

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Ministerial Association.  
To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS:

SIR,—I read occasionally in our city papers reports of the "Ministerial Association of Montreal," giving an account of the deliberations and resolutions of their meetings, and, of course, the names of the speakers, for the worthy members are awfully anxious that their names should appear in print, and that the outside world should know what they said.

To know exactly what may be the value and weight of the resolutions passed, the composition of the association must be inquired into.

The members of the association are the ministers of the different Protestant sects of the city, united on the one only practical ground on which Protestants can ever form a religious union; they agree to differ—so that, side by side sit Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists, etc., etc., all professing the most contradicting, opposite and various doctrines imaginable—some believing in one or two sacraments, others in none; again, some admitting the Trinity, another rejecting it—most believing in Christ, another denying him, for a Jewish rabbi has been admitted a member of the association; those are only some of the main points; what if I were to enter into an exposition of minor points—oh! what a medley—truly the association should be called "The Babelic Association of Montreal." Now, then, in a doctrinal point of view, what can be the value of the decisions of this Babel? Answer: Nil, Nil.

Can a man be saved, no matter what Protestant sect he belongs to, or must an Anglican become a Baptist, or a Presbyterian a Methodist, etc., etc.; which of all the numerous sects is the true one, or are they all true, although professing fundamentally different doctrines. Catholics are perfectly united in doctrine. Unity is the characteristic of Catholicity, whereas diversity is the nature of Protestantism. Those are questions which must strike any sensible man when the Ministerial Association is brought into question.

The fact is, this association is merely a social place of meeting for Protestant ministers for a quiet talk. Of course they will at times discuss certain matters on which every one agrees as a principle—temperance, sabbath keeping, etc., but no one would think of converting his neighbor. Oh! no. They are too broad and liberal-minded to do so. However, there is a line mark, and that is this: Believe this or don't believe that, reject this and admit that—all right—but beware of one thing, i.e., let nothing be Roman Catholic in your words, acts, etc., for then comes in the tug of war. They are ready to embrace everything and everybody, but charity and free thought forbid they should anything Catholic. There are hundreds of different Protestant roads to Heaven, according to the number of sects. But the Catholic road—Oh! it reaches not Paradise.

Such is an outline of this Ministerial Association.

Enough for to-day—begging permission to return to the subject on a future occasion.

J. A. J.

## NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The Idaho legislature has passed a bill enfranchising Mormons. It is believed the governor will sign it.

It is thought that Henry S. Ives, operating for a syndicate, has captured the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus railroad.

The Alabama legislature has passed an election law that will disfranchise illiterate colored voters to the number of about 40,000.

Rev. Stephen V. Ryan, Bishop of Buffalo, has consented to act as treasurer of the funds for the procuring of an official residence for the Apostolic delegation.

Hugh O'Donnell, leader of the Homestead strikers, was found not guilty of the crime of murder. There is still a charge of inciting to riot and treason against him, in connection with the Homestead troubles.

The Lenten pastoral of Most Rev. William Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, denounces in no ambiguous terms the proselytizing efforts of Dublin's Protestant Guardians of the Poor. He says their intolerance is born of the miseries

"THE smith a mighty man is he,  
With large and sinewy hands,  
And the muscles of his brawny arms  
Are strong as iron bands."

Sinewy hands and muscles, like iron bands, are what athletes are trying to develop.

The best athletes of to-day use

## JOHNSTON'S FLUID BEEF

when training, and acknowledge it to be the best muscle-forming and strength giving food.

of those whom they should, by reason of their office, treat with the charity that at least should be a portion of their efforts as guardians of the poor and homeless.

Now it is hinted that the Apostolic Delegate may take up his permanent residence at Buffalo. The chances are that he will remain in the National Capital, however, and that, after all, is the best place for his residence.

The normal class of colored teachers of Atlantic Ga., adopted resolutions thanking Hoke Smith for his interest in the education of colored children, and congratulating him upon his selection by Mr. Cleveland as Secretary of the Interior.

Bishop Phelan hopes to avoid a repetition of the scandal that has arisen out of the contest over Father Mollinger's will by enacting a law that all rectors of churches shall place in the diocesan chancery their last wills and testaments upon entering on their charge.

Archbishop Feehan, of Chicago, has purchased a tract of fifty acres south of the city of Hammond, Ind. The consideration was \$22,500. The land will be made the site of a seminary for the education of young men to the priesthood. The buildings will cover several acres in extent.

The Liverpool Catholic Times says there are rumors of the coming downfall of Count Caprivi. Amongst the names mentioned as his probable successor in the chancellorship of the German Empire is that of a Catholic, namely, General von Loe, now in command of a corps d'armee.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland, the wife of the President-elect, it is said, does not approve of the introduction of the crinoline. She told several ladies who called upon her at Lakewood that she was satisfied with the present style of dress, and saw no reason why there should be a change. None of her inaugural dresses are to be made to be worn with a crinoline.

The first trial of the pneumatic tube for mail transit in America was made at Philadelphia Saturday. The tube was a little over half a mile in length and the test was declared a success. A Bible wrapped in an American flag was the first article sent through and reached its destination in one minute and three seconds, or at the rate of forty-five feet per second, with a pressure of six pounds to the square inch.

The replies which the Pope received in answer to the invitation which he addressed to the American prelates early in the year, asking them to give their views on the educational question, appear to have been satisfactory to His Holiness, since it was announced from Rome the other day that in consequence of the character of those replies the Sovereign Pontiff has reaffirmed the scholastic propositions which the Apostolic Delegate submitted to the archbishops.

Father Thomas Adams, of Brooklyn, N. Y., the suspended priest who achieved considerable celebrity by cures of sick and disabled people which he claimed to affect by the use of holy relics, was recently restored to the priesthood with full faculties by Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn. It was made a condition by the Bishop that Father Adams, before being restored to the priesthood, should do penance for a short time in some religious institution or other quiet place outside of Brooklyn. Father Adams complied with this requirement by spending ten days in seclusion at the monastery in Hoboken.

## As Old as Antiquity.

Either by acquired habit or heredity, those old lung troubles and Consumption must be faced generation after generation; but you may meet them with the odds in your favor by the help of Scott's Emulsion.

## THE GORT CONVENT OF MERCY

Mr. Joseph A. Glynn writes regarding the Industries at the Gort Convent of Mercy, County Galway: It is now thirty-six years since the Sisters of Mercy founded a house of their Order at Gort. The schools are under the National Board, and attended by the children of the traders and poorer people of the locality. It was always a matter of grave concern to the Sisters that only a very small proportion of the girls on leaving school had anything to turn to to earn their living save service or emigration. It was not till the year 1881 that the Sisters found the opportunity so long wished for, and in June of that year eight looms gave work to a small number of the scores of willing hands which desired employment. By the generous aid of the Most Rev. Dr. McCormack, of Lord Ashdown, and of a lady well known to the poor of Ireland, the necessary capital for the purchase of the looms was raised and the work soon started. But the Sisters had no further capital for the purpose, and all future expenses had to be borne out of their slender means. In all there are twenty girls employed in the various arts, which consist of linen weaving, embroidery, plain needlework, knitting, and the making of all ecclesiastical vestments, etc. From the looms are turned out cambric handkerchiefs, dress lawn linens of all descriptions, towels, etc., all of which can be supplied at as low a price and as good a quality as similar articles in the best shops. It does not speak well for the encouragement of Irish industries that the larger portion of the orders come from England. Orders for church-linen, and, in fact, for all articles produced, come with fair regularity from England, but not ten percent from Ireland. It cannot be supposed that such industries can succeed unless well supported by home consumers. Surely it is not too much to ask some small support for an industry which with a little aid is capable in a small town of keeping nearly fifty young women at home and enabling them to earn their living. Mr. Glynn adds that the Sisters require a little additional capital, which, it is hoped, will soon be forthcoming.—Catholic Standard.

## "The Blood is the Life."

Runs the old saying, and everything that ever makes part of any organ of the body must reach its place therein through the blood. Therefore, if the blood is putrid and kept in good condition by the use of Blood's Sarsaparilla, it necessarily follows that the benefit of the medicine is imparted to every organ of the body. Can anything be simpler than the method by which this excellent medicine gives good health to all who will try it fairly and patiently?

## The Annals of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

A beautiful magazine comes to us from Wate town, N.Y., and it is called "The Annals of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart." It is one of these publications that should be found in every Catholic family. Taking the January number for this year we find a fair good sample of what it generally presents for the instruction and edification of its readers. There is a splendid cut of Columbus as a frontispiece. Maurice F. Egan's "Judee poem," "Light of all Lights," is the first piece on its literary pages. Then comes an able article by Virginia McSherry, on the "Worldwide Honor of Columbus." Miss Eleanor C. Donnelly contributes a poem on "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart," which is preceded by a magnificent engraving of "Rest During the Flight Into Egypt." In fact, all the illustrations are in keeping with the high excellence of the publication. The subject-matter is varied and attractive. It is this that little work, "Annals of St. Anne de Beaupre," speaks of it: "Of deserving works there is no dearth in our midst, but one has been brought to our notice which, because of its great aim, claims a special mention at the Christmas season. This is St. Joseph's Apostolic School, a good work of whose existence and objects perhaps many of our readers may be unaware. And yet there is none more important in the whole field of the Church, since its end is to afford young men who are called to the priesthood, but have not the means to pay for the necessary training, an opportunity to further their vocation. Outside of the little the students can pay, the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart depend for the support of the institution on the charitable faithfulness. What nobler and more meritorious work than to give priests to God's Church! And yet all can have a share in it by purchasing a copy of the 'Apostolic School Number' of the Annals of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. This special number will appear just before Christmas, and will be sold for the benefit of the Apostolic School at 25 cents a copy. We learn from the Director that it will be a very fine issue and will contain stories, poems, etc., by such well known writers as Maurice F. Egan, Eleanor C. Donnelly, Rev. Father Edmund C. P., E. L. Dorsey, Sara Trainer Smith, Marion Ames Taggart, Henry Coyle, and others, and beautiful halftone illustrations. A certificate entitling the holder to the spiritual advantages of Benefactors will accompany each copy; 25 cents could not be better expended than by ordering a copy. Address Rev. F. Derlemon, M.S.H., St. Joseph's Apostolic School, Watertown, N.Y." [Subscriptions may be sent to this office if desired.—Ed. T. W.]

## FROM THE FAR NORTH

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## PRIZE REBUS



## A PRIZE FOR EVERY CORRECT ANSWER

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep and can't tell where to find it.  
The publishers of Our Young People will give \$150 in Gold to the first person who can solve the above rebus. \$50 in Cash to the second, \$25 in Cash to the third, a Gold Watch, most moveable, to the fourth, a fine Gold Silver Watch to the fifth, three pairs of hands and Pearl Opera Glasses to the next, a handsome Gold Scarf Pin to the next two.

To the last correct answer received will be given a fine Gold Watch. To the next three correct answers from the last will be given each a pair of Gold Brooch with a silver chain, and a pair of hands and for every other correct answer a handsome prize will be given.

CONDITIONS: Each contestant is to send in the names of the friends with pencil or ink on the shop and send solutions with their names in stamps or thirty-five cents in silver for one year's subscription to Our Young People, one of the best monthlies for the money published in Canada. It is a large, popular 32-page journal, handsomely illustrated. We make this contest especially to gain new subscribers to Our Young People.

Every prize given away advertises our splendid journal. We can afford to spend the money to do it. Remember that for 25 cents you get this excellent paper one year, and a handsome prize also, and if you are not the first you are sure of one of the other prizes. We guarantee satisfaction, and do just as we advertise.

We give below the names and addresses of the leading prize-winners in our last competition:

Mr. P. C. Galt, 107 Peter St., Toronto, \$100 in cash; May Apple, 20 James St. N., Hamilton, Ont., Gold Watch; Ada Kinnear, 108 Crawford St., Toronto, Silver Watch; Chas. Atchison, 21 Maria St., Ottawa, Ont.; E. J. O'Leary, 107 St. St., Miss M. Ross, 300 E. Main St., Ottawa, Ont., Music Box; Adele V. V. 52 Champlain St., Quebec, Que.; Simplex Typewriter; Thos. Lloyd, 310 Thomas St., London, Ont., Gold Ring; Miss H. Telford, 84 St. Denis St., Montreal, Que.; Gold Ring; W. Boleau, box 310, Fredericton, N. B., \$5 in Gold; Olive Elmslie, care of J. L. H. Lachine, Lachine, Que., \$5 in Gold; Mrs. Wm. Bauden, 925 Dorchester St., Montreal, Que., Gold Brooch; Archie Hill, Y.M.C.A. Rooms, St. Thomas, Ont., Gold Brooch; Gerald E. Bullock, Coaticook, Que., Gold Brooch; Leo Egan, 223 Smith St., Winnipeg, Man., Gold Brooch; Mrs. Capt. Marshall, Albert St., Kingston, Ont., Gold Brooch; Edith Mover, box 55, Berlin, Ont., Gold Brooch; Minnie Nicholson, Piusville St., Belleville, Ont., Gold Brooch; M. McCowan, 55 Coursol St., Montreal, Que., Gold Brooch; Mrs. M. R. Burlingham, box 203, Picton, Ont., Gold Brooch; Ed. Draughton, care of Jno. Stokes, Canmore, N.W.T., Gold Brooch. And the following 20 names have each been awarded a beautiful Souvenir Spoon: Laura Campbell, 80 King St. W., Toronto; Minnie Hayward, box 135, Ingersoll, Ont.; Lily Strang, Goderich, Ont.; Mrs. W. Smith, 8 College St., Port Hope, Ont.; Maggie Spiers, 60 Murray St., Brampton, Ont.; Lizzie A. Joy, Petrolia, Ont.; H. E. Groves, Annapolis, Ont.; Lillie Coulson, box 525, Guelph, Ont.; Florence Hoople, Leamington, Ont.; Duncan McAlpine, Alvinston, Ont.; E. W. McQuay, Owen Sound, Ont.; Alice M. Prouty, Bowmanville, Ont.; Bert Archer, Hawkesville, Ont.; Geo. Whitcombe, box 401, Woodstock, Ont.; Mrs. Thos. Lynn, box 109, Orangeville, Ont.; J. F. Mason, Woodbridge, Ont.; Ethel Westcott, box 231, Dresden, Ont.; Thomas Semple, Tiverton, Ont.; James Edwards, Concession St., Galt, Ont.; Hattie Ringrose, Whitton, Ont. One hundred other special prizes were given away. For want of space we are unable to give the names. Answer to-day, and enclose thirty-five cents, and you may win one of the leading prizes. Address:

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King Street West,  
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