#### DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

The anniversary of St. Patrick was fittingly commemorated at St. Patrick'schurch, Hamilton, where Bishop Dowling celebrated Pontifical High Mass. The members of the various Catholic societies of the city marched to the church in a body and when the services were begun, the spacious church was taxed to its utmost capacity, hundreds being forced to stand. Assisting His Lordship on the altar were Rev. Dean Coty, deacon Rev. Father Bagnasco, sub-deacon and Rev. Father Flahavan. Bishop Dowling spoke but briefly, congratulating the members of the societies and the congregation for their pa-triotism towards the patron saint of Ireland, the revered Saint Patrick.

Immediately after the sermon His Lordship extended a hearty welcome to the members of the several benevoent societies, including the Knights of Columbus, who were assembled in large numbers. He congratulated them on their piety and decorum in the house of God, and on their reverential regard for the ordinances of the Church in abstaining from the usual secular entertainments this year for the reason that the festival of St. Patrick occurred in Holy Week, a week set aside by the Church for prayer, meditation, selfdenial and penitential preparation for the due observance of the approaching Easter festival. He hoped that before the time prescribed for observance of the Easter precept had expired their pastors would be consoled with the knowledge that every man present had done his duty. The services of Palm done his duty. The services of Palm Sunday were intended to commemorate the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem when the children of the Holy City met Him in procession with palms in their hands, singing Benedictus, qui venit, Blessed is He Who cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosannah in the Highest. The scene also recalled the day, more than fourteen hundred years ago, when St. Patrick, in the year 433, landed in Ireland and for first time in the history of that nation, on Palm Sunday, blessed the palm on the Hill of Tara, and kindled the sacred fire on Easter gary, Alberta, by the English Bene-Eve, emblematic of the light of faith dictine Fathers. Father Clarkson, that has ever since burned brightly in the island of saints. The service also reminded him of another event uable land, within three quarters of in his own life. Twenty years ago he himself was privto-day, he himself was privileged to bless the palm at Jaffa and enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday at the head of a band of pilgrims, with palms in their hands, walking in the very footsteps of the Saviour up the slopes of Mt. Olivet. The palm was emblematic of victory, and "This is the victory," says St. Paul, "that overgreath the world our faith" cometh the world, our faith."

"May the hands that hold the blessed palm to-day during the reading of the Passion of Our Lord and Saviour, be ever devoted to the faithful discharge of your threefold duties, to God, to your neighbor and to yourselves," he said. "May they be lifted in daily prayer, like those of your patron saint, in praise, petition and thanksgiving to your heaven ly Father for all the blessings con ferred upon yourselves and your families. May you always walk in the footsteps of your pious fore-fathers in the light of faith and charity; may the palms be the pledges of your victory over sin, and may your lives be so regulated as good Christians and good citizens as to be pleasing to Almighty God, edifying to your neighbor and creditable alike to your creed and to your country. So let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father "Two years from now Ireland will who is in heaven.

WHY I KNEEL IN CHURCH By the Rev. John May, M. A.

I kneel as oft as I appear The sacred courts within: I meet the King with holy fear,— I, impotent, unclean!

I bow my head, I bend my knee, When Jesus passeth by: The Sovereign Lord of all is He—

A helpless sinner I. I fall all prostrate in the dust; I cast me at His feet:

I touch the Hem with trembling trust His loving glance to meet. I kneel; for in the Sacred Word?

His kneeling saints I see: Nay, in Gethsemane, the Lord Kneels in His agony! I kneel with Solomon the wise

Low on the altar stair; And with the constant Daniel, thrice A day in humble prayer.

I kneel with David when he sings: "O come and let us fall "And kneel before the King of Kings,

'The maker of us all!" I kneel, a leper in His way, As down the Mount He's seen

Descending sweetly: "Lord, I pray
"That Thou wilt make me clean,"

I kneel with Paul beside the shore; With Peter on the sea; I kneel with Stephen too, who bore His death forgivingly.

And, low before the Awful Seat-So runs the holy tale-Cherub and seraph at His feet

Their faces humbly veil! Then can you ask me why I kneel? O may He give us grace
The knee to bend, the heart to feel,

When in His holy place!

When our hope breaks, let our patience hold.

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> SCHOOL QUESTION NOT SETTLED

THE SHAME OF MANITOBA

A correspondent writes to inquire if the Manitoba School question has

been settled.' We can best answer this question by reproducing from "Le Devoir" portion of an interview alleged to have been given it lately by His Grace Archbishop Langevin: "Considering the facts as they are,"

declared His Grace, "our school sit-uation is exactly as it was twenty-two years ago. The amendments brought to the law by the Legislature of Manitoba last year had no practical effect whatever. The Winnipeg School Commission has done nothing yet to help the minority. In centers where Catholics are in numbers and can elect their own school trustees, we do our best to obtain a certain relief. In mixed districts such as Winnipeg and Brandon and Le Pas, Catholics are obliged to maintain independent schools at their own expense, after paying taxes for schools where they cannot possibly send their children.

"The energy and spirit of sacrifice of the Catholic element are admirable, but how long that era of tyranny and injustice will last I cannot foretell. I hope though, to see the awakening of the majority to fair play and justice."

According to His Grace, the school question is "exactly as it was twenty two years ago." Therefore it is not settled. Our correspondent will no doubt accept the authoritative statement of His Grace as being absolutely correct.-North West Review.

#### BENEDICTINE COLLEGE

A splendid site has been secured for the College to be erected at Calwho has the matter in hand, has just announced that twenty acres of vala mile of the Calgary University, has just been presented to the Benedictine Fathers, and a building to cost \$100,000 will be erected at once. The site that has been decided on is one of the most desirable in the Calgary District. It is high, dry, and fairly level, and commands a beautiful view of the Rocky Mountains, and of the rolling country to the North, South and East. At the outset the college will accommodate sixty pupils, and the instructors, all grad nates of Oxford University, will be brought out from England, and the staff will be augmented as the demands on the institution increase Work will be commenced on the new building shortly, and it is hoped to establish the classes early next autumn. It is proposed by the Benenext dictines to secure affiliations with Calgary University, also one of the West's newer educational institutions.

#### BRYAN AND IRELAND

Chicago, March 18.-Mr. W. Bryan, Secretary of State, in his address here last night, at the St. Patrick Day banquet of the Irish Fellowship Club, reiterated his words of

"Two years from now Ireland will be celebrating Home Rule," he said. There is every reason to believe that the House of Commons will pass the Bill again and make it law."

Mr. Bryan declared the victory for Mr. Bryan declared the victory for Ireland would be a victory for the world, and would make the end of aristocratic rule, "When the House of Lords is compelled to bow to the people! It will mean the beginning of Home Rule, for the whole earth. It will be a tremendous triumph for Ireland and her part in the great struggle will be gratefully re-memored by every country that is struggling for freedom.

"The victory of this great principle will not be acceptable at first, per-haps, to Great Britain and Scotland, but they will in the end find that it is immensely to their benefit."

#### THE THREE BEST BOOKS

Canon Schmid tells of a pious old nan who lived in an isolated cottage. and whose wisdom was such that he could give excellent advice to those who consulted him on whatever sub-

A distinguished scholar went to see him one day and was so astounded at the old man's language that he ex-

'Where do you get your wisdom Here, in your cottage, I see no library from which you might draw such

yaried and excellent knowledge."
"Nevertheless," replied the old
man, "I possess the three best books in existence and I read them every day. These volumes are: the works of God above and all around me, my conscience, and Holy Scripture. The words of God, the heavens and the earth, are like an immense book open before us; they tell us of the omnipo-tence, the wisdom, and the goodness of our Heavenly Father. My conscience tells me what I should do and what I should avoid. And the Bible, that Book of books, teaches us how God revealed Himself to men from the beginning of the world, and how

our Lord Jesus Christ came upon earth. It teaches us also what He commands us to do and to shun, and what He did and suffered for our salvation and sanctification."

#### SOME RECENT CON-VERTS TO CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Rev. A. H. Nankivell of Tor-quay, Devonshire, England; author. The Rev. Charles Edward Meyer, late of St. Edmund's Episcopal church, Milwaukee; graduate of Nashotah

seminary. The Rev. William John Gear, M. A. curate of All Saints Anglican church Woolahra, Australia; son of Very Rev. W. H. Gear, vicar of Mildura; graduate of Trinity college, Melbourne.

The Rev. A. H. Murphy, acting rec

tor of St. Barnabas' church, Bathurst, New Zealand.

The Rev. Haviland Montague Durand, curate of St. John the Divine church, Kensington, London; graduate of Oxford. The Rev. Mr. Pearce, curate of ar

Anglican church, Brighton, Eng. The Rev. A. J. Wetherall, pastor of the Episcopalian church, Forfar,

The Rev. A. E. Caldecott, M. A., Cambridge University, late rector of Drewsteignton, Devonshire Eng.

The Rev. W. Scott Hill, M. A., cur ate of St. Matthew's church, Burnley, London, England; graduate of Ox-

The Rev. Byrant Gay Harmon, late rector of the Episcopal church at Fairhaven, Vt., graduate of Laurence-ville school and of Princeton Univer-

Other converts received are

Miss Grace Bassler, Columbus, O.; Miss Grace Hughes, Little Rock, Ark.; Miss Catherine Marie Whelan, Canton, O.; Miss Elizabeth Vogel, Memphis, Tenn.; Louis Garden and W. J. Hill, Fort Worth, Texas; Madame Etienne de Ezymanski of Riverside Drive, New York; the late Mrs. Emma Gavin, wife of Judge Gavin Denver; Mr. and Mrs. Ruppenthal, and five children, Montgomery, La.; Miner C. Hale, son of the late Col. B. Hale, Carrollton, Mo.; Mrs. Nancy Catherine Bowyer, a Metho-Sweet Springs, W. Va.; Miss Bessie Starnes, a Methodist, Carrollton, Mo.; Mrs. Halpe de Palma, wife of the famous automobilist; Baron Montono, a Japanese noble; son of the Japanese Ambassador to Spain; Miss Katrina Page-Brown, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Page-Brown, the New York social leader and granddaughter of ex-Judge Roger A.

The late Henry F. Claufen, Edina, Mo., a Civil War veteran, who left \$45,000 to the Catholic church of his home town; received on his death

Arthur Benis of Vienna, Austria, son of Dr. Arthur Benis, a Jew, and great-great-grandson of the famous scholar, Solomon Loeb Rapoport.

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The Honorable Hugh Law, mem

ber of Parliament for West Donegal; son of the late Lord Law, Lord Chancellor of Ireland; graduate of Rugby and of Oxford.—The Missionary.

#### " APPALLING"

The daily press, reporting the Sun day sermons in a number of our Louis-ville Protestant Churches, note that Rev. Aquilla Webb, pastor of the Warren Memorial Church, stirred his congregation with the following confession:

'I do not know the facts about other denominations, but the facts north and south, are simply appalling. Last year 5,117 Presbyterian Churches did not receive a single soul on confession of faith. This included all the Presbyterian Churches in this country, but the burden on the heart s unutterable.'

Dr. Webb took for his text, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" saying, "The epistle to the Hebrews was written as a word of exhortation by the author to some special Church. And further, the epistle is written almost entirely to Christians who were, beginning to drift away from their great salva-

Why did not the reverend gentle man complete his confession by telling the people who was the author and when and to what special Church the epistle was written. Let him seek this truth and he will probably become aware that he also is one of those drifting away from their great salvation, a salvation that God has vouchsafed only through the Catholic Church, the Church He founded and against which the gates of hell shall not prevail."—Louisville Irish-Amer-

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A reader wishes to return thanks for a favor received after praying to the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin St. Joseph and St. Ann.

A Hamilton reader wishes to return thanks to the Sacred Heart for a favor received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and St.

A reader wishes to return thanks for a favor received through prayers to the Sacred Heart, a noven Joseph and a promise to publish the same in the CATHOLIC RECORD.

A Newfoundland reader wishes the prayers of the faithful for a special temporal favor and if granted by the end of May promises five Masses for suffering souls and publication in the CATHOLIC RECORD.

A reader's daughter, aged eight years, asks the prayers of the faithful for a temporal favor, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, Infant Jesus and St. Anthony, with a promise to publish if granted.

A reader of the CATHOLIC RECORD wishes to thank God for a temporal favor received after having a Mass said in honor of St. Joseph for the Souls in Purgatory and saying the Litany of Jesus and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

A subscriber returns thanks to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady of Victory, St. Anthony and St. Rita for obtaining a favor after prayers to each, promise to publish in the CATH in the Presbyterian Churches, both OLIC RECORD and giving aid to the

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