CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

forts that have been put forth the strength. enormous work yet to be done, and the grandeur of the details, are all matters that may be new to the Catholic public of Canada, Concequently we will give this week-cutted from exchanges a brief account of the work accomplished and of the importance of the stately structure that is destined to lift the immortal cross lowing :

busy for four years on a prodigious able fashion that nothing but an "Hundreds of workmen have been building just east of Victoria Station, Loadon, and a few minutes." walk from Westminster Abbey, about which so little is known to-day that it is practically a mystery. Yet it is the most significant and costly perhaps in the world. Although its walls have risen to not more than two-thirds of their ultimate height. \$10,000,000 has been spent on it already, and at least as much more will be spent before it is completed. One can get some idea of its vast-ness from the fact that the value of the scaffolding alone with which its estimated at half a million dollars. In its present condition it is im-

pressive only by its vastness, red brick and brown sandstone combined apparently into every known style of architecture, and some hitherto unknown, unified only by evident intention to occupy every available bit of space. But when it emerges from its coroon of scaffolding it is expected to be a sight that pilgrims from far and near will come to see.

This remarkable building will be known as Westminster Cathedral and it is to be the centre from which the Catholic Church will pur forth new efforts to bring England back to the fold it left in the reign of Henry VIII. It is planned tosuspass in area in height, and, above all, in pomp. all other Cathedrals in England. It sixty-foot have will be half as wide again as St. Paul's and its floor of London, space of 17,000 source has min space of 17,000 square feet will be 2,000 more than that of Canterbury. The entire Roman Catholic Church throughout the world, from Leo himself to the poorest char-woman in England, has been moved to take a deep and constant interest in it and to contribute money for it.

mised freely to all those who becorange of the Numidian marble. stow \$5,000 or upward, So, in all possible directions, by means of doomed canony, or baldachine.

churches having previously occupied crowded congregations. it, the first being a traditional Chris- | Immediately in the rear of the clusion of his home life seems to at Beaumont.

Through these columns our readers not for eternity, at least for ages, Ere the "porter" will lead to have become somewhat familiar with and has determined to avoid the emthe great Catholic enterprise that is, ployment of iron, for wherever there and the admiration of all Christen- under heat, and he will trust entiredom. It is generally well known that ly to concrete made of Portland cethe centre of the British empire is ment and broken brick. In that fashsoon to have a Catholic temple that |ion were built nearly all the ancient will occupy a foremost place in the thermac, and the arches of the basifront rank of Cathedral churches the lica of Constantine in the forum still So for pity at least spare the Statue world over; but the stupendous . ef- serve as examples of its everlasting

***** * In every part of the present building cement has been used instead of lime, and in the case of the piers which carry the domes and arches only Poole bricks, made of the best clay and under tremendous pressure have been employed. There, when set in strong cement, makes blocks high over the proudest edifices that of such solidity that they are caplook down on Father Thames. It is able of as much strain as the strong-almost surprising to read the follows the follows the strongest granite. Ten million bricks thus far have been laid, and in such dur-

The Cathedral is a "hasilica," and huilt on the plan of the earliest Roman churches, which followed the arangement of the great imperial halls of justice and commerce of ancient Rome. Hoge, massive walls and structure being built in England, and vaulted have, choir, and transept are characteristic of the Cathedral of Westminster. The stairways are enclosed in two turrers, which are made to contribute to the security of the whole. One of the domes, covering the sanctuary, is to have a row of round-headed windows. like those of Sancta Sophia, and the intervening parts will be strengthened by walls are covered, inside and out, is buttresses outside, carrying the support down to the external walls.

The Chapel of Our Lady has been provided for more handsomely than any other. The sum bestowed already amounts to more than \$85,000. It sets the style and gives the stand- To the pride of the rich, the despair edral. The chapels of Our Lady and the Sanctuary will be places on either side of the nave, flanked by broad In the highway of life place the Staaisles, which will, in turn, be flanked by twelve smaller chapels. each seventy feet long by twenty-five

On the right of the main entrance to the Cathedral will rise the great tower, or campanile, to a height of 286 feet, eighty feet higher than the cupola of St. Paul's, and ninety-five feet higher than the fire monument

The columns supporting the arches each a single stone, most of them votive offerings, are of great meanity and infinite variety. Besides those from Thessaly there are others of a delicate shade of green, the famous Cipollino marble, from Switzerland, and Euboca. From the quarries and For it, sermons have been preached Verona have come the Brescis marbles in every Roman Catholic Church in purple and gray and yellow, with England. Scotland, Wales and Iro-surgicial for the columns of the columns in Spain even now Cardinal supporting the gallery, where it Vaughan is pleading for contidus crosses the transcotts, were supplied tions and perpetual Masses are pro- by Egypt, and show the red and

The altar, covered by a wideprinted supplications, by personal apprinted supplications, by personal appeal, every nerve is being strained by the nave. The ascent to the choir i. those in charge to complete the main structure by September, 1900—the golden jubileo of the hierarchy—flights. The triforium galleries—are manufactured by the service of the hierarchy—flights. when it is intended to open the supported on columns and arches and scarcely a moment of them was located to open the supported on columns and arches and scarcely a moment of them was located to open the supported of the suppor Cathedral with wonderful and impresent the arrangement of St. Though often reluctabily drawn from cathedral with wonderid and prossive coremonies and when High Mark's, Venice, and the rounds hurch his retirement, and, in the mast of Mass and Te Deum will be chanted of St. Vitale in Ravenna. An ingent- his gaieties, sighing for his return. Mass and Te Deum will be claimed of str. Violes in travenia, An ingent beneath its arches.

Westminster Cathedral is of brick and stands on historic ground, four communication on organical of the entire building provides for communication on organical of the entire building provides ures, breakfasts, dimers, supports, balls, theatres, singing, dancing,

tian basilica worshipped in by Celtic cathedral, and practically forming have been very laborious. He wrote natives of pre-Saxon times. The Cath- part of it, two other buildings are much, and he was rather a slow edral's architect is an Englishman, J. rising. One is to be Cardinal Vaught workman. By his ten he not only F. Bentley, a convert to the Roman an's palace, to take the place of the supported himself and his family in Catholic Church, who already has er- grim, dingy buildings, a stone's comfort and independence, but also ected several impressive places of throw away, and known as the contributed largely to the support of worship, notably St. John's (Jesuit) Archbishop's house. The other is to his father and mother to the end merchant of New York city, givebe the monastery, to be occupied by of their lives. Often struggling hard the following advice on "How to be-It will embody three innovations-the monks who will serve in the cathe use of iron will be avoided, co-thedral, and who, incidentally, will ment will be used in place of mortar, compose the choir. It is to be hoped and all the coverings are of concrete, that these buildings may be complet-In the construction the architect has ed by the time the cathedral is fin-

remembered that he is building, it ished."

A PECULIAR PROPOSAL.

under the caption, "Ocasional Notes." in the Dublin Nation, I can believe it. For my part, I have not experienced such a sense of wonder for many years as I did a few days ago, when I read in the Dublin papers an applithat they be allowed to take down the statue of Tom Moore, cart it away to some other place, and set up on its site a statue of Parnell! I could not have fancied that on the of Irishmen of any creed, class, or party who could have put forward so audacious, so unpatriotic, so barproposed to be carried out would be an outrage on Irish feeling. it would be an offence against civilization; to allow the thing to be done would be a dishonor to the Irish race. But the vandalism will not be be taken down except for the pur- following poem, from the pen pose of creeting on the same site a Denis Florence McCarthy :

any warrior, politicism, statesman, or

Boru to the present time. "The poet

own" will hold his place; his be-

Wonders, it is said, will never loved Erin will not allow the procease, says Mr. T. D. Sullivan, M.P., posed indignity to be cast on the memory of "the sweetest singer of her saddest wrongs." The Committee were good eaough to say in their letter of application, that if they were allowed to take down the Moore statue and "put it elsewhere" they would do so "at their own ex-Parnell Monument Committee asking pense." How kind! They would not let a penny of the cost of setting it up, say at Bally bough Bridge,fall on the ratepayers. There's liberality for you! They seem, however, to have had some dim consciousness that face of the earth there were a dozent their request for a deposition of Moore would not be entertained by the Coporation, and consequently they presented an alternative propobarous a proposal. The act thus sition, which was that a site might be granted for the Parnell Statue at the Rotunda end of O'Connell street; and with this request the Corporation complied."

When the Moore Monument was in permitted. No body of Irish represent- course of preparation about forty atives would dare to sanction such years ago, there was some discussion an atrocity; the Irish people would in the Dublin press as to the site on forbid it; the citizens of Dublin which it should be pinced. Several would rise in revolt against it. The writers were for putting it up in one statue of Moore is not an admirable of our squares, but the idea was abwork of art; but there it stands in andoned, partly owing, I think, to honor of the man, and never will it the publication in the Nation of the

more worthy memorial of the same illustrious Irishman. It shall not be removed to make way for the effigy of No clique-clackered corner, remote and obscure-

philosopher from the days of Brian No private parterre for the Poet AJ1--of all circles and the idol of his No rubbish retreat for the Statue of Moore.

No place where the "Member" may come with his key And lock out the love-longing gaze of the poor-No place where the stranger must the

at present, the wonder of London, is iron there will be some expansion No partial possession for folks in "the Square"-Great lawyers, great doctors, who

Statue of Moore.

kill or who cure; Your betters too long held the Poet elsewhere,

of Moore.

Long enough had fine lords and fine ladies their day, With their coteric-cages-gold-wired, to be sure:

But now let the sweet bird of song fly away--Give the People their turn with the Statue of Moore.

Give the People their Poet- for theirs, after all, Was the wit, was the love, that could light and allure-Was the song that made sad and

made glad at each fall. Was the genius we shribe in the Statue of Moore.

Out, out let it stand where the crowds that go by May be won to pursuits and enjoyments more pure

Than their everyday wallow it, stall or in stye. By the soul that will speak from the Statue of Moore.

Where the poor mun who labors with College public, where ofter a very one, which he has instituted and for toil and with thrift, his boy to give treasures

age will endure--May say to his son, "Oh, he true to thy gift, And behold what may be the statue

of Moore.

Give a lesson to all, to the young and the old. of the poor-

That genius alone is more potent the of Moore.

meet a word be said at this time of day in these columns; but I would like to quote one passage from the cloquent beture on his life and works delivered by the Very Rey Dr. Murray. Professor of Theology at Maynooth, before the tors Young Mer's Society stortly stortly at the Very Rey at Maynooth, before the tors Young Mer's Society stortly stortly at the Very Rey at Maynooth, before the tors Young Mer's Society stortly stortly at the Very Rey and chose out that special life and physic deare and with the mean and Men's Society shortly other the Cases for which he was now were the Cases. death of the poet, which orearred in 1852. The very reverend becomes thus concluded his discourse:

"I have hitherto ecotemplately Moore only as a post. Do second concluding I may be allowed to say one word on the personal character. on the brave and the but steel to be lately departed from us;

Sweet Son of Song! thy course is o'er;

In vain on thee sail Erin rolls. Her minstrel's voice respends more,"

I have already spoken of his parriet. partly during his occasional visits! to London, partly at Bowood and elsewhere, were ceither few nor far between; and while they lasted desting. But when buried in the se-"to make ends meet," sometimes frome rich withouly a few pounds or even a few shillings in his pocket, he was never est of all dignities; the genius of guilty of one mean or unmanly act, work, the greatest of all geniuses. His heart overflowed with kindner and generosity to all that came withs promptness are cardinal requisites) in his circle. His temper seems to have been one of unvarying sweetness. All the world admired his getius, all who knew, loved the man He was the most affectionate of but in the man lies success; and the

sults. loving brother, a loving father, loving and faithful husband. Yes; all that he was; and the perple of Dublin, his natal city, are not the hane of commercial experience, going to allow his monument to her "Beware of the gifts of the going to allow his monument to the pulled down and borne away in a Greeks; they allure that they dust-cart to any street or square, destroy. Credit is tempting, but rain lane or alley, either within or with surely follows its path. out the municipal boundary -- and a memorial of someone else—or may No; this best for both buyer and selone else—set up in its place. That ler.

patriotic design, that creditable project, has collapsed now, my brave boys (we have 'boys' of all ages). You may "move" and "resolve" but while time shall endure.

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