

PERSONALITY OF THE DEVIL.

An anecdote is told of an English clergyman who had a custom of introducing the personal pronouns in a redundant manner, somewhat after the idiom of the Continental languages.

If this simple good man lived now, how startled would he be to hear the infallible head of the English church with her privy council, have decided there is no devil, or at least the teaching of the church of England, does not require any one to believe it.

Jenkins appealed to the Privy Council wherein with the sanction of her majesty, resides the highest ecclesiastical authority, and in whom—although composed of infidels and Jews—the revelation of Christianity, must for Protestants infallibly flow.

Of course, all Christendom will instantly submit to this authoritative decision of the venerable doctors of the English religion. The sinners of the world will be especially relieved to find that they are under no necessity of believing that there exists a malignant being, into whose hands they are playing, whilst indulging their evil propensities, whether in the matter of unbelief or of immorality.

THE BIBLE AND ITS ENEMIES.

The following statement appeared in the Witness of last Friday:—

THE BIBLE AND THE PAPACY.—It has been for many centuries the boast of Rome that she never changes, and although three are periods in her history which prove that when it has suited her purpose she has not hesitated to deviate from the trodden path of former generations, there is one principle at least, to which she has adhered with unwavering tenacity, and that is her hostility to the word of God.

At Bologna, on the 20th of October, 1553, three Romish Bishops gave the following written answer to Pope Julius III., when desired to furnish their counsel as to the best means of strengthening their Church:—

is utterly different from and often even contrary to it; which thing if the people understand, they will not cease their clamor against us till all be divulged, and then we shall become an object of universal scorn and hatred.

We are not in a position to prove the correctness of this document but for fear the weak and unlettered should stumble across the statement and not know how to answer, we suggest the following:—

It is a well known fact similar documents have been quoted lately by dishonest controversialists, whose forgeries and false assertions have been exposed to their disgrace.

Moreover, it may surprise some of the pious readers of the sanctimonious Witness to hear, the Catholic Church takes the same precaution as she did in centuries gone by, and discourages the promiscuous reading of the Bible.

CLERICAL INTERFERENCE IN POLITICS.

DEAR SIR,—The recent pamphlet of Sir A. T. Galt on the political situation in the Province of Quebec, should, it seems to me, challenge the serious reflection of every true son of the Catholic Church, not alone in that old Catholic province, but also throughout this entire Dominion.

St. Thomas Church, Belleville, was destroyed by fire on Saturday morning.

Our contemporary the Star has come out in a new dress, and its appearance is considerably improved thereby.

REVIEWS.

DEVIL'S CHAIN.—The author of "Ginx Baby," has given us a valuable contribution to Temperance literature. The pictures of domestic sorrow, drawn by a master hand, are too realistic and familiar to the sad memories of many, to admit the indifference given to a work of fiction.

The Canadian edition is brought out in cheap form by Messrs. Dawson Bros., of this city.

DANIEL DEKORADA.—We have received the first number of this story; it is to be published in eight monthly parts; it is just such a work as will be welcomed by those who love long-winded three volume novels.

MATILDA DE CANOSSA.—Translated by Anna T. Sadler. From Messrs. Sadler & Co. 275 Notre Dame St., Montreal.

This is a beautiful historical story from the gifted pen of the celebrated Italian essayist, Bresciani. In the original this work ranks amongst the foremost of classical literature, and when we know the present translation comes from the able pen of Miss A. T. Sadler, we have a guarantee that the splendid original has lost nothing in the reproduction.

THE DUBLIN REVIEW, for January, 1876.—This number of the world renowned Review is unusually rich and well selected; the articles sustain the reputation this quarterly gained in its palmy days.

We are happy to notice amongst the recent nominations by the Local Government of this Province to the dignity of Queen's Counsel the name of our friend J. J. Curran, Esq.

CARD OF THANKS.—The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Catholic Young Men's Society on Tuesday evening, 22d Feb., 1876:—

THE PREMIUM ENGRAVING, the Three Graces, advertised in our 7th page, is one of extraordinary size, and in its execution nothing has been sacrificed or slighted.

NOTES AND CORRESPONDENCE.

All communications for insertion in the True Witness, or relating in any way to the news columns, must be addressed to THE EDITOR, True Witness, Montreal, and must be authenticated with the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

All Business Letters, relating to Advertisements, Subscriptions, supply of Copies, Back Numbers, &c., &c., should be addressed to the Proprietor, Mr. JOHN GUILLET, True Witness, Montreal, to whom Post Office Orders, Cheques, &c., should be made payable.

QUEEN'S COUNSEL.—The following members of the Montreal Bar have been appointed Queen's Counsel by the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec:—Messrs. George Maréchal, Joseph M. Loranger, Desiré Girouard, Hon. Senator Trudel, Alexandre Lacoste, John Joseph Curran and Charles P. Davidson.

Intelligence has been received at Quebec of destruction by fire of the Catholic Church at Pierre Les-Bacquets. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FATHER LOCKHART AND THE "DUBLIN REVIEW."—In another column will be found a letter from this distinguished priest in which he strongly condemns the anti-Irish pronouncement of the Dublin Review, when referring to the proceedings in connection with the O'Connell Centenary.

The total amount expended in the promotion of emigration in 1875 was \$296,000.

WORKED TO DEATH.—One of the horses employed by the C. P. R. Company dropped dead on Saturday evening nearly opposite the Jesuits' Church, on Bligny street.

POSTMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT.—The Postmaster-General's Report has been received from which we learn that the number of Post Offices in Canada on the 1st January, 1876, was 4,892, of which number 3,054 are in Ontario and Quebec.

LUCAN, Feb. 24.—This afternoon, while John Bowden, constable, and John Reid were attempting to arrest two men at Fitzhenry's tavern, by the name of Donnelly and Farrell, the latter drew a revolver and shot Reid in the stomach; Reid is not expected to recover.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Hamilton, W H H, \$2; Barrie, J M, 2; Milford, P M, 2; Clayton, W O N, 2; Tracadie, N B, W F, 2; Cow Bay, N S, Rev J M J, 2; North Lancaster, A L, 2; Willowgrove, M H, 2; Rockwood, J K, 1; Buckingham, J M, 2; Kingsbridge, Rev J S, Teeterville, P G, 2; Pakenham, Rev D J, 4; Three Rivers, Rev J B, 5; Danville, Rev L A, M, 2; North Gower, J K, 2; Almonte, M F, 2; Peterboro, T B, 1; Roxton Falls, Rev F P, 2; Paumotu, J M, 2; Ampror, D M, 2.

Per S L, St Eugene—P K, 3; Vankleek Hill, T H, 1 50.

Per D S, Malcolm—Self, 2; J M, 2.

Per J G, Lindsay—A C, 2.

Per M J C, Hawkesbury Mills—Self, 2; J O, 2; T O, M, 2; W M, 2.

Per P H, Osceola—M S, 1.

Per J O B, Inverness—A K, 75 cts.

Per J L, Perth—R G, 1.

Per R E, Brockville—J S, 2.

Per M O C, Marmora—J M, 1 50; W C, 2.

CASHMAN.—In Toronto, on the 17th ult., the wife of Mr. C. Cashman, of a daughter.

SCANLAN.—In this city, on the 24th ult., Patrick Scanlan, formerly of H. M. Customs, in the 78th year of his age.

MCCALLY.—In this city, on the 26th ult., Mary Ann, only daughter of Wm. McNally.

The Sisters of Mercy wish to inform the public that they are to have raffish divers objects amongst which are:—

A lady's cloth mantle, braided and beaded, this mantle is valued at \$100, and the price of ticket is 50cts.

A child's mantle of white French merino embroidered, this mantle is valued at \$100, and the price of ticket is 50cts.

A dress of pink swiss silk for a child from eight to ten years old, this dress is valued at \$20, and the price of ticket is 25cts.

A magnificent piano of rose-wood valued at \$630, price of ticket \$1.

The persons who desire to encourage this raffish which is made for the benefit of the Institute, will please address at No. 253 Lagachechere st., corner of Campeau st.

A special announcement will make known to the public the day which will be chosen for this raffish.

The Sisters of Mercy profit by this circumstance to announce to the public that they have a clothing department where they make all kinds of Gentlemen's, Ladies and Children's work, and that they have constantly divers work ready to be furnished on demand.

A call is respectfully solicited at their clothing department, No. 253 Lagachechere st., corner of Campeau st.

Greenbacks bought at 12 1/2 dis. American Silver bought at 10 dis.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.—(Globe.)

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Superior Extra, Fancy, Spring Extra, Superfine, Extra Superfine, and others.

TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET.—(Globe.)

Table listing various agricultural products and their prices, including Wheat, Barley, Oats, Peas, Rye, Dressed Hogs, Beef, Mutton, Butter, Eggs, Apples, Turkeys, Cabbage, Onions, Turnips, Potatoes, Hay, and Straw.

THE KINGSTON MARKET.—(British Whig.)

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Flour, Family, Grain, Rye, Peas, Oats, Wheat, Fall Wheat, Meat, Mutton, Ham, Veal, Bacon, Pork, Calf Skins, Dukin Skins, Lambskins, Tallow, Poultry, Geese, Ducks, Pairs, Fowls, Potatoes, Butter, Eggs, Cheese, Hay, Straw, Wood, Coal, and Wool.

J. H. SEMPLE, IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE GROCER, 53 ST. PETER STREET, (Corner of Foundling), MONTREAL.

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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of this CORPORATION will be held in the ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY'S HALL, corner of Craig and St. Alexander Streets, on MONDAY Evening next, 6th Mar., at 8 o'clock. SAMUEL CROSS, Rec.-Secretary.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of the IRISH HOME RULE LEAGUE will be held in the ST. PATRICK'S HALL, corner of St. Alexander and Craig Streets, on TUESDAY EVENING next, the 7th March, at EIGHT o'clock, sharp. M. MacNAMARA, Rec.-Sec.

WANTED.—A MALE TEACHER holding a second or third class certificate of qualification to teach in the Roman Catholic Separate School in Egauville, County Renfrew, Ont., during the remaining part of the present year. Application, Stating Salary, &c., to be made to REV. M. BYRNE, P.P., or JOHN FOLEY, Trustees. 27-3.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869 and 1875. CANADA, PROVINCE OF QUEBEC, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, District of Montreal. In the matter of James Higgins, of City of Montreal, Trader, An Insolvent. On Wednesday the Twelfth day of April next the undersigned will apply to the said Court for a discharge under the said Act. JAMES HIGGINS. MONTREAL, 1 March 1876. 29-6.