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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.
London, Ontario, May 23, 1879.
DEAR MR. COFFEY,—As you have become proprietor and publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD, I deem it my duty to announce to its subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its tone and principles; that it will remain, what it has been, thoroughly Catholic, entirely independent of political parties, and exclusively devoted to the cause of the church and to the promotion of Catholic interests.

among other things, they include a large reception, a dinner, etc., and, for some of them, the travelling expenses to Rome. The Duke of Norfolk paid the expenses of Cardinal Newman, the Catholics of Genoa those of Cardinal Alimonda, and the Pope himself those of Cardinal Hergenrother, who was of his household.

SOME Protestant papers of the virulent type are trying to belittle the great work of the Catholics of New York, by saying the site on which St. Patrick's Church was built was obtained by unfair means from the corporation.

A VERY COMMON Protestant error is to charge Catholics with paying to the Blessed Virgin that divine honor which is due to God alone.

THREE names have been forwarded to Rome for the See of Northampton, England. They are Canon Macmillen, Monsignor Patterson and Father Lockhart.

THE Kilkenny Moderator understands that Dr. Moran, Roman Catholic Bishop of Osory, will shortly leave that diocese and proceed to Canada as Apostolic Delegate in the room of the late Bishop Conroy.

LEO XIII. is becoming noted in Rome for the unostentatious way of his life. A letter from Rome says he "is the most simple in taste of all the Popes known to history."

POPE PIUS XI's fondness for children was frequently referred to as one of the many beautiful features of his character.

WITH all his exactitude of thought, Cardinal Newman has in him a fund of the truest poetry.

THEY have in Boston a society styled, "The Catholic Order of Foresters," a new body lately established, the object of which is the promotion of friendship, unity and true charity.

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city in which his youth was passed was largely imbued with the infidel spirit of the French revolution, and that its influence upon him was not encountered by any corrective force, in that to which he was afterwards attracted in England.

THE London Truth, commenting upon the recent conversion of Lord Bury, gives the following interesting summary of events connected with the life of that distinguished nobleman: "Lord Bury's conversion took place several weeks before it was publicly announced."

RUSSIAN NIHILISM.
The strength recently developed by the Socialists in Germany and the Nihilists in Russia has very justly attracted the attention of European statesmen and diplomatists.

IN Germany the Bismarckian system of repression will have the effect of adding to the influence of a society which freedom of speech and unrestricted political action on the part of every class and individual in the State would most effectually eradicate.

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ishing agricultural districts of European Russia.
With a system of administration characterised by favoritism, peculation and exaction, based upon disregard of honest and loyal expressions of public opinion, which it is the first duty of a good government to foster and promote; with a system of religion resting for support upon the ignorance and rapacity of the clergy, upon the credulity and superstition of the people; with an army reduced to a state of abject servitude, an army to fill whose ranks terrorism lends its persuasive powers, an army the mere creature of official—it were unjust to say—imperial exigence; in a word, with civil government hampered and vitiated by abuse, the State religion degraded by State control, the army perverted by lawlessness abroad and espionage at home, this Nihilistic movement has gathered such strength, sympathy and influence as to weaken the power and menace the very existence of Russian autocracy.

Without affection, without respect, how weak is that system whose only stays are a servile army, a degraded clergy, and a corrupt administration.

Assassination and incendiarism are the dread weapons chosen by the Russian Nihilists to effect their purpose.

IN our consideration of Nihilism we are forcibly reminded of the adage, "History repeats itself." For what nation, what government, what dynasty whose career has been marked by a violent and unrelenting persecution of the Church of the living God, has not declined, degenerated and disappeared.

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race and the bulwark of Catholicism. Whatever the future bring, the actual course of events portends difficulties and struggles that may involve all Europe in a terrible warfare.

NEW LIGHTS, OR LIFE IN GALWAY.
Many years ago we read a novel written by that most gifted lady, Mrs. Sadler, which had for its title, if we remember correctly, the words at the head of this article.

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be found in our good city of London who would for a consideration, when the hard times and hunger pinch them, be willing to accept the teachings of Joseph Smith or anybody else if a good "square meal" is in prospect.

THE Irish Church Mission Society employed a number of spiritual-looking young men, who were well trained in the art of drawing their countenances to any required length.

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