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CHRISTMAS IN CATHOLIC

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Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen. — "Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

PROF. GOLDWIN SMITH'S "Bystander" for January, makes this surprising declaration:

"Mr. Mowat occupies in the Province a position something like that of Sir John Macdonald in the Dominion: he has long been in the possession of power, has filled the Province with his appointees, has distributed the representation at his pleasure, and has all the means of influence in his hands. The Catholic vote he is allowed to use, turn about with Sir John, by an arrangement very convenient to both of them, though rather perplexing to their respective organs."

As to the Catholics. When we hear a politician speak in an unfriendly and hasty manner about the Bishops and priests of the Catholic Church, we feel pretty certain that at some time in that man's life he had sought assistance from either or both of them to help him into a position in public life. On being informed that Bishops and priests seldom or never take an active part in purely political contests, that they prefer to attend strictly to the duties of their sacred office, that their people are quite capable of judging how they should exercise their franchise, and that they would prefer not to interfere—all his native no Popery prejudices are aroused and straightway he declares that the Church of Rome is all wrong. The last sentence in Bystander has been, we fancy, written by or at the dictation of such a man. The statement that there is any such thing as a bargain between the Catholic people and Sir John Macdonald on the one hand, and Hon. Oliver Mowat, on the other, is as preposterous as it is extraordinary.

The Orange Scum advocates the erection of a statue of King William in Toronto. This is but another illustration of the fact that where Orangemen are numerous they are the most intolerant people in the world to a minority. It would appear, indeed, we are sorry to say, as though their object were to keep Toronto in a continual state of turmoil, fostering feelings of bitterness between man and man, and making the very name of the city a by-word and a reproach in the minds of the people in every other portion of the Dominion. There is probably no city in the world where a Protestant minority are more generously treated than in the Catholic city of Montreal. The highest places in the gift of the people are open to them, and they are oftentimes elected by very large majorities over Catholic candidates. Feelings of friendship and esteem and fair dealing are characteristic of the daily life of Catholics as applied to people of other religious persuasions, and nothing save the preaching of peace and good will to men, charity, forbearance, generosity, and liberality, is ever heard in the Catholic pulpits of Montreal from the lips of the much maligned Jesuits and other priests of that great city. On the other hand, there is probably no city in the world, not even excepting Belfast, where a Catholic minority are dealt with in a more unjust, even brutal, fashion than in the Protestant city of Toronto. When a Catholic presents himself for office—no matter how unimportant it may be—his religious belief is at once proclaimed a barrier, and a solid vote is cast against him. Some of the newspaper editors have found that the key to a large circulation is a vigorous abuse of Catholics, and they keep pounding on that chord continually. Some of the preachers go with the tide too. The key to an overflowing church is vigorous abuse of Catholics, and they, likewise, keep hammering away at that ungodly chord. Such is Toronto. How different is Montreal!

LATEST advices from Toronto via the Globe convey the pleasing intelligence

that the Prentiss Boys of that city attended church last week. Rev. Coverdale Watson, of the Bloor street Central Church, preached a sermon to the Boys. The subject matter of the discourse was not, it appears, of the accustomed character, and Mr. Watson is to be commended for introducing at last something new. He told a story. A boy went to a phenologist, and, on his advice, sought employment in a bank. The bank manager—probably some blood relation of ex-Mayor Howland—asked the boy to get seven men to answer the following questions as to his (the boy's) character.

Did you ever know him, in his youth, to play marbles for keeps? Did you ever know him to stay out late at night? Did you ever know him to pick and take and eat anything in your store? All the questions were answered in the negative, and of course the boy became a bank manager himself some years afterwards. As to the first clause, it has been known that boys who could play marbles in excellent fashion, and for "keeps" too, have become very fair citizens, and some of them have held very high places in public estimation. It would be to us no matter of astonishment were we to hear that Sir John Macdonald or Hon. Edward Blake were in their young days expert marble-players. What does surprise us is that a man who would put such a question to a boy, as a test of worth, could have a mind capacious enough to manage a banking institution. The questions in paragraphs 1 and 2 are almost equally silly. Circumstances would render either of them right or wrong. The brave and brusque and burly Rev. Dr. Wild would not have put any such questions to a boy. Here is what he would most probably propose:

"Did you ever fire a pistol at a Jesuit?" "Yes." "Did you ever throw a brick at a Catholic Archbishop?" "Yes." "Did you ever throw stones at the windows of a convent?" "Yes." "Did you ever express a desire that the Pope should go to a warmer climate?" "Yes." "Come to my arms, my boy. A great and brilliant future is spread out before you."

MR O'BRIEN J. A. Kinson, a very prominent resident of Port Huron, attended the Catholic Congress recently held at Baltimore. On being interviewed as to his impressions of the gathering, he made the following reference to the great Archbishop of St. Paul:

"In all great movements there must be a leading spirit, and this Congress was no exception—that leading spirit was Archbishop Ireland, one of the most radical, enthusiastic and far-sighted men in America. I fancy he took the responsibility very largely of calling the Congress together, and that many Bishops and even the Cardinals thought the machinery 'might be loaded,' so to speak, with some unseen danger, but Bishop Ireland seems to be inspired with apostolic fervor, such as I would associate with the memory of St. Paul, and wherever he leads it will be very hard to prevent Catholic thought from following."

Of Mr. Daniel Dougherty he thus gives his impressions: "Of course you will expect my impression regarding Daniel Dougherty, the silver-tongued orator, so-called. Mr. Dougherty assailed a well known prejudice against Catholics in political matters; he started a thought and it continues to roll around the world. Mr. Dougherty is a great orator, a great actor, and a great man; he is a combination of fervor, power and poetry, very rarely found in one nature, and if he were not a Catholic, would be a statesman in America. The Congress made him known to a new and admiring constituency, so that all America will read what he says after this. The same is true of Archbishop Ireland, Bishop Ryan and the two Cardinals."

SPEAKING of the contest in Stanstead the Mail said: "The Equal Rights advocates will know how strong a force they are compelled to oppose." They have indeed a strong force against them—the common sense and fair dealing sentiment of the country, Protestant as well as Catholic, which built their candidate under a majority of 1,045. Mr. L. Baron forfeits his election deposit, as he did not poll one third of the vote.

The New York schemer who proclaimed so loudly that the Holy Father had blessed and authorized his project for the establishment of a bank which should be distinctively Catholic, so that Catholics might deposit in it their savings, has completely collapsed. The Holy Father gave no approval to the scheme, nor did he impart any blessing on the project. He was not even aware of it until the information was sent to him from New York. The originator of the project thought that he could make the Catholics of America his dupes to enable him to speculate in wild canal schemes and railways in Italy, but the prompt repudiation of him by the Holy Father completely upset his plans. It is

surprising that some moneyed men of New York showed so little judgment as to countenance a scheme which was absurd on its very face.

M. P. J. NEVEN, who has held the position of Head Master of the London Separate School, has, we regret to state, been compelled to resign in consequence of being afflicted with an affection of the eyes. We are pleased, however, to be able to state that this misfortune will not incapacitate him from other work, and he is now on the staff of the CATHOLIC RECORD. We hope our friends throughout the country will extend to Mr. Neven the same courtesies observed towards our other agents. Like them, he is a gentleman of the very best character, one in whom we have unlimited confidence.

A MINISTERIAL paper thinks the moral of the St. Paul election has been lost on the "Equal Rightsists." But this is not the case, by any manner of means. The "Equal Rightsists" have now learned that, when so disposed, the corporate vote can command the services of the two old parties.—Mail, December 27.

Understand this who can. We understand it to mean that "the Equal Rightsists," with the aid of all who go against the Government, can succeed in burying themselves under an adverse majority of 1,045 in the most Protestant constituency in Quebec. The Quebec Protestants are in need of being enlightened by the Mail as to how deeply injured a race they are. Of course they will consider it an extreme kindness and evidence of zeal for true Protestantism, on the part of the Mail and the Montreal Witness, that these journals described the bulk of them as "healers and bums" a few days before the election came off, because the Protestants did not follow their lead.

The opponents of separate schools in Manitoba have begun to realize that they were arguing from false premises when they maintained that only the Catholic priests are in favor of Catholic education, and that the laity are in favor of secularizing the schools. Meetings are being held by the laity all over the province at which the policy of the Greenway Government to abolish Catholic schools, and to do away with French as an official language, has been vigorously denounced. At a meeting at St. Malo there was a large representative gathering which appointed Mr. Alcide Bourgeois chairman, and passed the same resolutions as were recently adopted at St. Boniface. Similar meetings were held at St. Pierre, Oterbury and West Selkirk, at which it is stated that all the Catholic adult male population were present, and in every case the same resolutions were unanimously passed. The Catholics of the Province, without distinction of race, are fully alive to the importance of the question; and as Mr. Greenway has already made it known that he has changed the sweeping policy he at first announced, in order to meet the views of the Episcopians and Presbyterians, it will now be in order for him to endeavor to shape it so as to meet the views of Catholics. Should he not do this, he will proclaim his intention to ostracize Catholics. There ought to be in Manitoba enough of liberal-minded and just Protestants to thwart any such design.

In Mr. Gladstone's article in the Nineteenth Century he shows that the net gain to the Liberals through the bye-elections is twelve seats, making twenty four votes on a division. He also shows that the decrease of the Government's vote, and the increase of the Home Rule vote is almost every instance, are more significant, even, than the number of seats gained. Central Birmingham is almost the only constituency in which the Unionists improved their condition since 1886, and it is probable that this state of things will be changed even there at the next general election. The London Standard seems to be almost the only Conservative organ that acknowledges that there is anything ominous to the party in the figures. T. W. Russell says that any estimate founded upon bye-elections is delusive; Lord Salisbury, however, by declaring that there will be several general elections requisite before the matter will be decided, virtually acknowledges that at the next one he expects defeat. The Standard says:

"We by no means wish to deny that so far as they go they are encouraging to him (Mr. Gladstone's) hopes. He is quite wrong in saying that statements on the front Ministerial Bench attach no importance to them. They do. The fact that the Unionist superiority, as left by the last general election, has not been fully maintained, is accepted as untoward. There can be no disguise, no deception about anything so palpable as that. Mr. Gladstone is entitled to congratulate himself on the discovery that (on the balance) eleven constituencies which declared

against him three years ago, have since returned 'his man.'"

The notorious Justin D. Fulton had the ineffable impudence to write to President Harrison to warn him not to attend the banquet at the opening of the Catholic University at Washington. The President attended, however, and gave expression to his feelings of gratification at the evidences of progress which the occasion presented. By the way, the "notorious" stated in his Woodstock lecture that his crusade in London had resulted in one hundred pupils leaving the Nans' Academies in this city. The only academy taught by nuns here has nearly one hundred pupils, but Justin D. Fulton came to London and left it, and it was scarcely known by the inmates of the academy that there was such a being as Justin D. Fulton in existence. Still less was it known that a single pupil had left the establishment.

The quidnuncs had a genuine sensation when they reported that the French Canadian of Manitoba were about to appeal to France to interfere to prevent legislation in Canada hostile to their interests, and contrary to the spirit of the treaty under which Canada was ceded to the British Crown. It is needless to say that no such appeal was thought of. Up to the present time, at all events, there is no reason to suppose that there will be any such hostile legislation, and it would be quite time enough to make such complaints when there will be such legislation. The ill success of the no-Popery cry as a political factor leads to the conclusion that the good sense of the community will be quite sufficient to preserve the equality of all British subjects in the Dominion, whatever may be their language and race.

A cable despatch from Munich states that three Franciscan nuns near that city have been sentenced to imprisonment for short terms for "practising on the hysterical credulity of a girl pupil and deceiving her by illusions of a pretended supernatural character." While not denying the absolute possibility of such an occurrence, we are so much accustomed to find the despatches relative to Catholic religious orders to be misrepresentations, that we may very reasonably doubt the whole story. We shall probably have its full contradiction in a few days.

DIocese of Hamilton.

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS.

The services in the Catholic churches yesterday were of special note, the music particularly being good. Masses were celebrated from 6 until 12 o'clock, and the congregations were very large in all the churches.

At the convents His Lordship the Bishop celebrated his first Mass in the convent chapel of Loreto, followed by two Masses said by Father Halm.

The Bishop celebrated his second Mass in the convent chapel of St. Joseph's and also assisted at Benediction in the same chapel in the evening.

At the above church the first Mass was at 6 o'clock, and was celebrated by Rev. Father McEray. The music was furnished by a well trained chorus of children's voices and an efficient orchestra. The church was becomingly and very beautifully decorated. Masses were celebrated at intervals until 10:30 o'clock, at which time His Lordship Bishop Dowling celebrated Pontifical High Mass. He was assisted by Rev. Father O'Sullivan, deacon of the Mass, Rev. Father Hinchey, sub-deacon, Rev. Father McEray, assistant priest, and Rev. Father Brady, master of ceremonies. After Mass the Bishop addressed the congregation on the feast of the day. He also gave the congregation the Papal benediction, which is done only three times a year. The music rendered was Haydn's Sixteenth Mass. Mrs. Cherrier sang the soprano solo, Miss Kelly, contralto, Mr. Thomas, tenor, and Mr. J. F. Egan, bass. The orchestra was composed of Messrs. Baumann, Nelligan, Steele, Jennings, Locke and Master Nelligan. Mr. D. J. O'Brien presided at the organ, and Mr. F. L. Chierrier led the music.

A very large congregation attended the 10:30 Mass at St. Patrick's Church. Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Kelly, and Rev. Chancellor Craven preached an appropriate sermon. The music rendered was Farmer's Mass in B flat. The soprano solos were taken by Miss Annie Stewart, Miss Cecil A. Sullivan and Miss Minnie O'Connell; the contralto by Mrs. Goyette and Miss J. Sullivan; and the tenor by Mr. A. T. Fitzgerald, and the bass by Mr. F. A. Fitzgerald. The orchestra consisted of nine players, Misses Edith and Lillian Littlehales playing the first violins, Mr. G. Hutton and Mr. W. Anderson the seconds, Master Cecil Littlehales the viola, Mr. A. G. Russell, oboe, Mr. W. Ryan, clarinet, Mr. Thomas Littlehales, cello and Mr. John Burns, double bass. Mr. J. F. Morrissey presided at the organ. The church decorations were very beautiful.

At this church Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Halm, who preached upon the birth of Christ. The music was of special merit, Lambillotte's Paschal Mass being sung. Miss Mary McHenry was organist and conductor. The church was very handsomely decorated and the congregation large. We copy the following from the Hamil-

ton Times in reference to the new Separate School.—The attendance at St. Mary's School has so increased of late (there being in some of the class rooms over one hundred and twenty children) that the Separate School Trustees found it incumbent on them to provide additional school accommodation to remedy this overcrowding. Bishop Dowling, who takes the liveliest interest in Catholic education, knowing the limited means at the disposal of the Board, generously offered to exchange the priests' house and grounds on Sheaff and Malberry streets, for whatever rights the Board might have to St. Mary's school house. The former property is worth \$6,000 or \$7,000, and the Board are truly grateful to His Lordship for his generous present. The Times understands it is the intention to erect a ten or twelve room school at a cost of \$10,000 or \$12,000 thereon, the same to be completed by June next. The Separate School Board is in a healthy financial position and will not have the slightest difficulty in raising the necessary funds to build the school. The contemplated school will be a credit to the city, and will be capable of accommodating six hundred or seven hundred pupils. The Separate Schools of this city are worth over \$60,000, and the total indebtedness thereon is only \$16,000. The number of children on their roll is over one thousand six hundred and fifty. The gross revenue they derive from the city is between \$8,000 and \$7,000.

ELECTION OF SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.—The candidates who presented themselves for election have the entire confidence and approval of the Bishop and clergy and have all been elected by acclamation, a fact that speaks well, in view of the unhappy divisions elsewhere, for the religious spirit of the faithful of Hamilton.

The Rev. Father Cole, who is returning to the city from Peterborough, has been elected to the position of local superior of separate schools and will, by permission of the Bishop, be allowed to devote his time specially to their supervision.

NEWLY ORDAINED PRIEST.—The Rev. Father McInerney, ordained at Christmas for this diocese in Montreal has been appointed assistant to Rev. Father Doherty at Arthur.

Two venerable and much esteemed ladies of the Cathedral parish have been called to their eternal reward during the Christmas octave. viz., Mrs. Arland (mother of Mr. Henry Arland) well known for her piety and good works, and Mrs. Macdonald (cousin of the first Bishop of Kingston), another very religious lady who lived for many years with the Sisters of St. Joseph, and had the happiness of dying an edifying death in their convent.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN LONDON.

The great festival of Christmas was celebrated with more than usual solemnity and splendor of ceremonial at the Cathedral in this city. Masses were celebrated at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and 10:30. The rector of the Cathedral officiated at the early High Mass, while Rev. Father Ferguson, of Assumption College, Sandwich, celebrated the second and third Masses. The Grand High Mass at 10:30 was celebrated by Rev. Father Noonan. At this Mass Rev. Father Ferguson preached a most touching, appropriate and eloquent discourse on the feast of the Nativity, taking for his text, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." He explained the meaning of the word "Peace," both in a general and particular sense. Peace in general meant that rest that follows from labor or anxieties, and the particular peace that the angel sang on Christmas morning was the peace that Christ bestowed on earth, and which none other but the Prince of Peace could grant—a peace which the world could not give or take away. This peace, however, was only given to men of good will, men who, in all their actions, endeavored to serve God and carry out His holy will, and by so doing obtain as a reward that heavenly peace which surpasseth all understanding. The sermon lasted over half an hour and was listened to with the closest attention. Rev. Father Ferguson is a graceful and polished orator and the congregation of the Cathedral were delighted to be afforded an opportunity of listening to him.

After each of the Masses the Rev. M. J. Tiernan, rector, extended to the people a joyful and blessed Christmas and a happy New Year. At St. Mary's Church, Hill street, Rev. Joseph Kennedy, the pastor, celebrated Masses at 8:30 and 10:30. At the last Mass he preached a very appropriate and eloquent sermon.

At both the Cathedral and St. Mary's Church the offerings were most liberal, and amounted to over \$1300. Midnight Mass was celebrated in the Sacred Heart Convent by Rev. Father Tiernan, and Mass celebrated at Mount Hope at 6 o'clock by Rev. Father Noonan.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY.—The boarding school at Amherstburg, directed by the Sisters of the Holy Names, which has been closed for some time, will be open with the New Year. The improvements that have been made in the buildings will permit the Sisters to give more comfort to the young ladies. This is a good opportunity for the parents to give to their daughters a good Christian education, and this at very low rates. For further information apply to the Sister Superior.

Prof. Lohette's Memory System is creating greater interest than ever in all parts of the country and persons wishing to procure their memory should send for his prospectus free as advertised in another column.

DEAN WAGNER'S BAZAAR.

This Bazaar is in aid of the Catholic Colored Orphan Asylum and School, Windsor, Ont. Remember, the drawing of prizes takes place on January 18th. Let one and all send in their dollar for a book of tickets to Rev. Dean Wagner. See advertisement in inner corner of last page of this number of the Catholic Record.

FROM SARNIA.

SPECIAL to the CATHOLIC RECORD.—On Monday evening, Dec. 23rd, a most successful musical and dramatic entertainment was given at the Convent of Our Lady of Lake Huron, the occasion being the graduation of Miss Carrie M. Carr, daughter of Dr. McCarty, Esq. S. acceptable have been the convent's entertainments, that on this occasion the hall was found to be far too small to accommodate the large number who came. The stage was beautifully decorated. In the background the good work which is being done by the institution was epitomized in the golden motto, "Religion and Science." A well-selected drama, "Through the Haze of Sorrow," was presented, and its skillful rendering by the pupils would be creditable to the average professional troupe. Their clear, distinct voices, modulated to suit the different parts, together with their graceful movements, were evidence enough that their training was thorough and practical. The operetta, "Daba in the Wood," was another feature worthy of special mention. In appearance and voice the little ones were so natural that the audience was delighted with them. The many happy sayings that fell from little innocent lips provoked much merriment and well-deserved applause. The instrumental pieces were, on the whole, very good, those of Misses G. McCarty, H. Heister and A. Treiber being particularly fine, as was also the singing of Misses E. O'Swan and A. Fitzgibbon. Miss McCarty's graduating essay, "Morning," was full of beautiful thoughts clothed in language as beautiful. She has left behind in her Alma Mater a brilliant record in scholarship and music. At the first she won for proficiency the honors and gold medal of the institution, conferred upon those only whose careers to the class are worthy of the distinction. Father Bayard in addressing the audience complimented the graduate on the honors she had won by her ability, industry and application.

The manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves is certainly creditable to the convent, the standing of which places it on the list of the most successful ones in the country.

NEWS FROM DOURO.

SPECIAL to the CATHOLIC RECORD.—The Sunday before Christmas was a day of great rejoicing in Douro, diocese of Peterborough. On that day the Rev. Father Whibbs, a native of the parish, celebrated his first Mass. Despite the inclemency of the weather the church was crowded to its utmost capacity. After Mass men, women and children gathered around the young priest and bestowed his blessing. In the afternoon several of the leading parishioners dined with him at the residence of his esteemed mother. The Rev. Father Whibbs was ordained at the Seminary, Montreal, on the Saturday before Christmas. From his childhood he was always a model, and a most successful career as a priest is being predicted for him on all sides. May these predictions be fulfilled, and may Father Whibbs live to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination. SECRETAR.

Douro, Dec. 28 1889

A PECULIAR CASE.

The following story is vouched for as true by the Boston Courier. It is especially appropriate now while there is so much talk of union among the sects: "Two young ladies of this city were desirous of joining one of the prominent Episcopalian churches, but as they had been taught that immersion was the true form of baptism, they wished on joining themselves to the church to be baptized in that manner. They stated their wishes to the pastor, and he expressed himself entirely willing to administer the ordinance in that form, but as there were no conveniences in the church edifice for the purpose, it would be necessary to go outside—to the Frog pond on the Common, or the pretty lakelet on the Public Garden. They looked upon this proposal with horror. They could not think of it, could not think of making such a spectacle of themselves.

"Then," said the genial pastor, "you had better go to a Baptist church for the purpose and after baptism, if you desire it, you will be received into the Episcopalian fold."

The ladies were delighted with the suggestion, and as soon as convenient, called upon a prominent Baptist pastor and made known their wish to be baptized.

"Certainly," replied the pastor, "but there are certain preliminaries to be gone through before baptism, certain preparations to be made. It is a solemn ordinance, one not to be lightly submitted to—and, by the way, it appears to me strange that you have not previously consulted me, that the preparations so necessary—"

"Oh! we are already prepared," said the young ladies.

"Already prepared?" "Yes; we do not intend to become members of your Church; we only want to be baptized, as we believe immersion to be the proper form of baptism. We are going to join the Episcopalian Church."

"Oh! that's it," said the pastor rising; "then permit me to inform you, my dear young ladies, that we do not wash Episcopalian sheep here."