

but the latter stoutly refused, saying that it would be the reopening of the civil war. The President replied that those who should resist the scheme would be "the rebels," but if General Grant should sustain his resistance would be impossible. The General's final reply, rejecting the proposals, was that if the attempt were made he would disobey the President's orders, appeal to the country, and to the veterans of the disbanded union army, and "drive the congress so constituted out of the capitol at the point of the bayonet."

This strange and incredible story of deep and unscrupulous designs against the safety and union of the American Republic is alleged by General Grant to have been received from the lips of General Grant himself. But this attempt to make it appear that, after having put down the armed enemies of the Union in the field, the hero of the civil war devoted a vague plot on the part of Andrew Johnson to violate the constitution and destroy the government, will hardly prove successful. It is not a fair nor a just proceeding to unearth mere scraps of private conversation and of table gossip upon which to build such a terrible charge of treason. The better time to have quoted General Grant to the disparagement of Andrew Johnson would have been when General Grant was alive, and the better time for General Grant to have made his charges would have been when Andrew Johnson was not silent in his grave.

If there were any truth in the story of Johnson's alleged designs on American freedom it would have been the light of day before this. As the N.Y. Herald justly remarks, it is but well to remember "that a President cannot make or even prepare a revolution without the knowledge of his Cabinet. The Cabinet of Mr. Johnson contained Mr. Seward, Mr. McCulloch, Mr. Stanton and Mr. Welles, no one of whom would have for a moment countenanced an act of usurpation in the President. Without the counter signature of the Secretary of State or the President's proclamation would be valid. Without the consent and knowledge of the Secretary of War no movements of troops could be made. It is absurd to suppose that Seward, Stanton, Welles or McCulloch would have stood by or helped on an act of treason."

But if it can be urged that none of these men would wink at treason and revolution, and that if anything of the kind was being planned, they would expose both the plot and the plotter, it certainly can be urged with some force that General Grant would not have remained an idle and silent spectator of the treasonable manoeuvres. No one will believe that, knowing Johnson to be a conspirator, Grant would have gone into his Cabinet and acted as one of his trusted counsellors.

This accusation against Andrew Johnson is too grave to be hastily admitted as true, and until positive and conclusive evidence is forthcoming, it should find no place in the history of the country.

THE CLOSING OF THE CHURCHES

The Montreal Daily Star is losing its time in trying to boom its graveyard project of closing the churches and Sunday schools, &c. The Post gave the proposal its quietus as soon as it was made to see the light. We don't want any atheistical methods with which to fight a plague, and we won't have them. Let that be plainly understood. The Star has considered it advisable to obtain the opinions of clergymen and prominent citizens regarding the impious and reckless project. Some of them were opposed to it, a few were in favor of it, and the others would give no positive opinion, but would leave its adoption or rejection in the hands of the authorities.

These interviews have proved one thing, and that is, in too many cases, the "prominence" of a citizen is no guarantee of his being possessed of even an average allowance of common sense, or of the talent of discerning between what is proper and improper, between right and evil. Some people should never allow themselves to appear in print.

It is a matter of deep gratification to us to find that the position unflinchingly taken by The Post on this question has been, as on all others, heartily endorsed, not only by the "prominent," but especially by the educated and intelligent portion of the community.

Thus we find Bishop Doan, of the Church of England, stating his view in brief and emphatic terms:—"I can only speak concerning the churches of the Church of England. I should be decidedly opposed to their being closed."

The Rev. Father Dowd, of St. Patrick's Church, said:—"I think the proposal impertinent, and if such an order were issued I could not obey it. It would not be right to deprive the people of religious sacraments at this time, and besides, as far as my parish is concerned it is not necessary."

Sir William Dawson has no favor to show to the wild scheme and remarks:—"My own opinion is that the moral benefits derived from the churches outweigh any danger from disease just now, for the exact connection between church-going and catching smallpox has yet to be established."

The Rev. J. S. Stone is like ourselves and will none of it. He says:—"I am opposed to the proposition to close the churches, and if such a law were enacted it is a question whether I should be justified in obeying it."

Mr. Thomas Workman, taking a calm and sensible view of the situation, expressed himself as follows:—"The measure with regard to closing the churches is, I think, not a wise one, and I don't think the authorities could legally carry out such a step. Moreover, it would aggravate and intensify public feeling at a distance. I think that it would prove impossible to close the churches, as there are so many obstacles and difficulties in the way."

Finally we have His Lordship Bishop Fabre

fully in accord with our views. At the solemn Pontifical Mass, celebrated in the Cathedral yesterday at the request and in the presence of the merchants of Notre Dame street West, for the disappearance of the smallpox epidemic and in thanksgiving for having been preserved so far from its terrible scourge in that section of the city, Mr. Fabre, in an impressive sermon, touched upon the question of closing the churches, and entered an earnest protest against the insolent infidelity of our would-be deliverers, who, to save something mortal, would destroy the immortal. We quote the substance of His Lordship's remarks, which deal directly with the point at issue:—

"What means of protection," asks His Lordship, "must we adopt under the present circumstances?" Divine Providence has given man intelligence by the means of which he can devise and adopt measures to prevent and cause to disappear earthly evils, and it is man's duty to make use of such. But to ensure success for such measures, prayer must be added, for it must not be forgotten that the Lord is the Master of all things. In this connection, I must protest against the idea which has been suggested to close the churches. Those who expressed such an opinion must have done so without sufficient forethought or being under the influence of terror, and I am glad to see that the Central Board of Health discarded it. To close the churches would simply be to laugh at God, to go against His wishes and to call for a continuation of the epidemic. The putting into practice of such a scheme is absurd. No; let the churches be opened and flock into them, as numerous as possible, for common and united prayer is always more powerful than that of each isolated individual. The appeal does not, of course, exclude the ordinary and necessary precautions, and I once more dispense from coming to church all those who have smallpox in their families. But to those who are not afflicted with the disease in their households, I repeat: Come to church and implore the Lord. To prayer you will again add mortification, especially abstaining yourselves from forbidden pleasures, such as licentious thoughts &c. With such means and the Christian faith of which you give this day, such a noble example, I have full confidence that the Lord will have mercy on us and deliver us from the terrible epidemic."

We think we have delivered sufficient of a funeral oration over this "busted" scheme of the Daily Star, and we hope to hear no more of it. —R.I.P.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

Rev. Fathers O'Brien and J. O. Boucher, of New York, are guests at the Richelieu.

Rev. Core Labelle has left for Lake Temiscamingue in connection with his colonization scheme.

On Wednesday, October 28th, His Lordship Bishop Fabre will hold an ordination service at Oka in the chapel of the Trappists.

To-morrow (Sunday) Oct. 25th, is the feast of the patron saint of the parish church of St. Raphael, Bazar Island.

The Rev. Father Leclaire, S.S., curé of Oka, who lately departed for Rome, has been replaced by the Rev. Father Lefebvre.

His Lordship the Archbishop of Quebec on Saturday last, October 17, continued a large number of children at St. Joseph de Levis.

Rev. Father Lacours, one of the oldest priests of the diocese of St. Hyacinthe, celebrated the 50th anniversary of his priesthood on Thursday last, Oct. 22.

On Wednesday morning, Oct. 25th at 7 o'clock a grand Mass will be celebrated at the cathedral for the benefactors of the episcopal palace.

On Tuesday morning, October 25th, His Lordship Bishop Fabre will proceed to St. André, where he will consecrate the new cemetery.

Mrs. Charles Doan has presented a magnificent statue of St. Anne to St. Peter's church. This statue will be installed in a few days.

The Ste. Helene church, of Kamouraska, has been ornamented with a Stations of the Cross, and the Rev. curé has sent to Rome for two large paintings for the altar.

Prayers of the Forty Hours devotion will commence on to-morrow (Sunday) Oct. 25th, at St. Bruno, on Tuesday 27th, at St. Agathe, on Thursday 29th, at Pointe Claire, and on Saturday 31st, at Villa Maria.

The Church of Our Lady of Angels, on the corner of Lagacière and Chevreuil, is being repaired and the fresco paintings are being painted anew.

His Lordship Bishop Gravel, of Nicolet, presided at an ordination service on Friday last, October 16, at St. Gregory. Several persons were ordained priests.

Mr. Fabre has returned to the city from the visit made by him to the County of Beauharnois. On Sunday morning at St. Timothée he officiated at a grand reception by the parishioners. He said Mass at eight o'clock, and blessed the new bell of the church.

After which he proceeded to the new Convent of the Sisters of Jesus-Mary, which he consecrated. In the afternoon he was at St. Cécile de Valleyfield, and he confirmed a number of children and blessed the new organ. In the evening His Lordship delivered a sermon on the religious training of children.

Rev. Mr. Primeau, curé of Boucherville, has collected \$1,400 from the French Catholics of Marlborough, Holyoke and Springfield and some few other localities in the vicinity towards the St. Peter's building.

The new vestry of St. James B. C. church, St. Denis church, commenced last spring, is approaching completion and will be inaugurated on the 1st November. The building will cost some \$30,000, the ornamental table for the priest's vestments costing about \$1,200.

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The Rev. Rectorist Fathers of St. Anne de Beaupré have just received from

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The Rev. James Hogan was then introduced to the immense congregation present. The rev. gentleman spoke on "The Death of the Sinner." His text was from St. John 16th chap, "Now I go to Him that sent me." The effects of the dying sinner are the hideous death of the body, about to fall in ruins; the still more terrible death of the soul by mortal sin, and the eternal death. His picturing of this threefold dissolution was true to nature and to faith. It was a great effort of intellectual activity, and a marvelous indication of the richness of his affectionate nature. At times the rev. gentleman had recourse to the rules of philosophy to bring home an argument of sterling weight, and at others he played with the flowers of poetic inspiration and the charms of his rhetorical acquisitions. The conclusion of his sermon was couched in the following language: I would, then, recommend you to take the advice of the Holy Ghost when He says: "In the good day, enjoy good things, and beware beforehand of the evil day, for this avoid evil and do good." The rev. father received over 100 visits during the day, and departed for his late home this morning to make preparations for his projected journey, and will return on Wednesday morning to St. Patrick's residence, where he will remain till the hour of his final departure.

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ship of Mr. Hurtume. His Lordship Bishop Fabre also delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon, his principal point being the absurd idea manifested to have the public places of worship closed during the prevalence of the epidemic. His Lordship said that this was the principal time to keep the churches open, so that the faithful could assemble and offer up prayers to God and request of Him to stay the disease, as it would never be stamped out by any other method. It pleased God that a plague should descend upon us, and there was only one means of staying it, and that was prayer.

During Mass, Holy Communion was administered, and a large number of those present approached the Holy Table. After Mass the congregation dispersed, and the merchants returned to their respective places of business.

IRISH PARLIAMENTARY FUND.

SUBSCRIPTIONS OF THE MASS MEETING.

The following are the amounts of the individual contributions handed in to the treasurer of the Irish Parliamentary Fund at the mass meeting last evening. The contributions came in so rapidly that in many cases it was impossible to ascertain the name of the subscriber. In such cases they were marked as "Friends," but if any subscriber wishes to have his correct name published or fade that it is omitted altogether, we will be happy to make the correction.

Previously acknowledged	\$10 00
E. Murphy, 5 00	Thos. Cluise, 1 00
Rev. St. Longman, 10 00	Jas. Burke, 1 00
Don. Mr. Lynch, 10 00	P. J. Coyne, 1 00
P. Quinn, 1 00	P. Connor, 1 00
J. Cannon, 1 00	J. Cuddy, 1 00
J. Hatcher, 2 00	P. McKenna & P. Flannery, 1 00
John Curran, 1 00	Sam. Cote des Neiges, 5 00
Wm. Shephard, 1 00	Friend, 1 00
J. P. Whelan, 25 00	D. Martin, 1 00
M. Delahanty, 0 00	Constant F. Reid, 2 00
J. P. O'Connell, 1 00	John H. Stedrick, 5 00
J. McEntee, 1 00	J. O'Hearn, 1 00
P. Kenny, 2 00	J. O'Flaherty, 1 00
M. J. O'Flaherty, 5 00	Friend, 1 00
M. Griffin, 1 00	Two Friends, 2 00
P. Kane, 1 00	Jas. Walker, 2 00
A. Quinn, 0 00	T. J. O'Neill, 2 00
P. Campbell, 1 00	Friend, 1 00
J. O'Higgins, 2 00	A. J. MacNeil, 1 00
D. Quinn, 1 00	Jas. Thornton, 1 00
O. Hart, 3 00	Friend, 1 00
Don. Mr. Flynn, 25 00	J. Cox, 5 00
Jas. Sailer, 15 00	Thos. Doherty, 5 00
Redemptorist, 1 00	Jas. Campbell, 1 00
Fathers of St. Ann's Church, 5 00	P. Fitzgerald, 1 00
M. Brown, 5 00	P. F. McCarthy, 1 00
M. Kenny, 1 00	A. J. MacNeil, 2 00
Irishman, 0 25	M. Hart, 5 00
W. G. Blinke, 1 00	Friend, 1 00
J. Hughes, 2 00	M. McTear, 1 00
W. E. Duran, 2 00	J. F. Redmond, 2 00
J. O'Leary, 1 00	Seven Friends, 7 00
Thos. Styles, 6 00	H. Brady, 5 00
C. J. Doherty, 10 00	R. L. MacNeil, 5 00
J. Fogarty, 10 00	Ed Ryan, 5 00
M. Delane, 2 00	P. Ford, 1 00
Friend, 1 00	P. Sullivan, 1 00
P. McGarry, 0 50	P. Brown, 1 00
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T. Connolly, 1 00	Friend, 1 00
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Jas. McNamee, 5 00	Mrs. McNamara, 1 00
A. Friend, 2 00	L. Flood, 50
A. Friend, 1 00	Mrs. Miles, 25
Thos. Kerrigan, 50	G. McArdle, 50
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P. G. Gough, 1 00	M. Panning, 1 00
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