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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Bishop Dowling, of Peterborough, was in the city on Wednesday.

His Grace, Archbishop Lynch, was in Barrie on Thursday of last week attending a conference of the priests of that deanery.

Pope Leo XIII. has sent Cardinal Taschereau a special answer to the joint letter of congratulation sent him by the archbishops and bishops of Quebec Province, in which he again gives his blessing to the bishops and clergy of the province.

Boys born in Rome on last New Year's day are, if their parents consent, to be called Leo and all the girls Leonie, and to each Leo and Leonie the Papal Jubilee Committee has promised a savings bank pass-book with 100 francs placed to its credit.

The library presented to the Pope by the English deputation was unique in its character. It is described as Catholic, but it is only Catholic in the sense that all the volumes in it were written by English Catholics. It includes works of every kind, from novels and poems to scientific and theological treatises. The Pope does not know English, and it is expected that his Holiness will present the volumes to an English college.

The startling statement reported to have been made by Mr. Blunt concerning the motives of Mr. Balfour, as learned from him during a sojourn in the south of England last September, namely, that he intended to imprison those of the Irish leaders who were in bad health and could not endure the hardships of prison treatment, has been qualified only in a measure. The revised statement is that Mr. Balfour used to say during the session that if the Irish leaders were given plank beds and skilly diet there would be an end to the whole Nationalist trouble, and when his friends pointed out that such treatment would be likely to kill a man like Dillon, he used to say that that

doubtless would be a misfortune, but that the Imperial policy couldn't be altered on that account. Even as it stands, Mr. Blunts' statements demand the strictest investigation in Parliament.

Dr. McGlynn, a few nights ago, made a ruffianly attack on the Holy Father, Pope Leo, "A poor old bag of bones," "An old Italian with one foot in the grave," and much more to the same purpose—it was thus the grave Dr. McGlynn referred to the venerable Father of the Faithful. Commenting on his gross language, the Philadelphia *Daily Record*, a few days ago, spoke as follows in respect to the impression such utterances created among men of intelligence and an ordinary sense of respectability: "It is scarcely possible to misunderstand the matter and manner of Dr. McGlynn's attack upon the head of the Church of Rome. When, in the heat of controversy, harsh names are called, it is expected that the mistake will speedily be corrected, and argument substituted for invective. If this be not done, the listening public will disregard the speakers. Dr. McGlynn has had things all his own way, so far as public speech is concerned, in his contest with the ecclesiastical body which nurtured his intellect and commanded his services during the best years of his life. There was no need for him to use the verbal weapons of the traditional fish-wife of Billingsgate in assailing those against whom he professes to have just cause for offense. He has weakened his own influence, and the general sense of respect for his moral integrity, by his ill-advised hurling of epithets in the direction of the Vatican. His language is that of a disappointed and embittered man—a person who could not be trusted at the head of a great popular movement."

Whatever excesses of hate it may have provoked a section of the Protestant press to, it is gratifying to know that the Jubilee of the Holy Father has been viewed by the more influential and respectable Protestant papers with feelings of good-will and sincere appreciation. Only the "Philistine" press has had recourse to the old-fashioned abuse of the Papacy. Thinking Protestants are beginning to recognize that in these days of atheism and anarchy, as in centuries long since, on the existence of the Papacy, that is the Holy Catholic Church, depends the survival of Christendom, and the overthrow of those principles of unbelief which would undermine and possess the world. As an example of the change which has come over these papers of late years we quote the words of the New York *Independent*, the ablest and most influential Protestant paper on the continent, which opened a leading article in its last issue, with these compliments to Pope Leo:

"To Joachim Vincent Pecci, Bishop of Rome and Pope of the Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church, health and an Evangelical benediction! A priest of blameless life for fifty years, wise, moderate, successful as a priest, governor, archbishop, nuncio, cardinal, Pope, we send him our Christian salutation. Prelates, priests, and peoples of his own Communion, gladly pay him homage. We simply offer him kindly greetings in the name of Christ, to whom both Pope and Protestant bow in reverent adoration. Gifts and congratulations pour in upon him from Christian, Turk and Pagan, in honour of the jubilee of his priesthood. We esteem him as a man and as a Christian."