

The Catholic Register.

"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

British Politics.—The Home Rule policy of the conservatives is the topic of the week. Everything points not only to one but to two sessions, devoted chiefly to Ireland. The Times declares the land question will be settled in 1896, and this will be followed by an Irish Local Government measure in 1897, which will probably include the creation of a central council in Dublin. Mr. Horace Plunkett accompanied Mr. Gerald Balfour on his recent tour of Ireland, and who is now recognized as the advisor of the Chief Secretary, has developed a scheme for the establishment of an Irish Board of Agriculture, which is certain to lead to the formation of other special Irish departments.

The Westminster Gazette (Liberal), says if the Unionist programme is carried out it will give a nucleus of home rule. Then it will be the work of Liberals and the Irish gradually to co-ordinate the Irish local bodies and on their own with fresh powers, until the country wakes up to find home rule established with the consent of both parties. The Marquis of Salisbury has promised to visit Dublin and the south of Ireland in July of next year, if the business of the session will permit; the tour is a part of the Government's policy.

European.—Prof. Pastour, the distinguished chemist, and discoverer of the Pasteur treatment for the cure of rabies, died on Monday at Carlebone, near St. Cloud. The funeral ceremonies have been fixed for Saturday next, in the Cathedral of Notre Dame, and the body will be temporarily interred in the family vault at Montmartre. The final interment will take place in the garden of the Pasteur Institute on October 30. Telegrams of sympathy and condolence were received by the family in large numbers, including messages from ex-Premier Dupuy, the Comtesse de Luze, daughter of the late Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil, Prince Waldemar and Princess Marie of Denmark and Princess Mathilde of Orleans.

After a naval demonstration in the Yang Tze Kiang the British Government received information that China has yielded to the pressure of the British ultimatum by degrading the Viceroy of Szechuan and according in full the other demands of Great Britain over the recent outrages upon Christian missionaries.

Canadian.—Sir Oliver Mowat has returned to London much refreshed by his visit to Scotland, Switzerland and Germany. He sailed for Canada by the steamship Vancouver on September 26th.

Mr. Joseph Martin, M.P., author of the Manitoba School law, writes an angry letter to the Globe declaring Dr. Grant sets himself up to be an exceedingly wise man, who understands a great deal more about the school question than either the Provincial Government or the Dominion Government, and Dr. Grant's letters, says Mr. Martin, that we have been favored with, are brim full and running over with most misleading and untrue statements.

Dr. Grant in his closing letters to the Globe declares that Manitoba must abide by the constitution and do justice to Catholics. He thinks if the Provincial Government asked four or five of the best school inspectors, including those for the Methodists, for the French, and for Winnipeg City, to meet half a dozen other wise men, including the President of the Advisory Board, Father Chretien, Principal King and a representative of the Winnipeg Roman Catholic schools, such a conference might be trusted to draw up resolutions which at any rate would be helpful and which might be accepted by reasonable men of all parties, and so put an end to the present agitation, on which demagogues alone thrive. Their resolutions at any rate would serve as a basis for the Provincial Government's consideration.

"The primary duty of moving in this matter rests on you," he declares, addressing the Manitobans. "Every one admits that. But it is also clear that under the constitution an appeal does lie from an aggrieved minority to the Federal authority." The French Committee of the Ottawa Separate School Board has succeeded in filling the vacancies caused by the Brothers' resignations. There was a Cabinet council at Ottawa on Monday from which no reliable political rumors emanated.

Stoves and Furnaces.

Nolan, 59 Jarvis street, has a large stock of stoves and furnaces which he is now selling at lowest prices. The designs are the latest and most serviceable in the market.

POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

The Holy Rosary and Christian Re-Union.

For the separated brethren of the East and West His Holiness asks increased devotion to the Rosary by the Faithful that all Creeds, Classes and Nations may be united under the beautiful Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To Our Venerable Brethren, the Patriarchs, Princes, Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ordinaries of places in peace and communion with the Apostolic See, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

It is meet that the faithful of Christ should honor with greater praise and more ardent confidence the Virgin Mother of God, the most powerful and clearest Hope of Christians. Indeed the manifold blessings which are daily bestowed by her on every soul should encourage us in this respect. Nor need we there waiting amongst Catholics assurances of tender devotion to her. If it were otherwise it is at least gratifying to perceive in these days, so hostile to religion, that this devotion to the Blessed Virgin is cherished and kindled in every grade of society. As testimony of this we may instance the various sodalities which have been restored and multiplied in her honor, the splendid temples dedicated to her name, the pilgrimages, the large numbers of the faithful to her more famous shrines, the congresses assembled to deliberate upon the furtherance of her glory, and other movements of similar nature most excellent in themselves and agreeing well for the future.

And, moreover, it is particularly agreeable for us to observe that amongst the many forms of devotion, the Rosary of Mary, that most excellent form of prayer, has obtained a firm hold in the hearts of the faithful of the people. This, we repeat, is a source of great pleasure to us, who have given no little attention to the cultivation of this form of prayer. We have seen how the heavenly Queen has been gloriously blessed and honored, and we hope that her presence with us may alleviate the cares and sorrows which the future may have in store for us. But, especially, we hope for the extension of the kingdom of Christ from the East to the West, the Holy Rosary. The dogmas we are now strenuously urging for the reconciliation of the nations separated from the Church we have spoken of more than once, pressing always that we ought to look for a speedy consummation of these desires in prayer and supplication for the Divine assistance. We gave evidence of this a short time ago when we recommended special prayers to be offered up for that intention to the Holy Spirit during the solemnity of the Feast of Pentecost; a wish that was everywhere received with enthusiasm. Indeed, for the success of this most arduous undertaking, as well as for the requisite perseverance in every virtue, we may call upon the aid and intercession of the Apostles, "Be instant in prayer" (Col. iv. 2); and this the more especially as the good beginnings of the works we have already undertaken have given a more agreeable incitement to this constancy in prayer.

In the approaching month of October, Venerable Brethren, nothing will be more useful for the purpose, or more acceptable to us, than that you and your people should unite with us in prayer to the Virgin Mother according to the prescribed and usual form of the Rosary. We are induced by the most cogent reasons to place our designs and our hopes under her special protection.

The mystery of the excessive love of Christ for us is set forth in that which we call His own Mother to John His disciple, in the ever memorable words, "Behold thy son." The sense of the Church has ever been that, by John, Christ designated the whole human race, and more especially those who believe in Him. This belief of St. Anselm of Canterbury upholds. He says: "What is more worthy to be believed than that thou, O Virgin, shouldst be the mother of those of whom Christ desired to become the Father and Brother?" The sacred function of this singular and arduous office, which were consecrated by the auspicious advent of the Holy Ghost in the concilio of Jerusalem, who undertook and performed with the utmost magnanimity.

By the sanctity of her example, the sweetness of her consolations, the authority of her counsels and the efficacy of her prayers, she nourished in an admirable manner the devotion of the firstborn of the Christian faith, being most truly the Mother of the Church and the Mother and Queen of the Apostles, to whom she bequeathed the mysteries of divine Revelation which lay hidden in her heart. In addition to this what unutterable power and glory were added when being assumed into Heaven she was raised to that pinnacle of celestial glory which was worthy of her maternal dignity and preeminent merit. For then by divine dispensation she so began to protect the Church, to be present with us and pour into us as a mother that she was the minister of the mystery of human redemption so now she should likewise become the minister of the superabundant graces derived from it in every

age. Accordingly Christian souls were borne to her as if by natural impulse. They have recourse to her in all their undertakings and designs, in all their sorrows and joys, and as her children, they cry out and weep with her for their tender solicitude. Hence, most justly, her praises resound on every side, from every nation and in every tongue, and these outpourings lavished in her honor increase with succeeding generations. Amongst other titles she is called Our Lady, Our Mediatrix, Ransomer of Earth, Progeness of the Gifts of God. And since faith is the root and foundation of all the graces by which man is perfected in the supernatural order to obtain his faith, and to faithfully keep it, belongs to her secret influence who brought forth the Author of all faith, and who because of her faith was saluted with the title of Blessed. "There is no one, oh! most Holy Virgin, who receives the grace of faith, unless through thee! Oh! Holy Mother! There is no one who receives the great gift of Divine mercy, except at thy hands." (treason office of 8th December.)

Nor does it appear too much to say that the sanctity of her life and the influence that the evangelical precepts and counsels which ushered in a new era of peace and justice, should have so rapidly prevailed throughout the whole world, despite the enormous difficulties which beset the infant Church. It was this that moved St. Cyril of Alexandria to say, "By thee, oh! Virgin the Apostles preached the gospel of salvation to the Gentiles, by thee the Cross of Christ is honored and adored through the ages, by thee the power the demons are put to flight, the man becomes once more the heir of Heaven; by thee the Gentiles were converted to the knowledge of the truth; through thy intercession faithful souls are brought into the Church, and are established in every part of the world."

Moreover, according to the same Doctor she bestows and invigorates "the scepter of orthodox faith." Has it not been her constant care that the Catholic Church should be preserved in the hearts of the people, but that it should there flourish inviolate and become fruitful in Christian merit?

Other and more numerous examples of her protection might be adduced, especially in those times when the faith was tried either by the selfishness of the faithful or by the nefarious policy of heresy. Then the Blessed Virgin appeared as the Help of Christians, by her impulse and through her influence men were kindled to holiness and apostolic zeal, who thwarted the designs of the impious, and who brought back and infused with devotion the souls of Christian men. Chief among these men was Dominic, who, by his zeal, labored for both these objects, confiding for assistance in the power of the Holy Rosary. Nor can we doubt for a moment how much the great endeavors of the saints to defend the faith, and to so strenuously defended the Catholic truth, redound to the honor and glory of the Mother of God.

From her who is called the Seat of Divine Wisdom, they have with grateful abundance of divine graces and inspirations, which came to them as they wrote. By her, therefore, and not by them, has the wickedness of error been turned aside. In this, Christian Kings and princes, and churchmen, and laymen, and defenders of the Faith, who in the prosecution of holy wars and the others in the promulgation of solemn doctrinal decrees, have implored the aid of the divine Mother and have always experienced her powerful and unfailing intercession.

Therefore both the Church and the Fathers have applied to Mary the noblest of attributes and in terms of joyful contemplation:

Everlasting Oracle of the Apostles, strong Bulwark of faith, unmovable Barrier of the Church! Hail, all hail, by whom we have been chosen members of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolical Church, Hail, Fountain of the Divinity, from which arise the fountains of God's wisdom, that flow in the pure and limpid streams of orthodox truth! Rejoice because thou hast destroyed all heresies!"

This office of the Blessed Virgin in the combats and the triumphs of Catholic faith, makes the Divine purpose concerning her more explicit, and it ought to make us all more hopeful for the happy issue of these projects upon which we are engaged.

To have faith in Christ! To pray to her that the same profession of faith may unite the minds of all Christian nations, and join their hearts by the strong bonds of perfect charity! This we do not suppose to be the mind of the religion, she alone can obtain for us. And indeed, what would be the aid of the nations whose union her Son implored of His Father, and which He called through one baptism to the same inheritance of salvation with the immortal spirits of His saints, if they all, may walk together in His admirable light. What resources of love and tenderness would be not bestowed, that the Church, the spouse of Christ, might be consoled in her daily efforts towards the unity of the Faith, and that the happiness of union in the Christian family which is the fruit of her own maternity? The happy augury of this is not too distant even seems to be confirmed by the hope and sentiments that are now uppermost in the mind of the faithful, viz., that Mary should become the happy chain by whose firm and loving bond all those who love Christ may become a universal brotherhood,

obeying the Roman Pontiff His earthly as a common father. His contemplation of the mind, which spontaneously through the law of the Church, to those noble examples of piety and wisdom, who have happily upon the memory of the great Council of Ephesus. The greatest duty of faith and an equally great union in religious devotion obtained at that time throughout the East and West, indeed, in the presence of this singular religious union her glory shone forth. When the dogma of the assumed Mother of God was announced from all religious and exulting city, all Christian nations rejoiced.

That we may the more confidently hope to obtain Our dearest of the most clement Virgin, and that these desires may be sustained and augmented, we hope to prevail upon Catholics to constantly intercede with her. For possessors of the Rosary, who have faith, will in this manner give evidence of it, they will derive a great merit from the power of this immense blessing which they enjoy, and will ensure its stability in the future. Nor could they more fittingly express their affection and loyalty towards their separated brethren than by coming to their aid in the endeavor to recover this greatest treasure of the Christian faith.

This Christian spirit of brotherhood, ever flourishing in the memory of the Church, was ever sought after as the principal virtue from the Mother of God as from the best patroness of peace and unity. St. Germanus, Bishop of Constantinople, prays to her in the following words: "Remember the faithful of Christ who are thy servants. Oh! thou who art the hope of all, help us. Do thou strengthen their faith and join the Churches in one body." Another Greek supplication runs thus: "Oh! most pure Virgin, to whom it is given to have no need to recourse to thy Son, implore Him for us, oh! Holy Virgin, that He may give peace to the world and breathe the same spirit in all the Churches, and we all shall magnify thee."

Another reason why we who approach her on behalf of our separated brethren should be received more indulgently by the Most Holy Virgin, is that all, and especially the Eastern Churches had for her. Very much is owing to these nations for the propagation and increase of Marian devotion, for amongst them have been found of the most fervent and ardent devotion to her, and by their writings have maintained her glory, lauding her in words of love and glorious sweetness; royal and holy princess, who having imitated the most saintly Virgin in their lives, courageously and bravely, for their example, besides which may be mentioned the many churches, temples and basilicas, regal monuments erected and adored in her honor.

We may add another fact, which is not foreign to the subject and which is glory to the Mother of God. No one is ignorant of the many beautiful paintings that have been brought from the East in various times to the West, and more particularly in the city of Rome, and which our fathers have revered, striving to excite a similar devotion and reverence in the minds of their children. In this fact we perceive the loving desire of the Most Holy Virgin, who has wished that these images should exist amongst us as witnesses of those times when the members of the Christian family were everywhere united and as the very enduring pledges of a common inheritance. Therefore, in regarding them we are moved as by the Virgin herself to remember in our prayers those nations whom the Catholic Church so lovingly recalls to the ancient harmony and joy of her embrace.

This a very great bulwark of Christian unity, which is due to the fact that Mary and although the means of fulfilling it is not restricted to any one form of prayer, yet is especially manifested to us in the institution of the Holy Rosary. We have elsewhere recounted its great advantages. That the Christian may flourish the means by which he may nourish his faith and be preserved from ignorance or the danger of error the origin of the Rosary attests. For faith of this kind, which is manifested either by repeated vocal prayers, or by the mental contemplation of the Rosary, is referred to Mary; for, as often as praying before her we piously recite the Rosary, we repeat by commemoration the mystery of her assumption, in order that we may behold these mysteries present before us, in the completion of which she became at the same time the Mother of God and the Mother of Humanity. The magnitude of this two-fold dignity, and the fruit of these two offices of ministry are brought before us in a lively manner, if we consider Mary as associated with her Son in the dolorous, joyful and glorious mysteries. From contemplation of these mysteries our souls are raised to the heights of heaven, and gasping our natural weakness we shall strive to prove ourselves worthy of so great a mother and of her beautiful clemency. By the frequent and faithful remembrance of these mysteries we shall not be so easily affected by tender feelings of love towards all men. Therefore we have considered the Rosary the most effectual form of prayer by which to intercede for our separated brethren before the throne of Mary. This application to her work as mother of the faithful, for those who belong to Christ could not have been begotten by her unless in one faith and one charity. "Christ is not divided," and therefore we should all live

mentally the life of Christ in order that we might all bring forth meritorious fruit to God in one and the same religious body.

All those therefore whom an unhappy chain of events has estranged from this unity, she, whom God has blessed with holy fecundity, must bear again to Christ. This is indeed what she most earnestly desires, and in return for the Rosary of prayers offered by us she will implore the abundant aid of the Divine Spirit for them. Let no one therefore hesitate to second the wish of our loving Mother in this respect, and, providing thus for their own salvation and for their brethren their own safety they will hear her loving salutation. "I shall be with you until Christ be formed in you." (Gal. IV. 19.)

Such being the great virtue of the Holy Rosary, many of our predecessors have used especial care to spread the devotion far and wide through the Eastern nations, notably Eugenius IV. in the constitution "Advocate," given in the year 1439; Innocent XII. and Clement XI., by whose authority many privileges regarding the Holy Rosary were granted to the Dominicans. Nor are there wanting abundant results to show the extraordinary diligence of the members of this religious Order. They have been corroborated by clear and manifold records, notwithstanding the adverse spirit of the times. In this regard the same devotion to the Holy Rosary which existed in so laudable a manner in the beginning, is still to be found in the same regions. As this devotion has responded to Our inciting efforts, so We shall expect that in the future it will be most useful for the furtherance of our undertakings.

In conjunction with this hope a certain incident has occurred which equally concerns the East and the West. We allude Venerable Brethren, to that resolution which was passed at the Ecumenical Congress of Jerusalem in favor of the erection of a temple in honor of the Queen of the Holy Rosary. This church will be built at Patra in Achaia, not far from the place where Christianity formerly flourished under her auspices. As was decided by the council of management for that undertaking and which is approved by us, We have gratefully received the pecuniary contributions which many places where Christianity formerly flourished under her auspices. As was decided by the council of management for that undertaking and which is approved by us, We have gratefully received the pecuniary contributions which many places where Christianity formerly flourished under her auspices. As was decided by the council of management for that undertaking and which is approved by us, We have gratefully received the pecuniary contributions which many places where Christianity formerly flourished under her auspices.

A temple therefore shall stand in the name of the Christian people, a monument of constant favor in the eyes of our Mother, and the Help of all Christians who will be theologically invoked in the Greek and Latin rites, and thus being nearer to us, may more readily show her graces upon the benefits we have already received at her hands.

Now, Venerable Brethren, Our exhortation returns whence we began. Let all Christian pastors, therefore, and their flocks, have recourse with full confidence to the Blessed Virgin during the approaching month. Let them be unceasing in their devotion to Her, both in public and in private, imploring the Mother of God and our Mother to show herself a mother to us; "Monstra te esse matrem." May she deign in her maternal clemency to preserve her faithful children from every danger, to lead them to true happiness, and to establish them on stable foundations of holy unity. May she mercifully look down upon Catholics of every nation so that being more and more united by the bonds of charity, they may be the more perfect in their love and more perfect in their religion, by which upon the highest look will redound to the State. May she look down in mercy upon those who differ from us, nations great and small, noble souls over and over again, who are ever ready to bet in their salutary desires that they also may cherish the idea of reconciliation, and brings these desires to a happy fulfillment.

May the warm devotion and great honor which the Eastern Churches have ever manifested to her now prove beneficial in their regard, and amongst our separated brethren in the West may the memory of her beautiful protection by which she was so honored and enriched the devotion of all Catholics to her likewise prove effectual.

For our separated brethren of the East and West and for all creeds and classes may the united prayers of the children of the Catholic Church be heard before the throne of Mary and may our voice also be heard supplicating her till our last breath: "Show thyself a mother to us."

In the meantime We bestow, as the happy pledge of divine beneficence, a pledge of good will, the Apostolic Benediction on you, your clergy and people. Leo XIII. For.

School Board.
At the School Board Tuesday evening Rev. Father McQuinn presided. The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts to the amount of \$890.89. The Management and Supplies Committee recommended the employment of Mr. Tracy as caretaker of St. Helen's School, at a salary of \$21 a month, on 1st of October. The Sites and Buildings Committee suggested the purchase of the Backville street property be obtained.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The Archbishop's Anniversary Sermon.

An Eloquent and Fatherly Tribute to the Zeal and Piety of the Catholic People of Toronto. Perseverance and Prejudice in the Past. Father Ryan on the Temporal Power.

Sunday last being the feast of the 47th anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral church of the diocese to St. Michael the Archangel, the morning and evening services were performed with increased solemnity. Solemn High Mass "Coram Pontifice" was celebrated by Rev. Father Ryan assisted by Rev. Dr. Tracy and Mr. Ryan. His Grace the Archbishop in cope and mitre was present assisted by Rev. Archdeacon Campbell. The music throughout the Mass was exceptionally fine as was suitable to the occasion. The Offertory piece "Et nomen Domini" was very much appreciated. After the gospel His Grace Archbishop Walsh delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon on the Feast in manner and voice worthy of his best days. He said:

We celebrate to-day dearest brethren the feast of St. Michael the Archangel. This feast has a special significance for the people of this parish for it is the festival of the cathedral church of Toronto. Fifty years ago the cornerstone of this church was laid, and on it a temple was built and dedicated to the worship of God under the protection of the archangel St. Michael. St. Michael is the great archangel, the prince of the hosts of the Lord. The archangels have different offices. Thus for example, St. Gabriel is the messenger of the Incarnation, St. Raphael is the Angel of Healing; but St. Michael is the angel of Victory. His mission in all ages has been to bring victory to God and his people.

We have many trials to undergo; temptations to be endured, we have many enemies to fight against, in order to win the crown of immortal glory. St. Paul says that our wrestling is not only with flesh and blood but against the powers of darkness. The devil is compared by St. Peter to a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. With such enemies against us, so numerous and so powerful we need a great protector,

A MIGHTY CHIEFTAIN, A WARRIOR ARCH-ANGEL.

to defend us and such is Michael the Prince of celestial hosts, who has always defended the faithful of Christ in the past against the powers of hell. The whole life of the Catholic church is a life of struggle and combat. "The life of man on earth is a warfare" says Holy Job. Our Saviour promised His Apostles the inheritance of His Cross. They would be scorned and despised by men; they would be persecuted and trampled upon and men would deem that they performed meritorious work in God's sight by heaping on their heads every conceivable torment and ignominy. As the nations had treated Him so they would treat His Apostles for "the servant was as his Abbae the Master." The life of the Catholic in every land is filled with struggle against

PREJUDICE, TYRANNY AND PERSECUTION, so much so that to be persecuted is one of the most evident proofs of the truth of our religion. In such tribulations we must raise our hearts to God and His great Archangel. The motto of St. Michael was, "Quis est Deus?" "Who is like to God?" Let us keep that motto ever before our eyes, in sunshine and storm, in the day of joy as well as in the hour of sunshine and sorrow and affliction, and it will bring us untold treasure of spiritual strength and comfort. When we review the history of the Church in Toronto we see that it is filled with years of storm and persecution. Fifty years in a man's life is a long span, but before the God of men and angels, where are now the sturdy men and noble women whose hearts beat with joy and exultation at the dedication of this church fifty years ago? They are gone. Their very names are forgotten and their lives are enveloped in the shades of oblivion. Well for them if they have lived for God and St. Michael. Fifty years of combats and trials have passed over the church of the Archdiocese and the future has still dark clouds upon the horizon; but trusting in the mercy of God and confiding in the ever-watchful care of the great archangel we fear not its approach. For forty years I have seen

NOBLE EXAMPLES OF CATHOLICISM in the city and diocese of Toronto. The Catholics of Toronto have clung

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