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88. it must A grand promenade concert in aid of the funds of St. Patrick's Church will be held in the Drill Shed on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst. The music will be altogether instrumental, and will be supplied by the band of the Thirteenth Battalion, whose

band of the Thirteenth Battalion, whose reputation as a musical organization is of the highest order. The worthiness of the object as well as the excellence of the musical treat in store, should have the effect of attracting a full house.

His Lordship the Bishop has started on a tour of the diocese. On Sunday next he will administer confirmation in Elora, and after that he will visit the other parts of the diocese in the following order:—Carlsruhe, Thursday, 23d; Chepstow, Sunday, 26th; and Berlin, Sunday, Oct. 3d.

An altar society has been for some time established in St. Mary's parish, the funds derived from which being devoted to church purposes. The monthly fee for each member is exceedingly small, and as the object is a very laudable one we hope to see the membership largely increased.

SCHOLASTIC.

The Sisters of St. Joseph opened their night school for girls and young women in the convent rooms, Park street, on Monday evening last. This is an enterprise begun last season, and the degree of success with which it was then attended proved it to be a much-felt desideratum,

proved it to be a much-felt desideratum, and warranted its resumption the present and warranted its resumption the present year. Night schools for young men have always enjoyed a widespread existence, but similar institutions for young women have been and still are very rare. It was an act of great thoughtfulness then on the part of the sisters to have brought such an institution into existence, and it is to be hoped that their philanthropic spirit will be duly appreciated. The charges are merely nominal—ranging from 25c. to \$1.00 per month, according to branches to \$1.00 per month, according to branches taken up by the student. Every useful sub-ject is taught, and being taught under the unexceptionable auspices of the Sisters of St. Joseph, affords an opportunity never before presented in this city for the education of young women during their leisure

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of this city will continue their night schools this season as usual. They will open about the first of October, one in each of the parishes, St. Mary's and St Patricks. These schools are intended for the benefit of young men and boys whose occupations prevent them from attending the regular day schools, and are an excellent means for acquiring a secular as well as religious education. As far as we understand they are entirely free of charge, and therefore advantages are placed within the reach of

The Separate Schools of the city re-opened on Wednesday, Sept. 1st, with the average opening attendance. Since then the numbers have been steadily in-

TO THE BENEVOLENT. The Sisters of St. Joseph have begun their annual collections in aid of the Orphan Asylum and other charitable institutions under their charge. The expense for the maintenance and education of the helpless little ones, and the support of the feeble old persons under their care is something very great, and it is to be hoped that their very great, and it is to be hoped that their charitable appeals will everywhere meet with a liberal response. In assisting such charities as this, the duty of the lay portion of the community is comparatively easy. The good sisters devote their lives for the good of those not able to help themselves. They take upon themselves the fatigue of trayelling from door to door the fatigue of travelling from door to door soliciting alms for this good pur-pose; and they endure unmurmuringly the humiliations and rebuffs frequently attendant on so thankless a task. When ladies—and ladies, too, of culture and refinement—make such acrifices in the cause of charity, it is surely not too much to expect that people enjoy-ing the comforts of the world would contribute more or less to the support of the same good object. It is our duty to assist the needy. The Sister of Charity unhesitatingly takes upon herself all the anxiety and labor of feeding and teaching anxiety and tabor of feeding and teaching the helpless ones entrusted to her care, and the least we can do is to place at her disposal the means of enabling her to do so. Let all then give, and give generously, according to their means, for the object is noble one, and capable of commending itself to every benevolent mind. LOCAL ITEMS.

The preparations for the Fair still go on The preparations for the Fair still go on with unsubdued vigor. All necessary committees have been struck, including Decoration, Finance, Procession and Conveyance Committees, and all are working with promptness and energy. The ladies too seem filled with the spirit of the occasion and are enthusiastically laboring wherever they can be of service. Among the attractive features not formerly spoken of will be a regetta, preparations for which are going forward on a grand scale. In a word, Hamilton is thoroughly roused to the importance of making the fortkeoming Provincial Exhibition a complete success,

Provincial Exhibition a complete success, and the indications are that it will be so.

The new cotton factory promises to be at work very soon. The management are rapidly putting up their machinery as fast as it arrives, and are otherwise hard at work preparing for a start. Six large improved carding machines are not the least among apparatus of this manufac-

The Great Western Railway Company have determined to do their own casting, and for that purpose are preparing to build a foundry on their premises in this city. The building will be 180 feet long by 80 feet broad and will be fitted up with by 80 feet broad and will be inted up the the requisites to do all the casting the company may require all over the line. This will give employment to a large number of mechanics and laborers.

In the return base-ball match, typos of Hamilton and those of Toronto, recently played in the latter city, the boys from Hamilton were triumphant. This makes it a game apiece and will render it neces-

decision. It is evident that they have come to a dead lock, each being steadfast in maintaining the claims of his own candidate. It may be that they will be forced at last to adopt the improved American system of settling such difficulties, and bring out the ever winning "dark horse."

The cabmen of the city are complaining because "foreigners" are permitted to come here on great public occasions like that of the Provincial Exhibition and compete for the cab traffic for a trifling

compete for the cab traffic for a trifling license fee with men who are citizens and ratepayers. If the cab-owners of the city car supply all demands in their line of business, then their complaint is a very just one and should receive due attention from the authorities.

from the authorities.

That was not a bad idea on the part of a little joker at school the other day, who on hearing in his spelli g class that "hen-nery" was a place for hens defined "gal-" to be a place for "gals."
CLANCAHILL.

QUEBEC LETTER.

Whatever the cause, whether owing to the innate good sense of the laboring class themselves, or the prevalance of good counsel among them, or the larger amount of employment given to all during the ship-ping season, so far, possibly owing to all these influences combined, the utmost order has prevailed, so much so that at the Basilica, on Sunday last, it was announced that that

HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP, Feeling satisfied with the salutary effect of his Pastoral letter on the "Labor Question" in May last, had been pleased to dispense with the reading of it from the City pulpits on the first Sunday in September and the first Sunday in October, as heretofore directed.

The ceremonies on that day were very

imposing; the festival was one peculiar to the Basilica, that of

THE HOLY RELICS, and it was celebrated coram pontifice. A very eloquent and argumentive sermon on the honor due to the relics of the Saints was preached by Revd. Mr. Belanger. The Sanctuary and Choir were well filled with clergymen, ecclesiastics and seminarians, who have just returned after vacation, and the musical portion of the service was given by a large number of seminarians in the organ loft under the direction of Rev. Mr. Frazer. The organist, Mr. Gag-non, played a couple of brilliant pieces at the offertory and at the conclusion of the Mass. As usual, a number of tourists oc-cupied seats in the sacred edifice.

RECEPTION AT THE HOTEL DIEU. Two young ladies made their vows and eccived the white veil and habit of the Order of Hospitallieres on Thursday morning of last week in this admirable institution. The newly received religiouses are Miss Louise Huard, daughter of Mr. F. Huard, for the last thirty-six years gardener of the institution, who took, in religion, the name of Sister St. Frances Xavier, and

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will commence to-morrow. A good is, as usual, expected in favor of this pop-lar institution, which, by the way, was is, as usual, expected in favor of this popular institution, which, by the way, was founded in 1856, by Revd. B. McGauran, then Rector of St. Patrick's.

On Saturday a press despatch appeared

in the local papers stating that Governor Robinson, after having promised the To-ronto Exhibition Association that if the Association would invite Governor Robitaille of this Province, he would tender him the hospitality of Government House, had "gone back" on his promise. This looked very bad; but on Monday, the *Chronicle* of this city, after reproducing the item in question, came out with the following cor-

"With regard to the above we may state, on the highest authority, that there is not one word of truth in the whole paragraph. Not only did Lieut.-Governor Robinson send an invitation to Lieut.-Governor Robitalle, but Mrs. Robinson also specially invited Madame Robitalle to be her guest on the occasion. The utmost good feeling prevails among both the Lieutenant-Governors of the sister

If the fates do not ordain it otherwise, the Ancient Capital is in a fair way to be in possession, within the next two years, of a NEW HOTEL, the Provincial Government having ceded

the necessary grounds, and, to the general srtisfaction of the public, surveyors were found at work on Tuesday afternoon, on and around the site of Laval Normal School, near Dufferin Terrace, measuring and marking off the land required by the American architect, who was lately here, in the interrests of the capitalists projecting the new hotel, who are understood to be also principally Americans. It is said that Hon. Mr. Premier Chapleau realizes the importance to Quebec of this undertaking and is desirous that no action on the part of the Government should interfere to delay the carrying out of this laudable pro-ject. Consequently he gave orders that the land should be at once surveyed and the portion required for the purposes of the new hotel staked off. The terrace is in no way to be interfered with. It is said the new hotel will be second to none

sary to have the championship game at some future day.

Mr. T. G. Bell, formerly on the staff of the Spectator, has assumed the proprietorship of the Dundas Standard. If Mr. Bell spends the same ability and energy that he did while on the Spec., he will certainly make the Standard a live paper.

We are still without a chief of police. The commission have frequently met and as often adjourned without coming to a

and Pardee, Commissioner of Crown Lands. The visit is said to be in connection with some disputed points between the two governments.

Amongst the arrivals of the week were TWENTY-SEVEN IRISH SERVANT GIRLS, who arrived here by the Allan steamer "Moravian" from the South Dublin Union. Their destination is said to be the "Ambitious City."

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Just after leaving the Finley Market wharf, at midnight on Monday, the Levis ferry steamboat ran against a boat in which Mr. Hamel, of Cape Rouge, was approaching the boat landing below the ferry wharf. The gentleman was rowing with his back towards the steamer, and had no knowledge of her approach till his frail craft ran against her and fast drifting towards the paddle wheel of the steamer. He naturally cried out for help, and immediately afterwards found himself going down with the wreck of the boat, and he was only rescued by the vigilance of the Water Police boat, under Deputy Chief Mullins, who, hearing the cries of some one drowning, put out to the rescue and Water Police boat, under Deputy Chief Mullins, who, hearing the cries of some one drowning, put out to the rescue and saved him at the last gasp, when off the Queen's wharf, with the assistance of Pat-rick Ryan and Richard Roche. Such acts of heroism should certainly not be allowed to pass unrewarded; the Dominion gov-ernment should feel called upon to act in the premises.

MR. FRECHETTE,

A French paper in this city having stated that certain citizens of Quebec would offer to Mr. Frechette a dinner on would oner to Mr. Frechette a diffner on his return to this city, Le Canadien expresses its surprise in the following terms:— "What! Here is a man who writes to the Patrie letters eulogizing the French gov-ernment, eulogizing Gambetta, and eulo-

ernment, eulogizing Gambetta, and eulogizing the require which persecuted so odiously the Church! And yet Catholics are found capable of taking part in a festival in honor of this writer! * * * We shall placard in capital letters for thirty days, the names of those who assist at the Frechette dinner, and who will thus be rendered in the property of the control of be rendered jointly responsible for the opinions of this radical."

A VERY INTERESTING LECTURE A VERY INTERESTING LECTURE on torpedoes was delivered on board the flag-ship "Northampton" on Monday by the commander, Captain Fisher, in presence of a large number of officers of the Militia, and of A battery, and also a number of civilians. The lecture was a very comprehensive one, and a number of practical illustrations of the theories advanced were given. were given.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The week has been somewhat a gay one. A cricket match between a Quebec team and the officers of the fleet came off Miss Claudia Leveque, who took the name of Sister St. Clare. The Hotel Dieu was established in Quebec in 1639, simultaneously with the Ursuline Monastery, and was largely endowed by the three of the gamesters by Governor Robitaille. The Governor-General was amongst the spectators and all were heavitable. established in Quebec in 1639, simultaneously with the Ursuline Monastery, and was largely endowed by the then Duchesse D'Aiquillon, who up to her death always took a lively interest in her Canadian proteges, albeit that she never set foot in the country. teges, albeit that she never set 100t in the country.

The annual retreat of the Vicars of the diocese, who were unable to attend the services of the first retreat, commenced on Tuesday last at the Archbishop's Palace, and will terminate on next Tuesday.

THE NATIVITY OF THE B. V. M. was observed with great pomp at the Convent of the Sisters of Charity, in this city yesterday. Solemn High Mass was celebrated at eight o'clock, and a sermon was preached, followed by solemn benediction to the sweet of the sinp's splendid band. A grand complimentary ball to the Admiral and principal officers of the fleet is being given, as I write, by a number of leading citizens at the Music Hall. The Governor-General entertained the Admiral and principal officers and a number of citizens, civil and military, at dinner on Tuesday evening. The Admiral and suite visited and inspected the New Harbor works here, and the new graving dock at Levis, and were new graving dock at Levis new find the flag through the which evoked the major out the tasti Harbor Commissioners.

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The annual exhibition of the Quebec Horticultural Society was held in the skating rink, on Wednesday and yesterday. The display was very fine, but the other festivities of the week interfered with the attendance.

The American schooner "Atalaya" was seized and searched in the early part of the Summer, on suspicion of having con-traband of war on board for the Cuban insurgents. Judgment was given by the Vice Admiralty Court discharging the vescouncil in England was lodged by Hon.

Mr. Adgers, representing the Minister of
Justice; this latter has been withdrawn, and proceedings for liquidation of damages were allowed by the Court. There will be a "sweet little bill" to be met by the Do-

minion exchequer.

The great lever of a nation's prosperity, "Education," seems to be having quite a "boon" in this Province of late; and the Superintendent of Public Instruction announces that the first of the meetings of the Catholic Educational Congress of Teachers, which are to be held at Montreal on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of the current month, will take place on the 21st at 7 p. m, in the Salle du Cabinet de Lecture Paroissiale (opposite the Seminary of St. Sulpice) Teachers who desire to attend those meetwho desire to attend those meet-Teachers who desire to attend those meetings will be entertained, free of expense, at Jacques Cartier Normal School, Sherbrooke street, and (in the case of lady-teachers) at the House of the Ladies of the Congrega-

tion, St. John the Baptist street.

The Finance Committee of the Corporation have returned the application of the Board of Police, informing them that there is no authority for the payment of the \$1,500 salary demanded by the Board

the \$1,500 salary demanded by the Board for its members.

Happening to be present at the funeral of a Protestant lady friend during the week, I could not help being struck with the almost Catholic language used—unintentionally of course—by the clergyman who conducted the funeral service, in the Congregational church. In impressing upon those present the necessity of being always prepared for death, he said that "departed friends were ever anxiously on the alert for the appearance of those whom they had left here below, and that on the indication being given of a spirit leaving this verild, all rished forward in the hope of meeting a dear friend." Of course the reverend gentleman would hoot the idea of the Blessed Virgin or any of the Saints know-Blessed Virgin or any of the Saints know-ing anything of what passes here below, or that they have the slightest idea of our wants; and therein lies the inconsistency

of such people.

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TWO MEMBERS OF THE ONTARIO GOVERNHon. Messrs. Wood, Provincial Treasurer, and Pardee, Commissioner of Crown Lands. The visit is said to be in connection with some disputed points between the two governments.

was robbed in Madeleine street some nights ago, left at the Police Station a small statchel. The detectives could not resist the temptation to pry into its contents, and finding therein a number of bright-looking chains and watches, and knowing rope, at once communicated what they had discovered to the Customs authorities, who siezed the whole as contraband goods, governments.

TORONTO.

CIRCULAR LETTER OF HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP.

To the Rev. Clercy,—Rev. Sir.—You will please say to your good people that His Eminence Cardinal Manning is most grateful for the generous and charitable response in favor of his orphans. I counted on the charity of our people and promised that homes for fifty children could easily be obtained. Applications for more than that number have been received by our Vicar General. I have written to His Eminence to send fifty here at once. A matron will accompany them to Toronto. When the children arrive I will cause notice to be given of the fact.

Yours in Christ,

† JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

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THE KINGSTON DIOCESE.

To the Editor of the Record.

DEAR SIR,-I feel that every wellwisher of Kingston Diocese owes you a debt of gratitude for your excellent editorial of last week, in which you gave your reasons for refusing insertion in your colthen, and set fire to the woodwork of the umns to those articles in the Toronto Globe, Mail, and Irish Canadian, touching the rumored appointment of the Revd. Dr. Cleary to the vacant See of Kingston. I say rumored appointment, because we have not had, as yet, any official notification either of the Revd. Doctor's nomination to, or acceptance of the vacant Bishopric.
It is devoutly to be hoped that all parties interested will take to heart and profit by your kindly suggestions on the subject, and cease from those unseemly recriminawant of time, the match was declared "a draw." On Wednesday afternoon the Admiral invited quite a number of the F. F's on board the flag-ship when the "light fantastic" was indulged in to the sweet strains of the ship's splendid band. A grand complimentary ball to the Admiral and offices of the fleet is being given as I may soon come amongst us as our Bishop.

If he does, I venture to predict that by none of his future ecclesiastical subjects will he be more cordially welcomed, than by those of them who still have the moral courage to profess their belief in the doc-trine which any Catholic will hardly controvert, that "well-ordered charity begins Yours truly, Moderation. Sept. 13th, 1880.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST.

We are pleased to see that Messrs. Benziger Bros., the celebrated Catholic publishers of New York, have appointed Mr. James De Cantillon, of Seaforth, their agent for the above work, as also the Life of the Blessed Virgin. It is translated and adapted from the original of Rev. L. C. Businger, by Rev. Richard Brennan, L. L. D., pastor of St. Rose's Church, New York. The book is the most attractive one of its kind ever issued in this country Apart from its great merit as a devotion work, which is sufficiently attested by the fact that it is approved by the highest eccleciastical dignitaries of the land, being headed by His Eminence Cardinal Mc los key, Archbishop of New York, it is superbly got up, being beautified by nearly 600 choice engracings, 6 exquisite chromo lithographs, etc., etc.

LOCAL NEWS.

The London Steam Supply and Manufacturing Company have received their certificates of incorporation. The capital is \$80,000. Mr. I. Waterman is President. Crawford & Co., of the Globe Agricultural Works of this city, have sold no less than one hundred and twenty-three reapers in the county of Perth during this

season. While Mr. Ethel Willson, grocer, of Dundas street, was playfully wrestling with a friend at Springbank Wednesday night, he fell and fractured one of his legs

between the ankle and knee. Mr. H. D. Long, of the firm of Edward Adams & Co., has purchased the house on the corner of Queen's Avenue and Well-ington streets, in which he has lived for some time past. The price is stated to have been \$5,500.

Mr Chester Glass, of this city, arrived on Tuesday at San Francisco, Cal., from Yokohama, Japan, and will reach London in the early part of October. Mr. Glass has been travelling since May, 1879, and has visited the three continents of the

FEARFUL BUSH FIRE.

Montreal, Sept. 8.—The reports coming into the city from Upton of bush fires, shows that the devestation is far greater than was at first supposed. The fires around Upton have devastated about 48 square miles, destroying over \$100,000 worth of property, making homeless several hundred people. This morning several of the missing turned up, some of them very badly burned, but there were three who could not escape, and who were found onposite their farm on the St. three who could not escape, and who were found opposite their farm on the St. Helene Road. Their names are Pierre Currier, 81 years old, Joseph Currier, 28 years old; and a grandson of Pierre, Telesphore Currier, a lad 17 years old. The wounded and burned are:—Xavier Major, burned in the head, shoulders, arms, and feet so badly that he cannot recover; Dr. Gauthier burned in the left hand, arm, and Gauthier burned in the left hand, arm, and face; Louis Cliche, both hands, arms, and right side of the face badly burned. The unfortunate Curriers, it seems, endeavored to save their property, and when they found this impossible tried to escape, but found retreat impossible. The body of the old man was discovered face down-

the old man was discovered face down-wards in a ditch near his house, and the action of the fire upon his body had drawn the back up until he formed a bow with his feet and head touching the ground. It is impossible to say to what extent the devestation has gone in directions. They say here in Upton that altogether some 75 families have been burned out. As these are all French-Canadian families, the number of houseless people may be set As these are all French-Canadian families, the number of houseless people may be set down as between 300 and 400. The fire burned everything, and left hardly a trace of any of the barns or buildings.

Montreal, Sept. 9.—A special correspondent from Upton gives the particulars of a thrilling adventure:—On the way back we came to a bridge where occurred the most thrilling adventure of the fire

the most thrilling adventure of the fire. It appears that Edward Roi was escaping with his family and two other women. with his family and two other women. The lad was driving and the flames were close upon them, when all at once the horse gave a sudden jerk and threw the women off, along with Roi and the feather bed upon which they had been reclining. The horse could not be stopped, even if the driver had tried to stop him, and death terrule, and fearful street. and death, terrible and fearful, stared them in the face. But Roi had his wits about him, and they stood him in good stead, for, picking up the feather mattress, he called upon the women to follow him, and all three entered at one end of the them, and set fire to the woodwork of the bridge. Happily for them it burned very slowly, and when the fire eat into their refuge Roi would stuff the opening with some mud. The fire attacked the feather bed, but feathers will singe, and will not burn. Thus they remained, the man fighting the fire and the women praying. They were there for five hours, and stifling and warm the atmosphere became during and warm the atmosphere became during their enforced stay. At length they heard approaching wheels, and ventured out. They had to walk over burning wood, but they thanked God, and in a few moments rejoined their friends and relatives, who had given them up for lost. The fire had assumed proportions that no one had imagined previously. The sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth ranges of Acton had been burned badly, the two latter losing arms house except these loing every house except three.

TERRIBLE COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

London, Sept. 8.—A terrible explosion occurred at 2 o'clock this morning, at Seaham pit, Durham county, on the North Sea, about 5 miles south of Sunderland. 250 men were in the pit and from that time up to 11 o'clock all efforts to

reach them were unsuccessful.

London, Sept. 9.—The exploration of the Seaham mine was continued throughout the night. Sixty-six men have been rescued alive. The number of men in the pit is yet uncertain, but 250 lamps were given out on Tuesday night. No hope is entertained for those still in the mines. Three fires were discovered in the mines during the night and extinguished. Every effort is now making to clear shaft number one, and to get cargoes at work. Speculations upon the cause of the ex-plosion are various. The generally ac-cepted theory is that one of the men undertook, in mere wantonness, to explode the gas in a fissure, and so set off the whole body of fire damp.

THE EVICTIONS.

Dublin, September 8. - Some little time Dublin, September 8.— Some little time ago a tenant was evicted from a farm at Croughwell, a post town, about fourteen miles from Galway, and it was reported that the landlord intended to put another tenant in possession. This morning a grave was found to have been dug on the farm by unknown hands, near which a notice was found posted, to the effect that the man who became a tenant of the farm would be placed therein. This significant fashion of putting the case has caused confashion of putting the case has caused considerable speculation and amusement in the neighborhood.

A party from Krockagar have reinstated Archdeacon Bland's evicted tenant at Tera-

hans, near Killarney.

One of the best grocery houses in Ontario is that of Ferguson & Co., in Cronyn's new block, Dundas street. By upright dealing—always giving custom-ers the very best value for their money this firm has succeeded in building up a trade second to none in London. Energy and straightforwardness are always rewarded and in this case we have another illustra-tion of the truth of this maxim. Give the new store a call.

Wm. Harper, aged 18 years, son of John Harper, manager of Messrs. Kerry, Watson & Co.'s drug and spice mills, Montreal, while working on the third flat of the building yesterday morning, was caught in the belting connected with the mill. When found a few minutes after he was Yokohama, Japan, and will reach London in the early part of October. Mr. Glass has been travelling since May, 1879, and has visited the three continents of the eastern world. We are sure his numerous friends will give him a hearty welcome on his return home.

In the belting connected with the mil. When found a few minutes after he was twisted around the main shaft and the belting around him. He was cut down, when his neck, arms and legs were found to be broken in several places. He lived only half an hour,

SILVER JUBILEE OF FATHER CASEY.

CELEBRATION IN PALMYRA, NEW YORK

The consecration of the altar of St. Anne's church and the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Wm. Casey, which took place at Palmyra, on Wednesday last, were worthing celebrated. Rt. Rev. Bishop M'Quaid officiated at the consecration, and on the same occasion administered the sacrament of confirmation to ninety children of the same occasion administered the sacrament of confirmation to ninety children of the parish. The Bishop congratulated the pastor and people on their possession of a church and pastoral residence free from debt, and on the many other visible results of their united zeal for the welfare of religion. He spoke in just and special praise of the good accomplished by Father Casey during the twenty-five years of his labor in the mission.

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The ladies of St. Aun's made a veritable The ladies of St. Ann's made a veritable silver jubilee of the occasion by presenting a set of silver to their pastor, and friends from Rochester also signaling it with many valuable gifts. There were present: Rt. Rev. Bishop McQuaid, Rochester; Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Mahoney, Toronto, Canada; Rev. Michael O'Brien, Lowell, Mass; Rev. James O'Connor, St. Bridget's, Rochester; Rev. M. M. Meagher, Immaculate Conception Rochester; Rev. Father McDonnell, Cathedral, Rochester; Rev. D. English, Canandaigua; Rev. Father Seymour, Auburn; Rev. P. Lee, Clifton Springs; Rev. Father Murphy, Livonia; Rev. Father Donelly, Mount phy, Livonia; Rev. Father Donelly, Mount Morris; Rev. Father McGowan, Clyde; Rev. Father Hickey, Lyons; Rev. Father Hughes, East Bloomfield; Rev. Father Hendrick, Avon.—Rochester Times.

THE CHURCH IN PRUSSIA.

The new Prussian July law for super-seding part of Falk's May Laws is alto-gether a permissive act. It authorizes the government to deal a little more leniently with the Catholic clergy, but it does not compel them to do so. Thus it happens that up to the present nothing whatever has been done yet, and the persecution of Catholic priests who do their duty regardless of government favor continues unabat-ed. Any priest who administers the Sacraments to a dying man outside his own parish is still as much liable to fine and imprisonment as if no May law had been imprisonment as if no May law had been passed. But one slight improvement is to be noted. The Prussian Government intends to restore Mgr. Namazanowski, Bishop of Agatopli, i. p. i., to his effice of "army bishop." This is the style by which the prelate in question had been appointed in 1869 chaplain-in-chief for the Catholics of the Prussian army. In 1873, when he remained on the side of the Pope in the conflict that had broken out, he was superseded by the government and his salm the conflict that had broken out, he was superseded by the government and his salary stopped. He has made no advances, but yet the government feel that it is necessary to come to terms with him. So they will have to come with all the other persecuted bishops by-and-by.—Catholic Mirror.

BUYING SOULS.

The Protestant missionaries in the East Indies can make no converts to their heresy unless they buy them. We clip the following from an interesting article in the Indo-European Correspondence of Cal-

cutta:
In one of our Catholic villages the chief TERRIBLE COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

one hundred and thirty lives lost.

Loudon, Sept. 8.—A terrible explosion

TERRIBLE COLLIERY EXPLOSION.

or headman of about fifty-nine families having applied for relief, the minister insisted on his apostatizing, and the poor man, pressed by want, complied. After the worst of the famine had passed over he loudly proclaimed that he had been made a Protestant in spite of himself. He was sued for the money he had received and was put into court. I transcribe his answer before the judge: "Your worship, I was born a Catholic, I am a Catholic, and I wish to die a Catholic. The Protestant ministers wanted me to become a Protestant; it was during the famine in January, 1878; I was suffering, and every one in my village was cruelly suffering from hunger I went to the Committee of Relief, and I was told: You are a Gatholic, and you shall not get relief.' I went a second time, and was refused in the same way. The and was refused in the same way. The third time I went I was promised 100 rupees if I turned Protestant. Forced by want, I consented, but it was in spite of myself. They thought the village would follow my example, but they were mis-taken. I had to go to the Protestant Church, and for that I got eighty rupees, but it was all against my will. What bus-iness have I to become a Protestant? That money was the price of my faith and my soul." The judge, of course, discharged the defendant, to the great dismay and anger of the native padri, who vainly threatened us with appeal on appeal.

FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

Edinburgh, Sept. 9 .-- A London correspondent says that the controversies be-tween England and France, respecting iween England and France, respecting French encroachmements on the west coast of Africa, had been complicated by some high-handed proceedings of the French commandant on the Mellicon-Occuriver. These vexatious acts are probably intended to worry England into ceding the Gambia to France, an object which every French Government for many years not have steadfastly nursuled. past has stead fastly pursued.

APPOINTMENTS,

A Cable dispatch from Rome, special to the New York Freeman's Journal, announces the following disposals by the Holy Father, on the recommendations of the Sacred Congregation de Propaganda Fale:

1. The Rt. Rev. P. A. Feehan, now Bishop of Nashville, is promoted to be the first Archbishop of Chicago. Chicago having been raised to the dignity of a Metropolitan See, with Alton and Peoria as its Suffragan Sees.

II. The Right Rev. Dr. Duggan, formerly Bishop of Chicago, having been permanently disabled to officiate, by an afflictive disease, is retired on a pension of

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