tians they were finally unsuccessful. Nevertheless the hundreds of thousands who took part in the holy war showed the high spirit of chivalry by which they were animated, and at least served to check the advance of Islam into Europe, and to put it off till a much later period than would prob- same manner in which they have done ably have otherwise witnessed it.

It is certain that the object of the Turks in perpetrating these massacres from time to time is to keep down the Christian population so that they may be the more easily ruled. This has aggrandize themselves at the expense been repeatedly avowed by the gen- of the others. erals who did the work, and the policy has been somewhat successful. It is surely the duty of every Christian, and has designs endangering British interevery civilized power, even though, ests by gaining control at Constanti like the United States, it make no nople and in Amatolia, so as to compositive declaration that it is a Chrisemand the traffic through the Suez tian power, to interfere in the interest canal, and to obtain an easy and secure of our common humanity.

There has been a kind of concert among the nations, and not only Great to control the Black Sea, and to Britain, France and Russia agreed threaten Russia at its very door, and upon a course, but more recently Ger- almost on its on territory. many, Austria and Italy also joined the confederation, but though it has Minister about plans of Germany, and gone so far as to threaten the Sultan plots of the German Ambassador to with their heavy hand, there is great thwart the designs of France, and the danger that the matter will end with German ambassador hears similar mere talk.

The Porte in the meantime makes do to over reach Germany. huge promises to grant all that is required of him, and the Sultan even wrote an abject letter to Lord Salisbury remonstrating with him for having expressed in a speech some doubt of the pression he must have left upon his light on the subject as follows : audience.

Lord Salisbury read the letter without comment before an audience similar to that before which he had expressed his doubts, but the doubts were evidently not dispelled. The fallacy of the promises is seen in the fact that matters are in the same condition as they were a year ago. Not content with the massacre of ten thousand Armenians at Moosh, the Turkish soldiers, acting under orders from Constantinope, and the Kurds whose assistance in the work has been invoked by

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perfectly aware of the jealously of the powers toward each other, and on this they rest their hope that they may not only escape the punishment they deserve, but may be allowed to carry on their government of Armenia in the hitherto. To this end they are making every effort to excite each of the powers to greater jealousy than ever by representing that they have severally ultimate designs to overreach each and to

Thus the British embassy is assured by the agents of the Porte that Russia route to India, while the Russians are asked to believe that England wants

Reports are taken to the French stories about what France is doing to

AN APOSTATE PRIEST.

The telegraphic despatches a few days ago made the announcement that Father McRae, lately of the Diocese of honesty of his promises, and requested Antigonish, had left the Church. The him to correct in a later speech the im- Casket, of that place, throws additional

"We have received marked copies of St. John papers giving an account of the reception into the Anglican Church of Father McRae, formerly of this diocese. To Catholics there is something unspeakably sad in the apostacy of a priest. In abjuring his faith the priest sins far more griev iously against the light than the ordin ary lay person, and can be reclaimed but by a miracle of God's mercy, which is seldom vouchsafed. We are grieved at Father McRae's defection, not because it is a loss to the Church, but because it is a grievous loss to him. was deprived of his pastoral charge at Lake Ainslie, C. B., in the summer o 1894, for conduct which, in the judg

siderable time occupied by the Christo be feared that this will be the case. changed the Jewish Sabbath, though then proceeded to bless the statues, which are The Sultan and his Government are there is good reason to believe that the change was made even so early as the Apostolic age, and by the Apostles; but the evidence of this is not in Scripture. It follows, therefore, that Scripture is to be explained by the usage of the Church, a truth against which Protestants have protested most persistently. We are glad to find our contemporary coming round to the Catholic doctrine, as he appeals to the usage of the first Christians as proof that the Sunday should be kept holy.

THE Holy Father has sent 50,000 lire (\$10,000) to the Armenian Patriarch for the survivors in distress there on account of the massacres. The Pope's charity is like that of the good Samaritan-it is extended independently of differences in race and religion.

WE notice by the Globe, of Monday, that Father Chiniquy has been visiting Toronto, and preached on Sunday in what is called "Cook's church." He said that since he became a Protestant he had, with the assistance of a few others, been instrumental in "converting " forty-five thousand French-Canadians. As Father Chiniquy is on a business tour he wisely made the figures bulky. He told his audience that "two Presbyterian ministers had urged him to stop preaching, as they told him he stirred up ill feeling be tween the two races. But he cared not for that; he will go on invincible and determined, even if he is killed. It will thus be seen that the unfortunate old man cares not to serve the Master above, but the other one. We had some suspicion that his mental powers were waning, but as he made a strong appeal for money at the close of his speech, it is very evident that his head is still in a healthy condition -at least in so far as worldly matters are concerned. Would it not be well were the managers of "Cook's church" to exercise a greater care in the selection of attractions. "Penny Dreadfuls" of the Chiniquy kind may draw a crowd, once in a while, but the business will be looked upon by all sensible men as execrable.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

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After the blessing of the statues the Bishop distributed Promoter's crosses and diplemas to thirty members of the League of the Sacred Heart. The choir rendered some choice music and the sanctuary boys' choir, about thirty in number, sang some of the psalms and the Alma Mater with good effect. After the blessing of the statues the Bishop

sang some of the psaims and the Alma Mater with good effect.

The Bishop performed a beroic day's work, having preached four long and eloquent discourses and assisted at lengthy ceremonies and devotions.

The ceremonies at St. Lawrence church on Sunday were also elaborate. The St. Lawrence branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The Sodality of Children of Mary, both the young ladies and children's branch, received Communion together, Father Brady celebrated High Mass at 9:30, and Father Holden preached on the Immaculate conception. The full choir rendered choice music, and they were ably assisted by Mr. Nelligan's orchestra. Father Brady announced that next Sunday at Vesper's His Lordship would preach, and that a relic of Lordship would preach, and that a relic of St. Lawrence, which he procured from the Pope, would be given to the people for vener-

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ation.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, His Lordship was present at the solemn Requiem Mass of month's mind, at Guelph, for the repose of soul of the late Father Dumortier, S. J. Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay of Hamilton, Rev. Fathers Kenny, Kavanagh and O'Loane of Guelph, Vicar General Keough of Paris, Fathers Slaven of Galt, Haley of Acton and others were present. The services were very solemn and impressive and the choir rendered the requiem chant with great feeling and expression.

At the Lee Literary society concert last Monday week the lecture of Father Burke, of Oakville, on the life and writings of John Boyle O'Reilly was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. His Lordship and nearly all the city clergy were present, as well as Father Murphy of Freelton. The concert and lexture was from every point a great success. The Bishop expressed himself as rejoiced at the good work the literary society was doing and at the substantial signs they gave of their flourishing condition. He also congratulated the lecturer on his eloquent speech.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

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Niagara Falls, Dec. 8.—The dedication of the new Roman Catholic St. Patrick's Church by Archbishop Walsh took place here this morning. Besides His Grace the following clergymen took part: Rev. Father Ryan, Toronto; the pastor, Rev. Father Ryan, Toronto; the pastor, Rev. Father Pominic O'Malley; Rev. B. Fink, Rev. J. Singler, Rev. Father O'Brien; Rev. Father P. Mayer, Superior Carmelite Order; Rev. Father Boland; Rev. Father Lanigan, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Rev. Father Lynch, Niagara; Rev. Father Sullivan, and several others. The cremony began at 10 o'clock a. m., by the blessing of the edifice by His Grace. The first Mass in the new edifice was relebrated by the Rev. Father Bernid Fink, Rev. J. Singler, deacon; Rev. Father O'Brien, sub-deacon, assisted by Rev. Fathers P. Mayer and Boland. His Grace very ably addressed the large congregation, which packed the church to the doors, many of whom were Protestants of all denominations. He congratulated the congregation and the pastor for their untiring efforts in the craction of such a beautiful edifice, and thanked the people of the town for their generous contributions for such a landable purpose, and especially the Protestants of the town for the aid they had given their Catholic brethren, and stated that the bell had been purchased entirely by Protestant contributions for such a landable purpose, and especially sach that although not not be the policy feelings existed between all denominations in this locality, and that although not brethren, and stated that the best had been purchased entirely by Protestant contributions. He was pleased to know that such friendly feelings existed between all denominations in this locality, and that, although not agreeing upon religion, he hoped that every time the bell would peal forth its notes it would sound a peal of Curistian love and friend ship towards each other amongst all classes of religion.

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The pastor, Father Dominic O'Malley, also addressed the congregation, thanking everyone for his generous contribution.

A special feature of the dedication was the singing of the church choir, under the direction of Miss Bowen, subjects assisted by Mr. Fanglin, Toronto. These assisted by Mr. Fanglin, Toronto, the said assisted by Mr. Fanglin, Toronto, the said assisted at this evening's service Rev. Father Ryan, of Toronto, delivered a discourse on the relationship of the Church and the Bible, which was attentively listened to by the Bible, which was attentively listened to by the large congregation. The church, which is a beautiful stone structure of cathedral style and is magnificently turnished with solid polished oak altar and pews, would be a credit to a city, and will cost in the heighborhood of \$30,000.—

Toronto Globe.

DAY OF REJOICEMENT,

In Honor of the Return of His Lordship Bishop Maedonell From the Eternal City.

His Lordship Bishop Macdonell arrived at his home in Alexandria from his European tour on Tuesday and was accorded a very hearty welcome by the clergy and people of his diocese. On the announcement of His Lordship's departure from Liverpool arrangements were commenced for a demonstration in his honor. A beautiful arch of evergreens was erected in front of the cathedral, and the town presented a gala appearance on Tuesday morning, flags flying in all quarters, and the hones and business places being gaily decorated. Many happy mottoes were displayed in English, Guelic and French, expressing the pleasure of the people at having their revered spiritual director again in their midst. His Lordship arrived on the Boston train shortly before 10 o'clock. The weather had been very unpleasant during the early hours of the morning, but gradually cleared, and when the train pulled up at the station the sky overheal was clear ing the early hours of the morning, but gradually cleared, and when the train pulled up at the station the sky overhead was clear and bright. As the train approached, the boom of cannon was heard, a salt be being fired in honor of His Lordship. On alighting from the car the Bishop was received by the members of the reception committee, and a guard of honor composed of members of the 50th Batt., under command of Lieuts. Nichols and Hearnden, presented arms as His Lordship was conducted to the carriage in watting. A procession was then formed and His Lordship was conducted to the carriage in watting. A procession was then formed and His Lordship was escorted to the cathedral. The tillowing societies were represented in the procession: C. M. B. A., Catholic Foresters, St. Jean Baptiste Society and St. Finan's Total Abstinence Society. The wet weather of the early morning, doubtless, prevented many from a distance being present, but there was a very large turnout, and the procession was an imposing demonstration. The Alexandria brass band and a number of Highland pipers played during the march to the cathedral. Arrived there the Bishop was escorted to the sacristy, and the large edifice was soon crowded to the doors, many being unable to gain admission. His Lordship to the control of the control of the service the following address was presented to His Lordship by Messrs, D. A. McDonald, reeve, J. A. Macdonell and A. G. F. Macdonald, on behalf of the congregation:

The Right Rev. Alexander** Macdonell, The Other of Alexandria**

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Half of the congregation:
To the Right Rev. Alexander Macdonell
Bishop of Alexandria:

To the Right Rev. Alexander Macdonen.
Bishop of Alexandra i:
It is with feelings of unmixed pleasure and gratification that the parishioners of St. Finnesh's welcome you back to their midst on your return from your journey to Kome. the sacred ground of the Holy Land, and to Scotland.

We are aware that the grave and important duties which necessitated your visit to Rome, and which constituted the principal object of your journey, must be facessity have been attended with much of anxious thought and a weight of responsibility. The duty was incumbent upon you of, amongst other things, reporting to the Holy See fully and without reserve on all matters appearating to the welfare and spiritual condition of this new diocese over which you have been called upon to preside.

It is not for us to speculate upon the natur f your report, but, conscious of our own shor

officient and a constitution moulded upon at of Great Britain.

And to whatever race your parishioners being. French Irish and English, as well as loss who compose the majority, we all allies itertain the same sentiments of devotion to a common faith, of uncompromising loyalty our sovereign, of fidelity and attachment to a common country and those free institutions hich constitute the inheritance of the Danaian people, and lastly, but not the least, of reject for your high office and the most sincere flection for yourself.

Most, hearilly, then do we welcome you back your calcelral church and to our midt, and arnestly pray to God that you may long be pared to us; while in conclusion we would ask our episcopal blessing on those here present and their families, as well as those of the parsh who have been unable to take part in the ratifying ceremony in which it has been our rivilege this day to participate.

Signed on behalf of the congregation.

Duncan A. McDonald, Chairman, A. G. F. Macdonald, Secretary.

His Lordship said he was not able to find words that would adequately express the pleasure he felt to be once more amongst his people, to whom he was attached by so many ties. His trip had not been a very extended one, but he had been away sufficiently long to make him realize thoroughly that there is to make him realize thoroughly that there is no place like home. He was exceedingly grateful for the demonstration they had been kind enough to get up to welcome him home. He had come in contact with thousands and thousands of people while he was away, but during the whole of the time he had looked into the eyes of but two persons that he had seen before. It had afforded him great joy to meet them. He had felt always alone, as if he were completely isolated. He was very glad indeed to be with them again and he desired to return his thanks to every one in the congregation, and to the Protestant friends he was so glad to see amongst them, and who were never wanting in acts of kindness to testify their good will and neighborly feeling. He did not desire a demonstration of this kind, but it would be ungrateful on his part not to accept what had been prompted by their good will toward him. He had but performed his dury in making the trip and he ielt deeply thankful to Almighty God for bringing him safely through the dangers of the voyage. He had also to offer thanks to Almighty God for preserving him in health during his travels. He had not suffered a day's illness while he was away. He would avail himself of this opportunity to extend his most sincere thanks for the generous response that had been made to the call for funds to defray the expense of his visit to the Holy See. The people had responded in a manner that was highly creditable to the diocese. It was a duty that devolved upon every Bishop to visit Rome. It was meumbent upon him to go to the Holy See to make report of the condition of the diocese, and had percein the had responsibility, and had endeavored to acquit himself of the obligation in a fitting manner. He had reported verbally to the Holy Father on the condition of the diocese, and has prepared a written report, which he had placed in the hands of the Propaganda. A number of questions had been submitted to him regarding the diocese, and he had replied to them all. He felt greatly privileged to be

his duty he gratified the longing of a lifetime to visit the Holy Land. Our Blessed
Reteemer became man to work out
our redemption and lived and died in
the Holy Land. He could not undertake to describe the feelings he
experienced when visiting the Holy Sepulchre, and when he walked on Mount
Calvery on which the great sacrifice was
offered up for the human race. He had also
been in Bethlehem, Bethany and other
places. He was not able to visit all the
places of interest in the Holy Land owing
to his limited time. It was with great reluctance he left without seeing Nazareth, the
spot where our Lord spent so much of His
time on earth. He would have liked to have
seen this and other places, but it would have
occupied more time and incurred greater
expense. His Lordship then described his
tour through Greece, Italy, Switzerland,
France, England and Scotland, dwelling
with fervor on the time spent in the Highlands. The return voyage across the ocean
was a stormy one with three days of exceedingly rough weather. In conclusion His
Lordship again expressed his great appre

ciation of the demonstration in his honor, and asked the congregation to kneel while he gave them his blessing.

NOTES.

Rev. Father DeSaunhae, of East Cornwall, occupied a seat in the Bishop's carriage during the procession.

Hon. Senator McMillan and Major R. R. McLennan, M. P., occupied a carriage in the procession.

Mr. John A. Chisholm, of Cornwall, Provincial Trustee, represented the High Court of Catholic Order of Foresters.

Among those present from Cornwall were Messrs. L. Charlebois, Z. E. Poitevin, J. E. Cheyrier and R. Giroux, representing the St. Jean Baptiste Society; Mr. D. Danis and Mr. Gibbons, ct the Standard.

Rev. Fathers Corbett and Campbell had to to attend a funeral and could not catch the morning train; but reached Alexandria, to pay their respects to His Lordship, in the evening.

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Major R. R. McLennan's cannon was used to fire the salute, the gunners being Sergeants J. J. Kennedy and A. P. McDonald, of the 59th.

At night there was a general illumination, the church and convent, schools and a large number of private residences being brilliantly lighted up. Many very handsome transparencies bearing words of welcome were displayed. During the evening His Lordship accompanied by Rev. Father Corbett, ship accompanied by Rev. Father observed. sparencies bearing words of welcome were displayed. During the evening His Lord-ship accompanied by Rev. Father Corbett, of Cornwall, drove through the town to show his appreciation of the demonstration in his honor.

DEATH OF MGR. GLEESON.

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Right Rev. Mgr. Gleeson passed away on Monday, the 2nd of Dec., at the age of sixty-eight years and a few months.

He was born at Kilcoleman, a few miles from Nenagh, county Tipperary, of highly respected and very pious parentage. After preliminary studies in that town and under nis pious uncle, the late Father Molony of Kulmallock, he was sent to the Irish College in Paris by the Bishop of his diocese, who afterwards transferred him to Bordeaux. It was here he met the late Bishop Timon, who, returning from Rome, called upon an old classmate, Cardinal Donnet, then Archbishop of Bordeaux. At the Grand Seminary of that city an address in English was presented to the American Bishop, and read by the Irish student, Mr. W. Gleeson. Bishop Timon was captivated with the modest demeanor and innocent expression of the Irish boy's looks and language. He sent for him next morning, and after a brief conversation secured his talents and life service for the diocese of Buffalo. It was in September, 1852, that Father Gleeson reached Buffalo. He was ordained priest in 8t. Patrick's church Rochester, 15th July, 1856, and assigned to Waterloo (his iirst parish); a few years latter he was promoted to the important parish of Lockport, whence, after four years faithful service in the care of souls, he was called to Rodels to not as eater of \$1 Loskport, whence, after four years faithful service in the care of souls, he was called to Rochester, 15th July, 1856, and assigned to Waterloo (his first parish); a few years later he was promoted to the important parish of Lockport, whence, after four years faithful service in the care of souls, he was called to Buffalo to act as rector of St. Joseph's cathedral and Vicar-General of the diocese. Bishop I'mon had never once reason for regretting the choice he made. He found in the young co adjutor a wise counsellor, a prudent administrator and a devoted helper, on whose tidelity he could always most confidently and securely rely. On the death of Bishop I'mon in 1867 Father Glesson became Administrator of the diocese, which at that time included Rochester. Two years later he became parish priest of St. Bridget's in the city. On four different occasions the administration of the ciocese was confided to his care, during which periods he displayed executive ability of a high order. In recognition of his many virtues and of the great services he rendered the diocese Bishop Ryan obtained for him the title of Monsignor and Domostic Prelate the last time he visited Rome.

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The Buffalo Union and Times in its issue of last week stated:
"We have never known a priest to go to the tomb so widely and sincerely mourned as Mgr. Gleeson. We do not believe he had an enemy in the world. From the Bishop down there is not a priest in the diocese who does not feel that he suffers a personal loss in Father Gleeson's death. In their hearts as well as in the hearts of the people whom he served, his memory will live as long as the diocese endures."

On Wednesday morning a solemn High Mass of Requiem was chanted in St. Bridget's church, where the remains lay in state before the main altar since Tuesday evening. Rev. Dr. Flannery, of St. Thomas, a consin of the deceased prelate, acted as celebrant. Rev. Father Quinn, O. M. I., of Holy Angel's church was deacon, and Rev. Father Noonan of Addison, sub-deacon. The venerable Bishop of the diocese preached the sermon, an eloquent tribute to one who had long been his alter any (his right hand man) and cheft supporter in the administration of the affairs of the diocese. The church was crowded and not a dry eye could be found in the immense congregation when the Bishop

ut 4 p. m. a Learse, preceded by a ong procession of benevolent associations the C. M. B. A., the A. O. H., and others

all night with hundreds of faithm and devotional watchers.

On Thursday morning a vast assemblage thronged the cathedral. The two handred priests present could not find room in the sanctuary. They occupied all the front pews in the nave, and after chanting the Office of the Dead alternated with the choir in singing the "Dies Ire" and other parts of the solemn High Mass.

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"At the close of this service, about 237 o'clock the Bishop, preceded by the other officers of the Mass, marched in solemn procession from the sacristy to the altar. The officiating clergy were clothed in black Eucharistic vestments, chasuable, atole, and maniple being of this sombre hue. The Pontifical High Requiem Mass was sung, Bishop Ryan acting as celebrant. The other officers of the Mass were: Rev. J. E. Quigley. D. D. as assistant priest, the Rev. Wilniam Flannery and the Yery Rev. P. J. Cannon as deacons of honor, the Rev. J. J. Bisomer deacon and the Rev. R. C. O'Connel sub-deacon of the Mass, and the Rev. John J. Sheahan master of ceremonies. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Patrick Cronin, editor of the Catholic Union and Times. Father Cronin probably stood as close to the deceased priest as did any other man in the diocese. His was an cloquent tribute to a noble life, a life of good works and except the celebration of Mass, and before the sermon came the sacred office of last absolution or blessing of the corpse. This impressive function is very simple appropriate Scripture, the reverent sprikling of the body with holy water and inceptage of the service, the large congregation of geff stricken parishioners of the dead priese slowly field from the church, largering in the assessment of the service, the large congregation of geff stricken parishioners of the dead priese slowly field from the church, largering in the assessment in the work these two men begins of the parishioners of the dead priese slowly field from the church, largering in our sheet the service, the large congregation of geff stricken parishioners of the dead priese slowly field from the church, largering in our sheet through its tender years, goog grandly forward, each new schievement, each new schievement, each new schievement, each new schievement, each new schievement and their spiritual progress more disturbed, and their spiritual progress more

Virtuous men are sometimes more dis-turbed, and their spiritual progress more retarded by straws and trides, than others are harmed by things of great importance. St. Teresa.

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Retrospect brightens existence only as it is, gn replete with pleasant memories.