they will have their own folly to thank for their defeat,—London Tablet.

## CARDINAL MANNING.

What one man can accomplish in the course of his life is shown by the career of Cardinal Manning, now 80 years of age. In 1845 he adjured the Anglican Church, in which establishment he would have made a brilliant and lasting career. To rise from a simple priest to that of the highest occlesiastical dignitary in England was due to his indo-mitable force of character, his deep learning, mitable force of character, his deep learning, and achievements in the interest of the Catholic Church. He has within forty years built 1,200 churches and chapels, founded 40 monasteries, 322 female convents 9 seminance for the professional convents of the convents of t monasteries, 322 temate convents 9 seminaries for the priesthood, 10 colleges for high education, 2,000 parochial schools, 30 trades unions, and about 100 beneficial and charitable institutions. He organized the society to antagonize and conquer the demon of strong drink, which numbers now 100,000 proficiency in English. The choir followed, singing the "Laudate." This was a capital performance. Miss Laudate. This was cordially applauded by their Excellencies.

Miss L. Bardy then read the French address the first special content of the first special content. of strong drink, which numbers now 100,000 total abstainers. In addition to the prominent part played in the Vatican Council and in furthering the interest of the church generally, he has found time to disseminate literature of a religious character of which he is author, and which will stamp his mind and memory upon generations to come, and which will cause him to be held in lasting re membrance in the annals of the Catholic Church.

## THE WHITE FATHERS.

The Congregation of White Fathers of Our Lady of Algiers was founded some twenty years since by Cardinal Lavigerie for the evangelization and Christian education of the nfidel nations.

The novitiate is at the Casa Quadrata, nea

Algiers; they have apostolic schools, which serve as seminaries and preparatory educational institutes, at Lille, for the north of France: at Avegron St Laurent, for the center of France; at Wolumens, in Brabrant, for Belgium, Holland, and Germany; also at St Engenio, in

Algiers.
The Order has a house, with residence for the Order has a house, at dei Lorenesi Procurator-General in Rome, at dei Lorenesi; and in Jerusalem, on the site of the dwelling of st. Anna. Early in 1887 the missionaries of Algiers numbered already over 12 martyre; 45 of their colleagues served four Vicariates Apos tolic, and eleven mission stations of langanvika in Nyanza, and along the right borders of the Upper Congo. They are effectually aided by the Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, a female religious congregation founded by the same zealous Cardinal, who began the mother house of Maestricht in 1887. The Fathers of Our Lady of Alvier descriptions are the same religious congregation founded by the same zealous Cardinal, who began the mother house of Maestricht in 1887. Lady of Algiers dress in a white habit, and are very popular with the tribes and throughout Algerian Sahara.

BAPTISM AMONG THE EARLY CHRISTIANS.

The preparation for Baptiam was very serion matter in those days (886 A.D.) when the pagans were crowding into the church. They were at first only "auditors" or hearers; they were then made "catechumens," and accually remained so for two years; they were finally advanced to the grade of "competents", if their fervour in learning the truths and principles of religion, and leading good and regular lives, met the approbation of those placed over them. While catechumens, they learned nothing about the mysteries or Sacrements, but, together with history and morality and general principles of revealed religion, were taught to have unlimited confidence in the infallible, authority of the confidence in the infallible, authority of the Church, which was to teach them all the rest at the propar time. So strict was "the disclipine of the secret" that, until they became "competente," they were not taught even the Apostles' Oreed. The "giving of the Symbol" and "returning of the Symbol" were special cormonics; for after they were found at "the scrutinies," just before Baptism, to have it by heart, they were obliged to return the copy if they had one.—St. Augustine: A Historical Study. Study.

The Church of Rome is the Mother of all churches and the Mistress of all religions. I will go and commend this Hely Church to my brothron, so that her powerful light may illumine the wicked, and God's children everywhere may rejoice in perfect liberty,

THE GLOUCESTER STREET CON-VENT, OTTAWA.

Great Celebrations on the Occasion of Lord and Lady Stanley's Visit,

(From the Daily Citizen Nov. 2nd.) Gloucester St. Convent, conducted by the Sis ers of the Congregation of Notre Dame, was en fete on Wednesday. Seldom in the annals en sete on Wednesday. Seldom in the annals of that excellent institution has a prettier spectacle been winersed. The occasion of the rejoidings was the visit of His Excellency the Governor-General and the Lady Stanley of Preston. The distinguished visitors, accompanied by Capt. Bagot, Capt. Colville, Mrs. Bagot and Miss Lister, entered the hall of the institution at 11 oclock. They were tandered a cordial reception on their arrival were tendered a cordial reception on their arrival by the Rev. Father Gendreau, chaplain of the convent, te Rev. Mother Provincial, the Mother Superior, her assistant and Mother St. Egbert. There were also present in waiting the Rev. Fathers Gonthier and Dellaire, of St. Jean Baptiste Church, Nolin and Nelles, of the Ottawa College, Principal MacCabe, of the Normal School, and Mr. F. H. Langevin.

Vice-Regal party, after the usual ex The Vice-Regal party, after the usual exchange of courtesies, were conducted through the corridor, over which spanned a triumphal arch, on which was artistically designed the motto, "Thrice Welcome Here." They soon reached the large music hall. Here fitteen little girls in white apparel, with sylph-like step, receded before the illustricus visitors, strewing sweet flowers on the carpet to the dais. The beauty of the scene was enhanced by the har mony that swelled from the orchestra. No less than fifteen different kinds of instruments were brought into requisition and played upon in this and subs quent renditions. The violin was performed on in truely artistic fashion by Miss Carmen Dunce and Miss Katie Martin, by Miss Carmen Dunce and Miss Katle Martin, and the time honoured harp had its favourite players in Misses M. Bradley and Mallette. The remaining artists displayed great talent. The musical exhibition on the whole was a thorough success and righly merited the encomiums liberally conferred by His Excellency. The good Sister St. Honore, beacher of music and conductors of the orders and conductors of the orders and conductors. and conductress of the orchestra. likewise came in for the well earned meed of Vice-Regal

While the musical artists were engaged, Their Excellencies admiringly observed the taste dis-played in the reception hall. Several appro-priate mottoes, lettered in gold, adorned the portals and richly-gilded walls. Flowers, evergreens and costly pendants hung in gay profusion all round. Facing His Ex-cellency, and fronting the dais, the motto, "O honored guests thrice welcomed," was relieved on either side by the Dominion coat of arms and that of the Governor General. At the conclusion of the music, young Miss Jeannine Chapleau, daughter of Dr. Chapleau, came forward and presented His Excellency

to His Excellency. This was followed by the address in English, read by Miss Carmen Dunne. These two talented young ladies acquitted themselves in excellent fashion. Miss Irene Glasmocher and Beatrice Mallette respectively advanced after each address with bou quets to His Excellency. It may be remarked, en passant, that the addresses were in themselves works of art.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Arthur Stanley, Baron Stanley of Preseon, G. C. B., Governor-General of Canada, etc. etc.

May it please Your Excellency,—
Uniting our feeble voice with that of the nation, we, the pupils of the congregation de Notre Dame bid your Excellency a most sincere and cordial welcome. As the worthy representations are not sold of the congregation of the congregat tative of our great, good and noble Queen, we greet you with sentiments of profound respect. rejoicing in the choice that has been made of your Excellency, to govern in Heraugust name, this, not the least loyal portion of Her Majesty' dominions. We are both flattered and honored by the gracious condescension with which your Excellency has deigned to visit this institution. already favored by the presence of several of your noble predecessors. They also were pleased to honor an institution whose origin is coeval with that of the earliest settlement of Canada, and which has been the Alma Mater of many of

those noble women whose names deserve to be inscribed upon their country's honor roll. Beneath the shadow of these peaceful walls our days glide on in happy content. The great social and political changes which agitate and convulse the outside world effect us but little; still we are not indifferent to our country's wea nor do we ignore the names of those noble men who have courageously fought and won her battles, whether on the war-field or in the politi-cal arena; nor of those who still labor to pro-mote her welfare. Their deeds are familiar to us; we are taught to admire and appreciate their devotedness, and to pray for their success.

Allow us, in terminating, to express a wish that your Excellency's sojourn in Canada may be one of uninterrupted peace, and attended with abundant blessings. May you find in your Canadian subjects that true loyalty for which they have ever been distinguished, and which as always won for them the esteem and effec tion of their rulers.

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this words fail to express our appreciate m of the honor you confer upon us; but those happy faces, those joy lit eyes before you are more eloquent than words, and a mother's heart will readily divine their meaning.

Accept, most gracious Lady, our earnest wish that your stay in Canada may prove in every

sense agreeable and happy; and that Your Ex-cellency may find in the sincerity and loyalty of your Canadian subjects, ample compensation for the sacrifices you have made in leaving home

and country to come and roside with us. May time prove to Your Excellency that amid the snows and frost of this Canada of ours, are found women as true, and men as loyal as in any portion of Her Majesty's boundless do-

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Addresses to Lady Stanley followed the pre-Addresses to Lady Stanley followed the presentation to the Governor-General. There were two, one in French, the other in English. The latter was read by Miss Annie Mitchell, the French one being read by Miss A. Harwood. These two gifted young ladies were well applanded. Two rich bouquets were then handed to Her Excellency by Miss N. Benoit and Miss Donar

handed to Her Excellency by Miss N. Benoit and Miss Doney.
Lord Stanley, in reply to the addresses, spoke first in French, and afterwards in English. He begged to return thanks for the cordial welcome tendered to himself and Lady Stanley. It was to them as it was to all his illustrious predecessors, a source of sincere satisfaction to visit an institution like the Congregation de Note Dame famous for the Congregation to visit an institution like the Congregation de Notre Dame, famous for its intimate connection with the antiquities and early history of Canada, and for the good work it has always done, and still continues to do, in imparting a sound moral education. He took the young ladies into confidence and told them he would prefer additional to the confidence and told them. the young ladies into confidence and told them he would prefer addressing a large public audience to addressing them. Young ladies, as a general rule, were good critics, and from the great exhibition of talent he had the pleasure of witnessing, he could easily infer that they were no exceptions to that general rule. Having paid a touching tribute to the exquisite music, the rendition of which afforded such intense delight, he believed great credit was due to the lady teacher, Sister St. Honore. He hoped the young ladies paths through life would be strewn with flowers. He felt assured that they would, one and all, meet with many an occasion of putting in force the maxims of an occasion of putting in force the maxims of self-restraint they learned within their praceful self-restraint they tearned within their practical convent walls. He could not speak about the curriculum of studies they pursued, as he had not yet inspected all the work done, but he could easily infer from the efficient manner hey had acquisted themselves in the readcould easily infer from the efficient manner hey had acquitted themselves in the reading of the addresses, in singing and in music, that other branches were not neglected. In conclusion he begged to address a word to them in behalf of Lady Stanley. They would both carry away with them and retain in long and grateful remembrance the year pordial and grateful remembrance the year pordial and grateful requiring reception. brance the very cordial and gratifying reception they had received from the worthy Sisters and pupils of Not;e Dame.

The National Anthem brought the proceedings to a finish. The Vice-Regal party having withdrawn from the reception hall were conducted through the institution. They examined the various departments with interest, and expressed themselves as deeply gratified with the neatness. finish and elegance of Notre Dame. A holiday was granted the pupils by request of Their Ex-

## THE GRAY NUNS.

Some Account of their Work in Canada and the United States. The earliest female religious order to establish itself in North America was the Sisterhood of the Gray Nuns, who, over 250 years ago, welcomed the Ursulines to Canada, when the latter sisters went thither from France to assist the Jesuits in the work of converting "the savages" of that country. It was the Gray nunnery, too, that Mother Mary of the Incarnation and the other pioneer Ursulines of Canada found a refuge when their own primitive convent was destroyed by fire. One account states that the order of the Gray Nuns was founded at Varennes, near Gray Nuns was founded at Varenes, near Montreal, in 1787, by a pious widow named Madame Youville, but Father Xavier McLeod, the lamented author of that valuable work, "Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary in North America," speaks of the Gray Sisters as "the first we ever saw in North America," and cites the fact that when the Literalines were hered. the Ursulines were burned out in 1638 or thereabouts, those religious walked some quarter of a mile through the snow, to the hospital of the Gray Sisters, where the nuns of that institution joyfully welcomed them, clothing them with their own gray babits and making them, for the time being, seems grises. The same author speaks of the Gray Nuns, "more than two centuries later, toiling in the half-tropical heats of the South, or having, for the love of God and Mary, the boreal wind careering over the semifrozen floods of Hudson's Bay, or the almost perpetual snows that lie around far Athabasca Lake, in north latitude 60 degrees," from which, as Father McLeod wrote over 25 years ago, it would seem that the Order of the Gray Nuns

had an earlier establishment in North America

than the one which puts their foundation at Varennes in 1737. The chances are that both ascoounts are in manner correct, though. The Gray Nuns to whom Father McLeod refers were probably those to be found to day at Quebec, in charge of the Hotel Dieu and the General Hospital and who came from Dieppe, France, in 1639, when the Duchess d'Aiguillon founded the Hotel Dieu in Quebec. These nuns are properly St. Augustine Sisters, or Hospital Sisters, and they are the only ones who could be found in Canada prior to the Ursulines. This order will be spoken of later on. The mother house of the Varennes community, the one founded in 1737, is located in the city of Montreal, and at present it has some 32 nity, the one founded in 1757, is located in the city of Montreal, and at present it has some 32 or 33 dependent convents, of which 15 are in the architocase of Monsignor Fabre's jurisdiction, 6 in the See of St. Boniface, over which Archishop Tache presides, 3 in the vicariate of Saskatchewan, 2 in the Athabaska vicariate, 3 in the archdiocese of Boston, I in the St. Paul See, 2 in the diocese of Cleveland, and I in the vicariate of Dakota. In the latest published statustics of the order Sister Filiatrault is put Ottawa, Oct. 31, To Her Excellency Lady Stanly of Prosson.

My LADY:

Sincerely appreciative of the great honor which Your Excellency has to-day conferred upon us, we beg to tender you the homage of our deep respect and esteem, and to welcome you with all the cordiality of our hearts to this our Convent Home. Many times in the history of this institution it has been t'le in the history of this institution it has been t'le presence of our country's Chief Magis rate, but on no previous occasion, we may venture tr, assert, was their joy greater than that we experise to day in greeting Your Excellency.

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Chambly, Longueuil, St. Benoit, Beauharnois, Varennes and Cote des Neiges in the origin.

lost traveller, a Broton cavalier, was miraculously eaved from death by exposure by being guided by the Virgin to au old forge that stood in a mountain gorge, whereat he found shelter from the storm. Of this cavalier, who resided at Three Rivers, the poet says:

"His custom was, come foul, come fair,
For Christmas duties to repair
Unto the Ville Marie,
The city of the mount, which north
Of the great river looketh north

across the sylvan sen.

And it was while he was making one of these pious annual pilgrimages that the knight was caught in a blinding snow storm, and saved by the interposition of the Virgin, in whose honor he built a chapel at the mountain forge, where, as the balladist sings :

"If, pilgrim, chance thy steps should lead Where, emblem of our holy creed,
Canadian crosses glow—
There you may hear what here you read,
And seek, in witness of the deed,
Our Lady of the Snow."

At St. Boniface the Grey Nuns conduct an academy for young ladies which is attended by sixty boarders and one hundred and sixty day sixty boarders and one hundred and sixty day scholars; they also teach in the parcohals achools of the archiepiscopal city and at those of the parish of St. Anne des Chenes and Brandon, while they have charge, too, of the hospital at St. Boniface. The convent of St. Boniface it the vicar house of the Order, and has four others subject to their jurisdiction. The Grey Nuns of this Order are also to be found in Manische where there have home found in Maniboba, where they have homes at St. Albert, an academy attended by ninety pupils, Athabaska, three academies, asylums, hospitals, Isle La Crosse. Salgary and other places. The first house his order ever founded in the United States were the order ever founded in the United States were the order of Salgary to this architecture. the one at Salem, in this archdiocese, an insti-tution founded in 1886 by the generosity of T. Looby, Esq., and incorporated in 1871. This is Looby, Esq., and incorporated in 1871. This is the City Orphan Asylum, which is attended by the City Orphan Asylum, which is attended by the Sisters, and shelters ninety-six children and twenty-four aged women, according to last year's figures, and from which the Sisters go to visit the sick out of doors. In 1868, the lamented Father Taffe, O. P., then paster of Lawrence, Mass, founded the Protectory of Mary Immaculate in that city and brought the Gray Nuns thither to take charge of it. There are at present eleven Sisters at this establishment, who, beside their indoor work, visit the sick and poor beside their indoor work, visit the sick and poor of the city, and have charge of the Sunday schools and sodalities. Outside of New England the Gray Nuns of Montreal are located at Toledo, Ohio, where twenty-three of them have charge of St. Vincent's hospital and asylum, on Cherry street, and at Fort Totten, Dak. Withing a few weeks that a parties there have been seen to be supported by the street of the supported by the supporte opened in St. Paul, at the corner of Sixth avenue and Fifth street, where four Sisters now

Of the other Order of Grey Nuns, those, to of the other Order of Grey Nuns, those, to wit, who hail from Quebec, the principal Canadian houses, are the following:—In the Province of Quebec, Quebec itself, Temiskaming, Templeton, Maniwaki, Hull, Buokingham, Monte Bello. Aylmer, Bointoud Lac and St. François du Lac. In the Ontario province, Ottawa, Pembroke, Eganville and Mattawan. The Order has also charge of the hospital at Charlottetown, P. E. I., where six nuns are employed. These same Sisters, who are often called Sisters of Charity, are to be found at Lowell, in this archdiocese, where they have charge of St. John's Hospital, an institution which receive about three hundred patients a year as an aver age, and affords outdoor relief to about four times that number. They are also to be found at Buffalo, at the corner of Buffalo and Pros-pect streets, where they maintain an academy, and they also teach in some of the parochial schools of the city. You will find them again at Ugdensburg, where they have charge of the Cathedral schools, and at Plattsburg, in the Ogdensburg diocese, where they manage the schools attached to St. Peter's Church.

The dress of the Grey Nuns is, as their names imply, a habit of grey cloth, with a white linen bonnet covered with black veiling. Their prici-pal avocation is in the caring for the sick in hospitals, visiting the poorer classes, and shelter-ing the aged and orphans in their asylums. Their hospitals are often called by the expressive name Hotels Dieu, or God's houses, and no worthy applicant is ever denied admission there-The nuns find little idle time on their hands, for when they are not ministering to the patients in the hospitals, there are always numbers of outdoor visits to be paid, or hans to be bers of outdoor visits to be paid, orphans to be looked after, needy sick persons to be supplied with medicine and food, and the schools to be superintended. The Sisterhood, at least the Montreal branch of it, is a thoroughly American Montreal branch of it, is a thoroughly American one, and that has no houses in Europe, though France supplied the Quebec branch with the first religious. There are other hospital Sisters apart from the Grey Nuns, the best known of whom, perhaps, are the Hospital Nuns of St. Joseph, the Franciscan Hospital Sisters, the Sisters of Charity, the Sisters of Providence and others, ot whom something may be said in subsequent articles.—Boston Republic.

THE BENEDICTINES.

The oldest of the existing religious orders is that known as the Canons Regular of St. Augustine. They date from the fourth century, and had their origin in the rule of life which the great Father of the Church, St. Augustine, drew up for the direction of his Cathedral clergy who lived in community. in the same house with himself. But the order which has undoubtedly been the most important, both in ecclesiastical annals and in the development of civilzation, is that of St. Benedict, which celebrated Its fourteen hundreth anniversary about six years ago, it having been first established in the fifth century by a Roman named Benedictus, the great St. Benedict of history. It is, in fact, the order around which almost the entire intellect and plety of the Middle Ages, be-tween the fall of the Roman Empire and the revival of letters, may be said to have turned. Take away the Benedictines, and that long period would seem dark indeed. The Benedictines in their several branches-Cassinese, or "Black" Benadictines; Camaldolese; Carthusians; Cistercians, and the "reformed" Claterclans, or Trappists etc.— are the only monks"—Latin "monachi" properly so-called, of the Latin Church. In spite of the distribes of some prejudiced antilower Canada, or rather a legend avacues to its name, for the present Cote des Neiges is behind the mountain, whereas the original shrine of Notre Dame des Neiges, or Our Lady of the Snow, fronted on Sherbrooke street, in Montreal itself, where two towers still stand to mark the old site. It was of Notre Dame des Neiges that the cifted Thomas D'Arcy McGes wrote one of the best of his Canadian ballads, telling how a benighted and Christians,—Prof. T. F. Gallwey.

This is the fear that no doubt was in the