The Commission on Irish University Education has already brought the question of a Catholic university a stage nearer solution. In the first report—which has just been published—of the evidence given before the Commissioners, it is recorded that the Right Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, was asked if he would supply the Commission with the draft of the constitution of a university such as would meet the wishes of the Catholic authorities in Ireland. The Bishop replied that he would take an early opportunity of consulting the Hierarchy, and said he had no doubt they would be by no means easy to ensure a community of tone and aim when the colleges of a university are conducted on denominational lines of a different kind. Rivalry and jeal-nousies such as have been making themselves apparent for some time past would spring up. The results at the Royal University examinations having proved more favorable to Dublin than to Belfast, attacks we e on the examining boards. There can be no doubt that differences and sustantements, but essentially definite and practical. The scheme he recommended was this: Let Queen's College, Cork, to the Catholics. Leave the Dublin, and the Queen's College, Galway, be developed mainly as a technical and agricultural institution. It seems to us that it would be extremely difficult, under the circumstances, to adopt a scheme more likely to give general satisfaction than this, or one which would work with less friection. Roughly speaking, there are denominationally three divisions of the success with which the technolics. Roughly speaking, there are denominationally three divisions of the success with which the technolics. Cork and Galway colleges is an excellent one. We are hearing week by week of the plan put forward by the Bishop of Limerick would in our opinion produce such a scheme more likely to give general satisfaction than this, or one which would work with less frie-tion. Roughly speaking, there are denominationally three divisions of the continual continual continual to the would supply the Commission with the draft of the constitution of a university such as would meet the wishes of the Catholic authorities in Ireland. The Bishop replied that he would take an early opportunity of consulting the Hierarchy, and said he had no doubt they would be happy to give the information required. What the proposal will be may probably be inferred from Dr. O'Dwyer's own evidence. His Lordship was not merely lucid in his statements, but essentially definite and practical. The scheme he recommended was this: Let Queen's College, Belfast, be granted a charter and endowment and be set up as a university. Give the Royal University, with its endowments, a fully-squipped college, Cork, to the Catholics. Leave the Dublin University and Trinity College untouched, and let the Queen's College, Galway, be developed mainly as a technical and agricultural institution. It seems to us that it would be extremely difficult, under the circumstances, to adopt a scheme more likely to give general satisfaction than this, or

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The alternative proposal, that the Catholics should have a college in the Royal University, side by side with Belfast, would not, as the bishop showed, be looked upon by the Catholics as a complete redress of their grievance, whilst it would be difficult to adjust the arrangement so as to make it acceptable to the northern Protestants. As long as the Dublin University provides special privileges for the Protestants, the Catholic majority would be possessed of extraordinary patience were they to be content with any concession which would leave them in an inferior position comparated with the Protestant a, along as the Dublin University provides special privileges for the Protestants, the Catholic majority would be possessed of extraordinary patience were they to be content with any concession which would leave them in an inferior position comparated with the Protestant majority if then, there were no other obstacle to the working of such a system of university education, this along as the Dublin University provides special privileges for the Protestants who profib with the Protestant majority in the majority would be undersome the province of religious Faith of the student in the structure of the catholic shill of the student in the structure of the Catholic shill of the student in th

Bendigo Cathedral, New Zealand.

It is always instructive to follow the progress of Catholicity, even in the most remote sections of the world. In taking up the New Zealand "Tablet" we find an account of the dedication of the New Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, an edifice coeting £30,000, and capable of accommodating 2,500 people at Bendigo. We will mot reproduce the lengthy account of the imposing ceting £30,000, and capable of accommodating 2,500 people at Bendigo. We will not reproduce the lengthy account of the imposing ceremonies that marked the 29th Sep-

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"The history of Bendigo coincides with the discovery of gold. In the early part of 1852 Equdigo Creek was known casually to settlers as a stream of good water, but by the middle of that year there was a population of 50,000 diggers settled on its banks and opening up the locality in their eager search for gold. A canvas city had sprung up in a few weeks, and to this came the first paster, Rev. Dr. Backhaus, who set up a Celtic cross over a calico tent. His flock numbered thousands, and as it was impossible for them to assemble together at any one place he had recourse to a strange device to enable them to be present in spirit, at least, at the Holy Sacrifice. The little church tent occupied a gentle declivity in a position of prominence. A large pole was erected in front, and on Sunday morning whenever Mass was to be celebrated there a white flag, with the cross emblazoned on it, was unfured. As the hour fixed for Holy Mass approached groups of miners and their families would be seen taking their place around their respective tents within sight of the church, as far as the eye could reach. At the moment when Mass began the church tent was opened in front, and the signal flag was spending the Holy Sacrifice. At the Elevation the signal was again given by the flag, and in like manner the and of Mass was notified to all devout worshippers. It was a sight that, for impressiveness, could surcely be

In 1874 Bendigo was created a diocese, with the Right Rey. Dr. Crane, O.S.A., as the first Bishop, who arrived in April of the following year, and at once set about reorganizing religion and education. Soon after his arrival Dr. Crane had to face the struggle over the education question, and, although (as His Eminence said on a recent occasion) defeated at the polls, a great moral victory has been gained in regard to that question of paramount importance. In his efforts Dr. Crane was ably seconded by Dr. Reville, O. S. A., now condiptor-bishop (cum jure successionis). Schools were established, churches and presbyteries erected throughout the diocese, and to-day no part of the ecclesiastical province of Victoria is better equipped in these respects than the diocese of Bendigo.

"The new cathedral, the foundation-stone of which was laid on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, the 25th June, 1897, by the Right Rev. Dr. Reville, is the most imposing building in the golden city, and will, when finished, be one of the most beautiful cathedrals in Australia. The site which has been selected is one of the finest in the city. The style of the proposed cathedral is early English Gothic. The plan consists of nave, transepts, sieles, chancel, six chapels, sacristies, a great central tower, two minor towers, and four turrets.

"Sunday, September 29, will be ever memorable in Bendigo as a day which gloriously crowned the Catholic Church of Bendigo was externally represented by a rude tent in which to offer the Holy Sacrifice, and here on Sunday was the dedication of a majestic cathedral attended by all the religious pomp and circumstance of the close of catholic countries—a Prince of the Church, and archbishop, sven bishops, and a numerous contingent of priests

ing assembled to share in the mph of the Faith. The day was are inclement, but that was a dewhich in no way detracted from perfection of this day of days in religious order. Never had so be a congregation been seen in digo, never previously had such a presentative assemblage gather-beneath the roof of any church in city, and never before had such important concourse of Church mitaries taken part in any local emonial.

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'Shortly after 9.30 o'clock people began to flock into the cathedral, and a large crowd assembled in the streets are und the church. At 10.30 o'clock a guard of honor, composed of members of the H.A.C.B. Society, dinad either side of the front steps of the cathedral, Shortly after a large number of priests arrived at the cathedral, and at a quarter to 11 o'clock Their Lordships the Bishop and Condjutor-Bishop of Sandhurst drove up in time to receive the Mayor and councillors. The councillors and officers, who were accompanied by several lady friends, were escorted up the centre aisle to seats close to the sanctuary. A few minutes later the crowded congregation arose in obedience to the grand strains of Perosijs 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus,' and the procession of prelates and priests passed up the aisle to the sanctuary."

AN OPEN LETTER.

Place Viger Hotel, Montreal, Nov. 18, 1901. To the Editor of the True Witness:

To the Editor of the True Witness:

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in reading in your valuable paper of two weeks ago a very interesting letter from your correspondent upon the subject of "The Secrets of the Egyptian Pyramids."

I have always been intensily interested in these monstrous wonders of the silent past, and I have read and studied everything that I have heretofore found upon the subject; hence you can easily see that I am deeply interested in all that your correspondent has written I am deeply interested in all that your correspondent has written about them in the Catholic "True Witness." But I have one criticism to make, which is that I cannot bring myself to believe, in the light of Holy Scripture, that they are antediluvian; because as we carefully read the account of the Deluge as given in the Book of Genesis, wherein it is repeatedly stated that all physical life of man, beast and fowl, and every living creature that drew breath was utterly and absolutely and entirely destroyed. excepting those in the Ark with Noah, and that the waters completely covered all the hills and the mountains in the whole world; and that "the ered all the hills and the mountains in the whole world; and that "the waters prevailed upon the earth one hundred and fifty days." (Gen. 7. 24), to repeat, in view of this and more, it is difficult to understand and believe, that anything, even as great and massive as are the pyramids, could have survived the Deluge, or "The Flood."

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And as "it is written," it. Paul said some things "by permission." so I. will say "by permission" that it is entirely improbable, that there is anything on earth above ground which can be said to have survived the Deluge; the Egyptian Pyramids, and all else to the contrary rot-withstanding.

There is nothing like looking at everything through the great magnifying glass, so to speak, of the infallible, inspired and Divine Lights of "The Word of God." And when we remember that in accordance with Biblical Chronology, the Flood occurred 2448 years before Christ, we find herein all sufficient antiquity for these immense and colossal curiosities of the long ago ages, (Gen. 7, notes).

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It would be very interesting as well as instructive, if your correspondent could give biblical reasons, as to why he thinks the Egyptian Pyramids are antedibuvian?

To turn to another subject. Whenever I come to Montreal, I frequently attend Vespers in the Notre Dame Cathedral; and I have always been much edilled, spiritually impressed, and blessed in my attendance upon such services. Laud Deo! And this year I have been two Sunday afternoons to these Vesper services in the Cathedral, and I observe they are more elaborate, beautiful, impressive, and spiritually delightful than ever before; the very large attendance of clergy, and the splendid music, with the beautiful lights, and all the religious adornments and well known attractions, for which the Cathedral is famous, all go toward making a most charming, instructive, and delightful service; powerfully appealing to the eye, the ear, the mind, soul and spirit; so that all who go there to pray must surely come away sweetly conscious of absolution from sin, and experiencing joy and peace in the Holy Spirit, in believing in Jesus. Amen.

I could speak of it in still further terms of the highest praise, did time and space permit; but I must close with the following criticism, namely, I am very much surprised that when there is this grand and unagnificent Vesper service, which must put the clergy and the Cathedral to much labor, trouble and expense, as it undoubtedly does, to offer to the people such a delightful and refreshing religious treat, and spiritual feast of fat things, as they prepare and furnish every Sunday afternoon at this Vesper service, that there are not more people present to enjoy it!

To be sure the attendance is quite good, but not what it ought to be for there are many vacant, pews; when in consideration of the abova; it would seem, the church ought to be crowded! And I hereby make the suggestion, that if a wide circulation of the notice and advertisement of this Vesper service was given every Saurday in all the deliy papers, and if notices of it were put into the different hotel reading

rooms, that the attendance would be very much increased. May the Lord grant it.

Any way, the point I wish to emphasize is this, that such a splendid, inspiring, and magnificent religious service, as are these Vespers in the Notre Dame Cathedral, should have the very greatest advertisement possible, so that hundreds more may be informed of them, and the attendance upon these blessed services be proportionately increased from what it is at present.

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Praying the Lord Jesus to bless, keep and prosper you and your work of love for Him and your paper, for His Name's sake. Amen. Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

REB SILLIMAN BLAGLEN. ldress, Place Viger Hotel, Montreal, Canada

NOTES FROM ROME.

A NEW ORATORIO.—Don Lorenzo Perosi's new Oratorio, entitled "Moses." was given at Milan on the 17th inst., before a crowded audience, which included some of the most famous musical critics in Europe. Perosi's new composition was received most favorably, several passages, such as the prologue, the Paschal Supper, and the grand aria of Moses, giving rise to enthusiastic applause. The Oratorio will shortly be executed before the Holy Father at the Vatican. A NEW ORATORIO .- Don Lore

BONI'S EXCAVATIONS. - There BONI'S EXCAVATIONS. — There is little respect paid to the most sacred relics of religion when the archaeoplogist goes hunting for pggan remains. The excavations now being actively carried on in the Roman Forum under the direction of Professor Boni have already necessitated the demolition of one church, that of Sta. Maria Antiqua, and threaten with destruction the famous old cloister and church of Santa Francesca Romana. Should the ous old cloister and church of Santa Francesca Romana. Should the archaeologists include this famous old shrine in their programme of wholesale destruction, they would incur a malediction, for although it is not generally known, Pope Gregory XI. (1370-1378), as if foreseing a similar attempt, caused an inscription anathematizing anyone who should dare to disturb it to be placed on the wall of the cloister. The inscription, which is in Latin. The inscription, which is in Latin, is still to be seen. In all probability the excavators and iconoclasts will not be deterred by it.

not indulge in a siesta atter dinner, as the Roman custom is, but a couple of hours before the angelus goes for a carriage airing outside the walls of Rome, generally to St. Agnes, where he never falls to enter the basilica to prostrate himself for a quarter of an hour before the Eucharist. Hardly home again, his rooms are crowded with strangers, whom he receives from the angelus until 9, when he takes a light supper, studies and works up to midnight, allowing himself but five hours' sleep. Such is the daily routine of the life of the cardinal secretary of state, and we doubt if any man in any walk of life works harder.

RELIGIOUS ORDERS IN LONDON.

The religious Orders are attracting a good deal of interest at present. How many people (asks the 'Daily News') could say off-hand the number of these communities now established in London? Here is a complete list:—Jesuits, Berkeley Square, Stamford Hill, Wimbledon, and Rochampton; Marists, Leicester Square and Spitalhields; Benedictines, Great Ormond Street and Ealing; Carmelites or White Friars, Kensington; Dominicans or Black Friars, Haverstock Hill; Passionists, Highgate; Oratorians, Brompton; Servites, Fulham Road; Rosminians, Ely Place; Pallotines, Hatton Garden; Oblates of St. Charles, Bayswater; Oblates of St. Charles, Bayswater; Oblates of Mary Immuculate, Tower Hill and Kilburn; Franciscans, Forest Gate; Augustinians, Hoxton; Canons Regular of the Lateran, Stroud Green; Missionaries of the Sacred, Heart, Braintree; Brothers of Mercy, Walthamstow; Capuchins, Peckham; Salesians, Battersea; Carthusians, Parkminster; Christian Brothers, Hurst Green; and Redemptorists, Clapham. All these are male communities. Those of women would make a list five times as large.

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hundred movable pictures and figures. Every quarter of an hour the figure of a guardian angel appears on the left side of the principal field. The striking of the quarters is done by two angels, standing in the second recess on the left, while in the sixth recess two figures at a time, representing the four ages of man, are changing alternately. On the right side of the principal field the Angel of Death advances, pointing with his scythe to the dial plate. When the full hour strikes the centre angel of the second recess appears, holding an hourglass, while the angel on the right side above is sounding a trumpet. Under the roof an allegorical figure represents symbolically the right season of the year, while above in the principal field, the guiding star of the year, while above in the principal field, the guiding star of the year, while above in the principal field, the guiding star of the year appears. On the left side of the cabinet stands a cock, which, five minutes before noon, beats its wings, stoops its neck, opens its beak and crows three times.

When the picture shows "Spring" there appears a cuckoo above: with the season "Summer" a quail comes forth on the left side, both calling seven times. When the picture "Autumn" appears a bull lying at the feet of the Evangelist St. Luke roors, and when "Winter" is indicated, a lion, which files close to St. Mark, raises its voice. Every time the clock strikes 12 Christ, bending his head, appears with his twelve Apostles, and a monk, standing in the portal below, rings his twelve Apostles, and a monk, standing one minute. This work has the enclodies changing and each lasting one minute. This, work has finished his task, he has neen untable to find any one to huy it is able to find any one to huy it is able to find any one to huy it is able to find any one to huy it is

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