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HOOL MATTERS.

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CLANCAHILL

fter choose.

Ede : not in the least, back in it, baby dear, re any Christmas feast, might not be there!

GRESS.

It fitted the Feast, 'twas a symbol, And earth wore the surplice at morn, As pure as the vale's stainless lily For Mary the sinlessly born,

For Mary, conceived in all sinlessness, And the sun, thro' the clouds of the East With the brightest and fairest of flashes, Fringed the surplice of white for the Feast

Fell the snow on the Festival's vigil And surpliced the city in white, I wonder who wove the pure finkelets? Ask the Virgin-or God-or the Night.

Immaculate Conception.

And round the horizon hung cloudlets, Pure stoles to be worn by the Feast: While the earth and the heavens are wai

For the beautiful mass of the Priest. I opened my window, half dreaming My soul went away from my eyes, And my heart began saying "Hall Marys," Somewhere up in the beautiful skies,

Where the shadows of sin never rested; And the angels were waning to hear The prayer that ascends with "Our Father," And keeps hearts and the heavens so near

And all the day long,—can you blame me?
"Hall Mary," "Our Father." I said,
And I think that the Christ and his Mothe
Were glad of the way that I prayed.

And I think that the great, bright Archange Was listening all the day long For the echo of ev-ry "Hall Mary" That soared thro' the skies, like a song From the hearts of the true and the faithful, In accents of joy or of wee, Who kissed in their faith and their fervor The Festival's surplice of snow.

I listened, and each passing minute, I heard in the lands far awav "Hail Mary," "Our Father," and near me I heard all who knelt down to pray.

Pray the same as I prayed, and the angel, And the same as the Christ of our love— And the same as the Christ of our love— "Our Father" "Hail Mary," "Our Father" Winging just the same sweet flight above Passed the morning, the noon, came the

the temple of Christ was aflame
With the halo of lights on three altars,
And one wore his own mother's name

Her statue stood there and around it. Shone the symbolic stars. Was their glear And the flow'rets that fragranced her alta: Were they only the dream of a dream? Or were they sweet signs to my vision Of a Truth far beyond mortal ken, That the Mother had rights in the temple Of Him she had given to men?

Was it wronging her Christ-son, I wonde For the Christian to honor her so? For the Christian to honor her so? Ought her statue pass out of His temple? Ask the Feast in its surplice of snow.

Ah, me! had the pure flakelets voices, I know what their white lips would say, And I know that the lights on her altar Would pray with me, if they could pray! Methinks that the flowers that were fading Sweet virgins that die with the Feast, Like martyrs upon her fair altar, If they could they would pray with the Priest,

And would murmur "Our Fathe," "Hail

Mary,"
Till they drooped on the altar, in death,
And be glad in their dying for giving
To Mary their last sweetest breath. Passed the day as a poem that passes
Through the poet's heart's sweetest o

strings; Moved the minutes from masses to masses Did I hear a faint sound as of wings. Rustling over the aisles and the altars?
Did they go to her altar and pray?
Or was my heart only a-dreaming
At the close of the Festival-day?

Quiet throngs came into the temple, As still as the flowers at her feet, And, wherever they kneit, they were gazing Where the statue looked smiling and sweet. "Our Fathers," "Hail Mary's" were blend

ed
In a pure and perfect accord,
And passed by the beautiful Mother
To fall at the feet of Our Lord,

Low-toned from the hearts of a thousand W"Our Fathers," "Hail Mary's" swept on To the star-wreathed statue. I wonder Did they wrong the great name of her So

Her on and our Saviour-I wonder How He heard our "Hail Mary's" that night?
Were the words to Him sweet as the music
They once were, and did we pray right?

Or was it all wrong ?—will He punish Our lips if we make them the home Of the words of the great, high Arcnangel That won Him to sinners to come?

Ah, me! does He blame my own mother, Who taught me a child at her k-ee, To say, with "Our Father." Hall Mary ?" If'tis wrong, my Christ! punish but me. Let my mother, oh, Jesus! be blameless; Let me suffer for her if you blame. Her pure mother's heart knew no better When she taught me to love the pure nar

Oh, Christ! of Thy beautiful Mother Must I hide her name down in my heart? But ah! even there you will see it— From Thy mother's name how can I part?

On Thy name all divine have I rested In the days when my heart-trial cam Sweet Christ, like to thee I am human And I need Mary, pure human name.

Did I hear a voice? or was I dreaming? I heard—or I sure seemed to hear— "Who blames you for loving my mother Is wronging my heart—do not lear. " I am human e'en here in my heavens, What I was I am still all the same, And I still love my beautiful mother,— And thou, Priest of mine, do the same.'

I was happy—because I am human— And Christ in the silences heard "Our Father," "Hail Mary." "Our Fath Murmured faithfully word after word.

Swept the beautiful "O Salutaris" Down the aisles—did the starred statue stir? Or was my heart only a-dreaming When it turned from her statue and her?

The door of a white tabernacle Felt the touch of the hand of the Priest; Did he waken the Host from its slumbers To come forth and crown the high Feast

To come forth so strangely and silent, And just for a sweet little while, And then to go back to its prison. Thro' the stars did the sweet statue smile

I knew not, but Mary, the Mother, I think almost envied the Priest, He was taking her place at the altar,— Did she dream of the days in the East.

When her hands, and her's only, held Him Her child in his waking and rest, Who had strayed in a love that seems way ward This eve to this shrine in the West. Did she dream of the straw of the manger When she gazed on the altar's pure whit Did she fear for her Son any danger In the little Host, helpless that night?

No, no! she is trustful as he is; What a terrible trust in our race! The Divine has still faith in the Human— What a story of infinite grace!

"Tantum Ergo," high hymn of the altar, That came from the heart of a saint, Swept triumph-toned all through the temp Did my ears hear the sound of a plaint?

Neath the glorious roll of the singing To the temple had sorrow crept in? Or was it the moan of a sinner? Oh! beautiful Host, wilt thou win?

In thy little half hour's Benediction The heart of the sinner again? And, merciful Christ! thou wilt comfort The sorrow that brings thee its pain.

Came a hush, and the Host was uplifted, And it made just the sign of the cross O'er the low bended brows of the people. Oh, Host of the Holy! thy loss

To the altar and temple and people
Would make this world darkest of night;
And our hearts would grope blind y or
through it,
For our love would have lost all its light. WRITTEN AFTER BENEDICTION AT ST. IGNATUS'S CHURCH, BY FATHER RYAN.

"Laudate," what thrilling of triumph! Our souls soared to God on each tone, And the Host went again to its prison, For our Christ fears to leave us alone

Blossed Priest, strange thou art His jailor, Thy hand holds the beautiful key That locks in His prison love's Captive, And keeps Him in fetters for me. . . . . . Twas over—I gazed on the statue.
"Our Father," "Hail Mary," still came.
And to-night, Faith and Love cannot help it
I must still pray the same, still the same

Written at Loyola College, Dec. 11, 1880.

## QUEBEC LETTER.

A principal topic of the week is the attempt to manoeuvre the resignation of

SUPERVISOR OF CULLERS. Mr. Quinn, in a published letter, complains of this conduct. A good deal of feeling exists on this point and also on the proposed substitution of another than an Irish catholic. This is the only really important department presided over in this city by one of that class and the Government would set wisely in representation this feeling. would act wisely in respecting this feeling. The law requires certain qualifications in the incumbent of this office and there is no

every respect competent.

A very large and enthusiastic meeting
was held here on Saturday with a view to
the establishment of a branch of THE LAND LEAGUE

difficulty in finding an Irish Catholic in

THE LAND LEAGUE.

The Hon. Mr. Hearn, M. L. C., was called to the chair, and after a spirited address from him a committee of organization was appointed—to report to a mass meeting of the Irish of the city and district to be called

DEATHS IN THE CLOISTER. DEATHS IN THE CLOISTER.

On Saturday last at the Ursuline Convent,
Miss Mary Ann McDonald, in religion St.
Benedict, eldest daughter of the late Mr.
Charles McDonald and sister of Mr. Wim.
M. McDonald and of Rev. Mothers St.
Patrick of the Hotel Dieu and many of
the Sacred Heart of the Ursulines, went to
her reward: she made her profession in her reward: she made her profession in 1874. On the same day at the same place was also called to receive her crown, Miss large of Montreal, it religion. harose of Montreal, is religion Rev. Mother Mary of Good Help; professed in 1871. They were both interred in the crypt of the monastery on Tuesday morn-

A VENERABLE CITIZEN, Mr. Micheal Cuden, was also called away during the week at the patriarchal age of seventy six. Mr. Cullen was an old resident having resided in this this city for over half a century,

A VENERABLE PRIEST, the Rev. Father outher, P. P. of St. Ambrose of Lorette, also entered into his reward during last week. He had spent over fift years in the Priesthood. His Grace the Archbishop pontificated at the requiem mass. Monsignor Cazeau, of whom the deceased was an old and valued friend, was also present. The death is said to have affected him very much; he has been very ill, but is now pronounced A BAZAAR.

in aid of the Asylum of the Sisters o Charity is presently being held in the Hall of the St. Patrick's Literary Institute. His Grace and a number of clergymen have patronized it and also the general public,

Miscellaneous.

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# BRANTFORD LETTER.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. BASIL'S.

On Sunday His Lordship Bishop Crinnon dministered the sacrament of Confirmation to nearly two hundred persons including twenty or more adults. The rows of children in front of the altar was a very pleasant sight, all appearing bright and pleasant sight, all appearing bright and happy and intelligent beyond their years. His Lordship preached a short, clear ser-His Lordship preached a short, clear sermon during mass, from the words "Go ye therefore, teach all nations," &c., in the course of which he gave several reasons to prove that it was by having an authorized and infallible. and infallible expounder of his law that the Almighty designed men should be brought to salvation, and not as some con-tended by simply reading the word of God and trusting to poor human judgment for obtaining the true meaning of the law. The consequences of depending on man's effort alone in finding revealed truth was apparent in the numerous sects existing in the world to-day. In all God's works there exists the greatest harmony, and it is unreasonable to suppose that in a matter of so much importance we are left without a sure guide whereby we may discover the true meaning of the teachings of Christ. That guide is the Catholic Church. Though not occupying much time in de-livery the sermon was plain and comprehensive. After the administration of the sacrament His Lordship gave some advice to the children, and admonished the parents to be mindful of the duties they have to perform towards those given in trust to

At vespers in the evening the Rev. At vespers in the evening the Rev. Father Bardou spoke feelingly on the subject, renewing the advice of the Bishop, and expressing his happiness at the great spiritual work that had been performed.

CHRISTMAS TREE.
For some weeks the leaders of the congregation have been making preparations for holding a christmas tree, and every arrange-ment is about completed, with most promising prospects of success. On Thursday evening the school house will be opened to

the public, and it is intended to keep open for several days. It is the intention of the ladies to endeavor to raise sufficient funds to plaster the church, and this is to be their first step. No doubt quite a handsome sum will be realized.

RECEPTION OF SODALISTS. On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, about fifty young women were received into the Sodality of the Biesed Virgin with an impressive ceremony. The pastor gave the members some words of encouragement and advice, which was followed by the solumn hand advice, the Bloom of the B

MIDNIGHT MASS. As usual midnight mass will be held on Friday night. The service at such an un-usual hour generally draws in a number of our Protestant neighbors. The admis-sion is to be by ticket, which will have the sion is to be by ticket, which will have the
effect of keeping away many undesirable
parties. Members of the congregation can
procure all the tickets they desire for their
friends by applying to the priests.

emn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

number of Brantford young men who have been away from the city for some time back are expected home for the

The municipal elections do not seem to be interesting many here as yet this season.

Messrs. Joseph Quinlan, A. Savare, A.

Hawkins, M. Whitby and A. McEvoy are
the retiring members of the Separate
School Board.

Three or four of the Redemptorist Fathers spent a few days in the city a fortnight ago. On the evening of the 8th Rev. Father Miller preached on the Immaculate Conception.

On suggesting "Protection" as a remedy for the trouble in Ireland, the Spectator has hit upon John Mitchell's theory, and was really advocating "Home Rule." Brantford, Dec. 20, 1880.

# SEAFORTH LETTER.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

of the word a gratifying success. Long before the hour appointed for its com-mencement nearly every available space within the spacious hall was well filled, and when the proceedings opened fully 900 persons must have been present. Many came from a considerable distance, and the parishioners, we are glad to say assembled in their hundreds. That every person present was highly satisfied with the entertainment, we have not the slightest doubt, the universal testimony being that no such concert as this has ever before been held in our stirring little town. The stage was very tastefully decorated, and with appropriate scenery presented a very attractive appearance in the absence of Mr. M. P. Hays, Mr. J II. Benson occupied the chair and dis-charged the duties of that office to the entire satisfaction of all. Although the programme was rather lengthy, yet from the admirable manner in which it was carried out, the attention of the vast audience was never allowed to flag for one inst nt

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PROGRAMME—PART I.

"A Medley Quartette" by the Misses Walsh and Messrs. Joslen and Cline, our local Amanders of the general public, in a very liberal manner.

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This ended the first part of the programme, and an intermission of five minutes ensued.

PART H.

The Quartette Club again appeared and sang "Come rise with the Lark," which was rapturously encored. Miss B. Reidy then sang "Down the Burn Davie Lane," which was rapturously encored. Miss B. Reidy then sang "Down the Burn Davie Lane," which was gain and egain encored. Next followed a duet by the Messrs, Egan and Jashin, "Excelsior," which was particularly fine and received well-merited encores. The Bue Alsatian Mountains" by Mis Lizzle Waish was one of the best songs of the evening and eathed forth a most enthusiastic encore, which was gracefully "Miss Walsh has every reason to feel pound for the dattering reception which she best songs of the evening and eathed forth a pecerater elocate them. She is a young lady of great professed to the Miss was one of the product of the season to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet rank second to some in a vocalist will yet on yet a vocalist will yet the band of the plandits of the audience. Although a mere boy in appearance he is really a finished coming and the audience. Although a mere boy in appearance he is really a finished coming and the will yet a vocalist will yet the plandits of the audience. Although a mere boy in appearance he is really a finished coming and the will yet a vocalist will yet the plandit of the carried for the curial to receive the plandits of the audience. Although a mere boy in appearance he is really a finished coming and the plandit of the programme, the laties and gentlemen who had contributed the musical success of the evening all

Amongst those present from a distance we noticed the following: Rev. Dean Murphy and Father Sheridan of Irishtown; Rev. B.J. Watters, Goderich; Rev. P. Dillon, Rev. F. McEwen, Windham; Rev. J. Carlin, Woodstock; Rev. J. Stratford. Captain Cook, Mrs. the Misses Cook, Mr. Graham Moorehous the Misses Cook, Mr. Graham Moorehouse, Mr. James Doyle, Mrs. Boyle, Miss H. Doyle, Mr. W. D. Shannon and Mrs. Shannon, Mr. D. Curry and Mrs. Curry, Mrs. P. Walker, all of Goderich. Mr. Joseph Kidd, Mr. Geo. Kudd and Mrs. Kidd, Master Joe. Kidd and Miss E. Kidd, of Dublin; besides a host of others whose names we could not obtain owing to the vast throng. We have been unable to ascertain the exact proceeds so far, as quite a large number of tickets were sold in the country for which returns have not as yet been made. The proceeds will, however, foot up to a considerable sum, and will greatly assist Father O'Shea in lightening the debt on the church

MAPLE LEAF.

#### LOCAL NEWS.

The Irish Benevolent Society will distri-bute the Christmas cheer on Friday after ten o'clock, in the store formerly occupied by Wilson & Cruic shank, Richmond-st.

We are glad to see our old friend Dr. Hagarty once more in our midst, on a few weeks' visit from Manitoba. He looks as hale and hearty as usual.

The present mayor, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. R. Lewis, are the present candidates in the field for that position for the next

A man named Robert Hughes said he was robbed of \$15 on the street by two young men last week. He swore that one of them knocked him down "and then he fell." The magistrate discharged the risoners, there not being enough evidence to convict them.

The injunction on the sale of the Western Fair Grounds cost the East Middlesex Agricultural Society \$917.14. Injunc-tions are expensive luxaries. Interested parties behind the scenes likely paid most of this sum. But it is not probable they will seek any more injunctions.

Our city grocers have this year, as usual, come to the determination to avoid the custom of giving Christmas presents. We do not see why grocers, any more than other merchants, should give away their goods on this occasion to people who are very well able to pay for all they get. The custom is one which has nothing to recommen it.

The civic elections are close at hand. We hope the voters will this year duly consider each man's fitness for the position he seeks before they record their votes Some persons have filled the aldermanic chair who for many serious reasons should never have been voted into it. We want sterling good men who have a capacity for business, and who know how to behave themselves. Keep out the scolding orat-

It is not yet definitely decided who will be the candidates for the position of Water Commissioners for the coming year. The name of Mr. Vining is freely mentioned amongst some of our best citizens. We hope he will allow himself to be placed in nomination. We know for the company of the com of no other man in the city who would command more the respect and confidence of all classes. In his civic capacity in former years Mr. Vining was an honor and credit to the city.

Now that our candidates for municipal honors are in the field would it not be well to exact a promise from each that he will, while at the meetings, devote his will, while at the meetings, devote his attention to business and avoid wasting valuable time making speeches. We know some men who have a habit of making speeches. They think they are cr will be orators. They may be some day. But they should rent a room, and not practice so much at the expense of the city. We have seen on occasions when such a mohave seen, on occasions when such a momentous question as the remission of a dog tax was brought before the board, nearly every alderman make a brilliant oration on the subject. Full and free discussion is all very well on certain occasions, but the privilege is sadly abused now-a-days. We hope some member of the new board will introduce a by-law to remedy this abuse of privilege. Call it "A By-Law to im-pose a tax on inordinate aldermanic talk-The little suburb of Petersville has been

the afternoon for the boys. Then the elderly people would be more comfortable in the evening. There are several grave issues at stake in Petersville. One hunired and eighty-eight of its sturdy manry want the name changed to London West. We do not now how many oppose this, but judging from the number yeas the nays cannot be numerous. portion of the people want the village in-corporated with the city. Then another section don't. There are about seventyfive different parties in the little outskirt pear to be neglected at the hands of the Board of Works. It must be borne in mind that for a number of years they have had a real Board of Works in Petersville We were not at the meeting in question. We read of it. It is unfortunate the "famous war correspondent" did not ar-rive in good season to report it. We think it would be useless for the villagers to ress the matter of incorporation with onden at present. Even London, with all its sins, will not form an alliance with such an uproarious suburb. At present the name of the place should be Little the name of the place should be lattice. Bedlam. Is it not, after all, most unfortunate that the meetings of most civic dignitaries are so frequently turned into scolding matches. We suppose the progress of the age will in time remedy this. A change of some sort is most desirable.

#### . 40+ . Forty Hours' Adoration.

The Forty Hours' Adoration commenced at the Cathedral on Sunday. His Lord-ship Bishop Walsh preached a most im-pressive sermon on this subject, and at the onclusion announced that immediately fter mass the Blessed Sacrament would e exposed for the adoration of the faith al. In the enening was present one f the largest congregations we have ever een in the Cathedral. Father O'Mahony deivered a most powerful sermon on this or asion. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednes day masses were celebrated at 5:30 and o'clock. On the evenings of Monday and Tuesday a short instruction, followed by Benediction, took place. The exercises were brought to a close on Wednesday morning at the High Mass. Large crowds of people thronged the church at all ...

# Christmas Masses.

Pontifical High Mass will be celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Walsh on Christ-nas morning at six o'clock. This will be on Sundays. At St. Mary's Church will be celebrated at the usual time. At St. Mary's Church mass

#### CANADIAN NEWS.

James Redpath will lecture in Montreal on the 4th of January. Hon. David Christic died on Wednes-

day, December 16th, at his residence, near Paris, Ont.

An old man named Duffy was burned to death in his log house, Drummond township, Lanark county, on Friday. The origin of the fire is not known. On Sunday evening last His Lordship Bishop O'Mahony delivered a lecture in Toronto in aid of the St. Vincent de Paul

The wife of a Hamilton policeman named Fenton was nearly burned to death on Thursday, by her clothing catching fire at the stove while engaged in washing.

A mass meeting of Land Leaguers was held at Montreal on Thursday, and addresses delivered sympathising with the wrongs of Ireland.

A two and a-half-year-old son of Mr. Lot Richardson, of Mountain, Dundas county, while playing with a cat on Satur-day, fell backwards into a pot of boiling hot water, and was so badly scalded that he died soon after.

A concert was given in the hall of St. Michael's College, Toronto, on Tuesday evening, for the benefit of St. Basil's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. A large audience was present. The concert was a first-class one in

The organ squabble in Cooke's Church has got into the police court. The parties who put the organ in the building laid information against those who threw it out for unlawfully and wilfully disturbing, for unlawfully and wilfully disturbing, interrupting and disquieting an assemblage of persons met for religious worship by rude and indecent behavior. Messrs. Bain, Oliver and McMillan were fined \$5 and costs each, or twenty days, and Mr Bell \$1 and costs, or ten days, for disturb ng the service.

Toronto, December 18 .- An old woman Toronto, December 18.—An old woman named Margaret McKee died on Tuesday at 105 Berkley street. Henry Tideyman, her landlord, and Mrs. Rolph, his daughter, assert that they had been attending her during her illness and claim \$25 each therefor, and seized the body. The Tideymans stated they would not allow the body to be removed. But on discovering that the old lady left \$160 they allowed the policemen to take charge of the remains.

#### THE BAZAAR AT WINGHAM.

On the 28th, 29th, and 30th of Dec ember a grand bazaar will be held at Wing ham, in behalf of the church at that place As this is a new mission, and the Catholica are few in number, it is earnestly hoped that many friends at a distance will lend their aid to make the undertaking successful. The people of the parish have done their full share in seconding the efforts of their energetic pastor, Father O'Connor, and we therefore earnestly hope that the Catholics of London and other places will contribute to the good object. Many have already promised assistance, and it is requested that these will at once forward the articles intended for tables. Those who have secured books of tickets will also that many friends at a distance will lend articles intended for tables. Those who have secured books of tickets will also kindly make their return to Father O'Con-nor at once, together with the money they received, as it is desirable to know are ticket holders. There are in The little suburb of Petersville has been revelling in the enjoyment of its annual tournament of public meetings. They have been eminently successful. The boys enjoyed themselves amazingly. The hall was crowded. All the people could not get in. What a pity. The entertainment was rich. We hope the managers will in future remedy this by holding a matinee in the effective of the state of the sta

# THE CONCERT IN GODERICH.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, one of the largest audiences which ever turned out to a musical or literary enter-tainment greeted Miss Reidy and her as-sociates on Tuesday. Of Miss Reidy's sing-ing we cannot spea too highly. Her appearance was the signal for an outburst of enthusiasm intensified when her magenthusia-m intensified when her mag-nificent vocal powers were exhibited. Whether in "L'Estasia "The Kerry Dance," or "Comin' Thro' the Rye," she appeared equally to advantage, and fully merits the encomiums which have been paid her by press and public. Miss Norah Dillon is a sweet singer of quiet demeanor and modest mien. The Misses Weimer also make ex-cellent barmony, and received a fair share cellent harmony, and received a fair share of the plaudits of the audience. Mr. John Drumgole, of London, was highly appreciated, and had to give encores for each of his songs. Mr. Tom Joslin of Seaforth, brought down the house in his "special-ties" his "Movingity" being a strongly reties, "his "Moriarity" being a strongly re-resentative character. Our local celebrity Mr. Robertson, also came in for a part of the pleasures of the evening from an ap-preciative audience. Mrs. O'Loane and Miss A. Doyle presided at the instrument during the evening in a highly satisfactory manner to both vocalists and audience.

The lecture by Father Flannery, of St. Thomas, was a rich treat. The rev. turer possesses a pleasant voice, tipped with a strong touch of the "brogue," which sounds most harmoniously on the ear. The lecture showed traces of deep thought and strong reasoning, and at times breathed forth glowing sentiments and finished periods. Unfortunately the rev. gentleman appeared to be conscious that he had been, as he himself expressed it, "sand-wiched" in between the musical parts of the entertainment, and in his endeavor to curtail his remarks did not do justice to himself. But there was rich wit, perception of genius, an appreciation of Moore's rollicking humor, as well as an acknowledgment of the poet's pathos, patriotism and true refinement of langupatriousin and true remement of langu-age, which went far to show that had more time been at the speaker's command a treat indeed was in store for the audience. Light was shed upon the life of "Tom Moore" which had not been shown before hours on the days mentioned, and it was truly edifying to witness the piety and fervor of the people.

Advanced which had not been shown before to a Goderich audience. The poet's dark and bright parts were exhibited to view, and his greatness and his and his greatness and his weakness, his frivolity and his genius made apparent. The lecture was interspesed with choice selections from the product of Moore's facile pen and fertile brain, ably rendered by the lecturer. On the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was tendered Rev. Father Flannery for his excellent discourse followed by masses at the same hours as by the chairman, Mayor Doyle, on behalf by the chairman, Mayor Doyle, on replied of the audience, which was neatly replied handcutts. to by the rev. gentleman .- Signal.

#### Christmas Thoughts.

BY MRS. J. J. KEHOE.

Through the midnight's chilling silence, Angels bright are bending o'er, Hurrying slumb'ring souls to Bethl'em, Infant Jesus to adore, Seraphs singling heavinly anthems, Shepherds, Kings, rich offerings bring, Midnight calm is stirred with gladness, Welcome to the Infant King.

O'er the sleeping earth there rises
Echoes of a heav'nly song,
High above the highest heaven.
Deep below the depths of wrong,
Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Could our love those strains increase!
To Him add one mite of glory,
He who brings us perfect Peace!

Fume we through the starry brightness. Incense rare to Him on high. Perfumed with repentant sorrow, As the Christmas hour draws nigh, Faith and love as myrrh we ofter. Hope and joy our poor heart brings, Are by Him more prized and welcomed Than the gold of Eastern Kings.

Kneel in spirit at the manger, Kneel amid the anget throng, Ask for favors—he they ever, Pardon for our daily wrong, Poorer than the hund'lest shepherd, Poorer are the gifts we bear, Infant rich with heavenly sweetness, Fill our hearts with love and prayer. Stratford, Dec. 1889. Stratford, Dec., 1880.

### PROTESTANT INCONSISTENCY.

To the Editor of the Record.

Protestantism teaches that the bible is the sole rule of religious belief and guidance, and that every man has a right to interpret the same according to his own light and judgment. It boastingly proclaims that man is a free being, can believe as he understands, and anyone who differs with this infallible doctrine is wrong: as, for instance, the Catholic, who considers in his private opinion, that the church has the authority and divine right to command, to instruct, and consequently to be heard, and he finds such a belief enoined in the bible, too, where Christ says, he that will not hear the Church, let him be to thee as a heathen and a publican"; "he that hears you hears Me"; a d elsewhere. But now the inconsistency is car-ried still farther, and we find that when a man disagrees with the accustomed faith man disagrees with the accustomed faith of the majority, he is not only told he has no right to so interpret the Holy Seriptures, but is even fixed or sent to gaol for so doing, although he is but following the only doctrine Protestantism instils, namely, private judgment. I allude to the recent case in Strathroy, of Caivin Peters, who was convicted and seet to prison for tairty days, merely because he understood from the bible that the Lord's day, or Sabbath, should be kept on Saturday instead of should be kept on Seturday instead of Sunday. Where is the boasted liberty there? Why do not the Protestant ministers declaim against the law condemning their doctrine, since they taught him that even if he were wrong, he was all right and should not be interfered with. But according to the bible, is he wrong? I know the catholic Church transferred the know the catholic Church transferred the observance of the Lord's day from the last to the first day of the week, but I shall be very glad if some good minister—by good, I mean obliging—will inform me where authority for so doing can be fou d in the Word of God. If none exist there, then Protestants do not act up to nor believe in their sprittual guide, in a very essential point. But perhaps the fear of he law deters them. If poor Calvin Peters had been likewise afraid, or if he had only known enough to have been a Catholic, he

# Address and Presentation.

On Friday afternoon the pupils of the econd division of the London West public school presented their teacher. Miss Kate M. Marshall, with the following address and a valuable pair of vases.

Miss Marshall, Teacher Second Division London West Public School.

Dear Te cher:—We take advantage of the holiday season to mark the good will which exists between you, our teacher, and us your pupils. Though only a few short months have passed since you became known to us, yet so full of pleasure and we trust profit have they been that you are already thought of as a dear friend You have been very kind to us and patient. No doubt we have tried you and you have been discouraged, but you have you have been discouraged, but you have borne with us in such a manner as makes us love you. Then, too, you have helped us to help ourselves, slow to learn, you have been and to teach and under your careful instruction we have day by day

come to know and understand things new.
To-day we are wiser and we hope better And now as a slight evidence of our tender regard we beg your acceptance of these vases, and trust that though they may contain fading flowers, you shall have of us as we shall have of you a merrory "exer fresh and over?"

ever fresh and green."
Wishing you a merry Xmas and a happy

New Year,

We remain, dear teacher,

Your affectionate purils.

Signed, Lizzie Jones, Ada Miggs, Eda

Signed, Lizzie Jones, Ada Miggs, Eda Ware, Maria Grent.
Petersville, Dec. 17th, 1880.
Miss Marshall replied briefly, thanking the children kindly for their bandsome gift and very flattering address, assuring them they would be prized by her as a memento of the days she spent and was to spend amongst them. Beingcompletely taken by surprise, she was, she said, unable to express her gratitude as she would wish, but assured the children their kindness would not be forgotten. She con-cluded by wishing them a merry Xmas and a happy New Year.

A daring robbery was perpetrated in the village of Florence Friday night by some of the gong who have been operating in other parts of Canada lately. The office of the Treasurer of the township of Euphemia was broken into, the safe forced, phemia w

nd between \$5,000 and \$6,000 stolen. Mathew Allen, the burglar, has been safely lodged in the penitentiary. The detectives found a quill in his possession on the way down. This is used by prison-ers for the purpose of slipping the spring of purpose of slipping the spring of

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