## OUR **OTTAWA** LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, Sept. 14. THE SESSION .- Ottawa has other attractions now than the Parliament and the apparently endless session. Yet we must take a rapid glance at that great central political maelstrom. They say that it draws to an end; but we cannot yet see that end. One thing, however, may hurry up legislators. There is no pay for them, and will be none until after the Senate meets on the and passes the extra supply Bill that circumstances demanded. A deadlock has existed for some time between the Auditor-General and the Finance Department and the former refused to grant any more letters of credit until such time as certain errors that he deemed to be the fault of the existing statute were rectified. On Mon-Hon. Mr. Fielding introduced a bill to rectify the same, but it cannot become law until the Senate passes it. and the Governor has signed it. And the Senate will not meet till the 22nd September. As long as it was only the employees suffered the inconvenience the affair might have gone on for a long time to come; but the moment members found their own indemnities had ceased they at once had the matter brought before Parliament.

It may take all this week to com-Grand Trunk Pacific Bill, and probably the Redistribution Bill will take up the greater part of next week. Then we have to see the end of the main estimates, about 40 per cent, of which remain unpassed, and fully 20,000,000 of supplimentaries, including further subsidies for railways and steamship lines. Consequently if they can end the for Thanksgiving Day, (15th October), they will have done well.

THE EXHIBITION .- The main attraction in Ottawa this week is the great Central Efihibition. It is a drawing card for all the country a but it cannot be well that it goes much beyond the proportions of a local autumn Exhibi tion or Fair. There have already been several disappointments.

In the first place, the programme of engagements for the Coldstream Guards' band will not permit of that grand body of musicians being in Ottawa for the Exhibition. Then, at the last moment, it was found possible to have the Queen's Jubilee Presents brought here from Toronto Permission had been obtained, but the person who has these exhibits in charge and who is responsible for them, finds that being due at the St. Louis Exposition on the 30th September, he would not have time to pack them over again after taking them to Ottawa. Finally, it was ar ranged that Lord Strathcona should open the Exhibition, but, at the last moment, His Lordship wired the Mayor that it would not be possible for him to be present.

Despite all these drawbacks opening took place on Monday and fine showing was made. But an unfortunate accident took place. While unloading a lot of cattle, the staff of Senator Edwards' Rockland farm lost a valuable heifer. The ani- ity. mai was of a very valuable herd of Durhams, one of which won 'the championship at the Toronto fair last week-she is said to have been worth \$500. Despite so many couraging events, at the very outsuccess, for certainly it is one of the best attended that Ottawa has

THE RELIGIOUS NEWS of th past week is not of a very important esting events have taken place. Of course, Ottawa being the home Apostolic Delegate there are very important matters affecting the religious world, which take place here and of which those ware: often news only comes late

the other sections of the Dominion nday afternoon His Grace ual ceremony of praying for the ad, in Notre Dame Cemetery. The Abera" was chanted by the full "Libera" was chanted by the choir of the Basilica and the impressive service was attended by a mathering, mostly friends

lish, and Rev. Father Beduneau, perior of the missionaries of the Or-der of Marists, delivered the French sermon. Mgr. Routhier, Very Rev. Canon Campeau and Rev. Father L. Archambault attended the Archbishop, and a number of other priests and religious were present.

The home savings bank which have een in the hands of the parishioners of St. Patrick's parish were called in on Sunday last, and Rev. Father Whelan announced at all the Masses that the new marble altar of the Blessed Virgin, for which a consilerable sum was realized through these home banks, will be unveiled He said that the new altar would be all that the builder and designer promised it would be. The sermon. High Mass, was preached by Father Leyden, of St. Church, Columbus, Ohio. He was a former Ottawa boy, who after course of education in the University here, went to the United States perform the duties of his sacred calling, and he returns on a visit to iclatives and former friends.

In the Sacred Heart Church they have commenced the elaborate work of decoration, which, when completed will make the Church one of the finest in the whole Dominion

On Sunday next the Archbishop will visit the parish of St. Francis of Assisi's, which is under the care of the Capuchin Fathers.

One of Ottawa's most promising oung men, Mr. Leo Lapointe, son of ex-Ald-Lapointe, left here during the ourse of last week for Montreal. where he will enter the novitiate of the Christian Brothers. Henceforth his name will disappear from the knowledge of the world, but the grand duties that he purposes undertaking, and the eminent talents which he possesses for the same, will render him one more of the able and valiant soldiers in the ranks of the Church Militant.

### Sunday Boating Disaster

Not long since we heard the remark passed that we were prone to exaggerate the dangers of Sunday excursions on the water, and that it was in a spirit of over-wrought zeal that we told of how each Sunday this summer had its victim, and sometimes more than one. Still we were right, and still young people on pleasure-bent cannot see that they are courting danger in a most foolish manner. Last Sunday was no exception; four young men went out for a day of boating. Near Varennes a sudden squall seized and capsized their skiff; one was drowned, and the three survivors were rescued bearly in time by a fisherman from a neighboring island. The victim was Louis Parent, a young man of some twenty-two summers, full of promise and full of health. Yet his useful career was thus prematurely cut short by the accident which took place Sunday. It is quite possible that our voice never will reach those who are determined to thus occupy their Sundays; but we would have though that heed might be paid to the voice of our good Archbishap-for he has warned sufficiently and such warnings cannot be ignored with impun-

GOOD MANNERS ARE HOME

MADE.

Children must be taught what the parents wish them to know. Teach them truthful, gentle ways, and they will be true an gentle. If a by nears bad language from his father he will repeat it, just as certainly as he has a tongue in his mouth; and if a little girl hears her mother gos sip, she will gossip the moment she your their food like cattle must not expect their children to have nice table manners. Gentlemen and good vomen are home made. There on earth for which or nothing ought to be more thankful, than for having been brought up in the avnosphere of a pure home. Such it may be deficient in material com forts. A man as sturdy as an oal once said: "I was the son of por parents, and from my youth up, nured to self denial and hardsh out I do not remember ever to have my father or my mother that wa not as should be." Better such a re collections than a great inheritance—The Augustinian.

### Notes From the Ancient Capital.

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Much regret was expressed by co-religionists in learning of the dangerous illness of both the Roussel and the Rev. Abbe Rheaume of the Quebec Seminary.

For long years Abbe P. Roussel was the secretary of Laval University, and had charge of the boarding house, attached to the University, wherein law and medical students had rooms. Almost all the prominent men of Quebec, and many from other parts of the province, who be long to the present generation of public men, passed under the rule of good Abbe Roussel. He was a man of fine talents, high spirit, and great learning. He was beloved by all with whom he ever came in contact. As an evidence of his generosity he contributed over \$10,000 heart, out of his private funds for the reconstruction of the gem-like, chapel Little Seminary of His charities, of a private character, are untold and unrecorded-save in heaven. We trust that the news may be exaggerated, for the world needs

#### Echoes From Scotland

A PATRIOTIC MAN DEAD.-When reading the announcement of the demise of a public-spirited Trish Cathoic resident of Glasgow, Mr. Hugh Murphy, which appeared in the Liv-erpool "Catholic Times," the career of our own late Senator Murphy, in this city, was recalled.

In referring to Mr. Hugh Murphy, our contemporary says:-

It is with very sincere and most heartfelt regret that we announce death of Mr. Hugh Murphy which took place at his residence Glasgow on Thursday morning of week. As an able, useful and noble citizen; as an 1rish patriot of incomparable devotion to his beloved country's cause, and as a loyal son of the Catholic Church.

Mr. Murphy won a high place the esteem and in the affections of countless friends and followers during the twenty-five years of his public life in the West of Scotland, while his foes, who were not a few in the political, but happily not personal sense of the word, were first to bear generous and manly testimony of their respect and regard for him, and to the disinterested earnestness of his public and private

"For Faith and Fatherland" may be truly said to have been the last touching thought and noble sentiment of his unselfish life; for, on the Sunday morning that the first fatal blow of his illness deprived him of onsciousness, he was hurrying after hearing Holy Mass to catch a conveyance which was to take him to Airdrie, where he was announced to address a meeting of his fellow-coun-

The funeral, which took place from Church, Abercromby street, last Saturday morning, after a solemn Mass of Requiem was aters from all parts, including Scotand, England, and Ireland. May he rest in peace.

EMMET CENTENARY .- On Satur lay afternoon, which was the Trades' Glasgow, a demonstration took place in remembrance of the Emmet Centenary. The hodies taking part in the demonstration were some branches of the Irish National Foresters, United Irish League and members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a contingent of the latter body coming over all the way from Belfast. About 2,000 took part in the walk. Arriving at the Green, speeches were made from three platforms. Mr. John O'Donnell, P., for South Mayo, was the principal speaker.

recent conversion of Rev. Mr. Graham, says:—He has been received into the Church and made his First
Communion at the Benedictine Abbey, Fort Augustus. The Hamilton
Presbytery, of which he was a member, have acted very meanly by "deposing" him after he had resigned.
This is a form of punishment generally meted out to ministers who have

come a public scandal. Yet it is a knowledged on all hands that Mr. Graham was a zealous minister, and the only fault which can be laid against him is that he has gone over to Rome.

If he had even become an atheist there is a probability that he would not have been deposed. But a Catholic is worse than an atheist divines of the Hamilton Presbytery, who Mrs. Partington like are going to stem the tide of Catholicity with mop brush.

This week it is announced that the Hon. James Eric Drummond, halfbrother and heir presumptive to Vis count Strathallan, and heir to the Earldom of Perth, has been received into the Church at the Benedictine Abbey of Downside, Bath. But are awaiting another one yet.

A NEW CHURCH.—The increase in the Catholic population of Blantyre has made it necessary to enter upon the construction of a new Church. Its will be somewhere about £8, 000, and it will have sitting accommodation for 1,000. The present building dates from 1878, its seating accommodation being returned at

# Notes From England

SILVER JUBILEES.—Three priests of the diocese of Liverpool recently celebrated their silver jubilee of their ordination to the priesthood The Universe," of London. The jubilarians were the Very Rev. Billington (rector of St. Peter's Church, Lancaster), the Rev. Father Byrne (of Thurnham), and the Rev Father Rigby (of St. Joseph's, Liv erpool). All three were ordained 23 ears ago by the late Bishop of Liverpool (the Right Rev. O'Reilly), and received their ecclesiastical education at St. Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, near Durham, Alderman Preston, J.P., who is a brother of Bishop Preston, and was thrice Mayor of Lancaster, received his education at Ushaw, and on the ever ing of the 24th ult., he gave a dinin honor of the jubilarians which was largely attended. Pontifical High Mass was sung on the foilowing morning by Bishop Preston in St. Peter's, Lancaster. The Rev. Father Rigby was deacon, and the Rev Father Byrne sub-deacon, whilst the Rev. F. Cosgrave officiated as master of ceremonies. The Right I:ev Dr. Hedley (Bishop of Newport) was present in the sanctuary. The Very Rev. Dean Billington was also present, and a large gathering of clergy contemporary students with the rubilarians-attended from vario parts of Lancashire and the neighboring counties. The Bishops clergy afterwards breakfasted in the rectory, and then went on a visit to Furness Abbey and Barrow.

A NEW CHURCH has been opened Benwell. It will accommodate worshippers. The dedication services attracted a large number of the faithful.

GOLDEN JUBILEE,-Sister Fulof Satanbrook Abbey, the other day, celebrated the 50th anniversary of her entry into religious life. The occasion was one of great rejoicing.

NEW SCHOOLS .- An evidence of enthusiasm for the cause of education was strikingly noticeable when the and St. Ursula's were to be seen innew Catholic school at Whitwick was recently opened. The building had blood. The shrine of the Three been erected at a cost of \$25,000. Kings in their incomparable Cathe-and was furnished by the County Council at an additional outlay of priceless treasures in the shape of \$2,500. The donor of the splendid schools is Mrs. Haydock, of Whit- ly remind them of the saints who

Father O'Reilly, opening the ceedings, briefly introduced Mr. Cope, whom he said was well known as a authority on educational matters in ed that day. He (Father O'Reilly) would ask the architect to deliver the key to Mr. Cope to open the door to let them in.

Mr. Cope, receiving the gold key said he was greatly obliged for the invitation, and it was a very great privilege for him, representing Education Committee of the County Council, to be able to take part in the opening of the magnificent Whitwick and the neighborhood their possession, and had no doubt RECENT CONVERTS.-The Lon- that for many generations don "Universe" in touching upon the schools would give an education recent conversion of Rev. Mr. Gra. which would conduce to the happi-

# **JUBILEE** CATHOLIC CONVENTION OF COLOGNE.

We have had several articles of late on the progress of Catholicity Germany, and the wonderful changes that have taken place in connection with the prospects and status of our co-religionists in that land, especially within the last few years, :nay be considered as really Providential. One of the most noteworthy events n relation to Catholicity in Ger many was the Jubilee Catholic Congress at Cologne, which ended on the 27th August last. It would not be possible for us to give any adequate count of that important event. For forty-nine years this Catholic gress had been holding its sessions and to it may be traced much of the firm spirit which resisted the person cutions of the Bismarckian period, and much of the perseverance that carried the compact Catholic Party through so many difficulties, to a final triumph. However, we cannot avoid reproducing the brief reports given of the addresses by the Cardinal-Archbishop of Cologne, Most Rev. Dr. Fischer, and that read on behalf of the various Cardinais, Archbishops, Bishops and members of clergy and laity present. In these two do we find an eloquent summary of the work of the Congress and a graphic account of all that has been done by Catholics in Germany for the advancement of their cause and the glory of God. Cardinal Fischer read the lette

ent by the Holy Father, and which

had a most stimulating effort, which was greatly increased when Cardinal Fischer, addressing them said he had received from the Holy Father commission which he wished to discharge. At the audience which His Holiness had granted on the third day after his election to the German Cardinals and Austrian members of the Sacred College, he spoke to His Holiness of the approach of their Jubilee Congress and asked his bless ing for it. His Holiness, who was well acquainted with German affairs most readily acceded to the petition, and requested him to give the Apos tolic blessing to all present. Cardinal Fischer stated that he had also spoken about the Congress with Leo XIII. before his death, and the great Pontiff, who was a true friend Germany and a personal the Emperor: listened with much satisfaction to the information he gave and sent his blessing to the gathering (applause). Though Leo was no longer in the flesh, his spirit was with them, and they would for ever reverence his memory and feel grateful for all that he had done on their behalf. Continuing, the Cardinal said the Prussian Bishops who had recently met at the grave of St. Boniface in Fulda sent best wishes to th Congress, and he, the least in a long succession of local Bishops and Archbishops from the days of St. Maternus to the present time, heartily bade them welcome. The ground as Cologne was holy. Like the Eternal City, it had been watered blood of martyrs. At St. Gereon's numerable relics of their witness of relics of the saints. He need scarcehad been born or had labored Cologne-of St. Bruno, the founder of the Carthusians, of the Blessed Hermann Joseph, of St. Irimgardis. of the Blessed Henry Suso, of the Blessed Peter Canisius, of Albertus Magnus, who had for years taught in the Dominican Convent, and St. Thomas Aquinas, who had studand had here ordained to the priesthood, occupied a chair as teacher, and compos important work. The Cardinal briefly reviewed, the history of Cologne, and referred to the time when German Emperors received their bishops of Cologne in the ancient Kaiserstadt of Aiy-la-Chapelle. Aiy-la-Chapelle Times were changed and new conditions had arisen, but they Rhine-landers yielded to no others in love for the Fatherland and the ancient presented by the Archbishop and clergy read thus:—

"The Catholics of Germany assem-ble for the fiftieth time in order to

in stormy days which saw even the firmest thrones totter, the General Congress of German Catholics unrolled their banner and summoned peneath it all Catholics who recognized that in the full development of the Church's freedom lay the safeguard of the welfare of the people and the surest support of civil order. The project then come the distinguished men who The project then conceived by the idea of assembling the Catholic associations annually for comm discussions succeeded even more brilliantly than they expected. have passed away, and may God's peace he their precious reward.
Others took over the inheritance, the inheritance, powerfully protected it, added to it from year to year, and made it more and more thriving. With just pride then, may the Jubilee Congress look back on the forty-nine Congres that preceded it. Each of them bears witness to the complete understanding of the Church's interests as well as of the religious and social requirements of a new period, also attests constant progress in the faithful werk of the Catholic association ations for the religious and social

well-being of the people.'

After this delightful picture, drawn

in master strokes, we have the series

of resolutions drawn up, and passed These embody the enunanimously. tire work of the Congress and stand forth as a monument to the reviving strength of the Church in Germany, and to the zeal and ability of those who entitled in her ranks and fought so bravely her battles. The first of these resolutions was a tribute to 'the brave fighters' who had strug gled for the Church's rights, especially during the Kulturkampf, and lemand for the complete freedom of the Church the admission of the religious orders amongst the people, and the annulment of the law against the Jesuits. The second resolution referred to the social labors of Von Ketteler and Adolf Kolping, and recommended the thorough study of social questions and a hearty interest in free organizations and public institutions. Another resolution appealed to the Catholics of Germany o support scientific research by all the means in their power. The duty of supporting Catholic journals and Catholic literature was also urgently impressed upon them. The portance of the education of the people and of attending to it in higher stages was pointed out in another resolution. A unanimous resolution was passed in favor of the independence of the Holy See, and generosity on the occasion of the Peter Pence collections was strongly recommendended. The German peror was cordially thanked for the protection of the German Catholicsocieties in the Holy Land, A resolution urging Catholics to help forward the anti-duelling movement, and another calling for increased zeal in the struggle against the circulation of immoral literature and pictures were adopted. Lastly, a large number of resolutions were passed providing for further legislative other measures in the interests of the workers.

NOTRE DAME DE GRACE. As announced in our last issue the grand celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the canonical erection of the parish of Notre Dame de Grace, took place on last Sunday. It was on the 13th September, 1853, that the late lamented Mgr. Bourget consecrated the first church of the parish. Needless to say that the cere monies of Sunday were of the most elaborated Rev Abbe Lecon Superior of St. Sulpice, officiated at High Mass, assisted by Rev. Antoine La-marche, chaplain of Villa Maria, and parish. A large concourse of clergy was to be seen in the sanctuary and the musical programme was in every sense most worthy of the The organist was Mr. Archambault. Towards the close of the Mass. Rev. P. Gauvreau, Superior of Notre Dame de Grace ascended the puipit and thanked most heartily all took part in the celebration. It to the gentlemen of the Seminary that belongs the honor of having founded the parish. The sermon the occasion was preached by Rev. Alphonse Brosseau, vicar of Louis de France. In the assembly present were noticed Messrs. F. Monk, M.P., Jeremie Decarie, M.P. P., Mayor of the parish, and warden of the County of Hochelaga, Decarie. Leon Prud'homme, Teles-phore Senecal, Pierre Lemieux, and a large number of other prominent citiet was given in the country villa

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truth must be a part of it. out any pretence of being a may state my full belief ture of the Chinese race a conversion to Christ, and least try to show that suc summation is not impossible That there is nowhere in a better or more fruitful fiel planting of Catholic truth ancient society is the thesis ter sets himself to prove. In of this argument he points emarkable success which tended the preaching of the such remote regions as see the best opportunity the Chinese make admirable tians when once converted sufficiently shown by the sa persecution accompanying the fered martyrdom with the role counage. Nor is their for Christianity disproved evalence among them of rited from centuries of he

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