

for their Church; but Catholics are not what they were; they are very much like other men now. Their creed certainly is bigoted and cruel, but what would you have of them? You cannot expect them to confess this; let them change quietly, no one changes in public, be satisfied that they are changed. They are as fond of the world as we are; they take up political objects as warmly; they like their own way just as well; they do not like strictness a whit better; they hate spiritual thralldom, and they are half ashamed of the Pope and his Councils. They hardly believe any miracles now, and are annoyed when their own brethren officiously proclaim them; they never speak of purgatory; they are sore about images; they avoid the subject of Indulgences; and they will not commit themselves to the doctrine of exclusive salvation. The Catholic doctrines are now mere badges of party. Catholics think for themselves and judge for themselves, just as we do; they are kept in their Church by a point of honor, and a reluctance at seeming to abandon a fallen cause."

Such is the judgment of the world, and you, my brethren, are shocked to hear it;—but may it not be that the world knows more about you than you know about yourselves? "If ye had been of the world," says Christ, "the world would love its own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." So speaks Christ of His apostles. How run his words when applied to you? "If ye be of the world, the world will love its own; therefore ye are of the world, and I have not chosen you out of the world, because the world loveth you." Do not complain of the world's imputing to you more than is true; those who live as the world give color to those who think them of the world, and seem to form but one party with them. In proportion as you put off the yoke of Christ, so does the world by a sort of instinct recognize you, and think well of you accordingly. Its highest compliment is to tell you that you disbelieve. Oh, my brethren, there is an eternal enmity between the world and the Church. The Church declares by the mouth of an Apostle, "Whoso will be a friend of the world, becomes an enemy of God;" and the world retorts, and calls the Church apostate, sorceress, Beelzebub, and Antichrist. She is the image and the mother of the predestinate, and, if you would be found among her children when you die, you must have part in her reproach while you live. Does not the world scoff at all that is glorious, all that is majestic, in our holy religion? Does it not speak against the special creations of God's grace? Does it not disbelieve the possibility of purity and chastity? Does it not slander the profession of celibacy? Does it not deny the virginity of Mary? Does it not cast out her very name as evil? Does it not scorn her as a dead woman, whom you know to be the Mother of all living, and the great Intercessor of the faithful? Does it not ridicule the Saints? Does it not make light of their relics? Does it not despise the Sacraments? Does it not blaspheme the awful Presence which dwells upon our altars, and mock bitterly and fiercely at our believing that what it calls bread and wine is that very same Body and Blood of the Lamb which lay in Mary's womb and hung on the Cross? What are we, that we should be better treated than our Lord, and His Mother, and His Servants, and His works? Nay, what are we, if we be better treated, but the friends of those who treat us well, and who ill-treat Him?—*Cardinal Newman.*

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

To the appeal for aid to rebuild Ste. Therese Collego the alumni are nobly responding. Father James Lonergan of St. Bridget's, Montreal, contributes \$1000, Father Simon Lonergan, \$100, and Father Corbett of St. Andrew's, \$50.

It is said that an effort will be made to convene representative Separate School trustees and teachers, for the purpose of discussing the School Question, before the next meeting of the Legislature.

Mr F. J. Lynch, Principal of the Separate School, Peterboro, says, of the SHIELD: "The publication has, I feel certain, appeared at a most opportune time, and when some progress must be made in the direction of improving our Separate School system which has so long remained stationary.

The establishment of a system of inspection for Separate Schools on the lines advocated in the SHIELD would receive my most hearty support."

The President of the Literary Society, lately formed by the Ottawa Normal School students, is Mr. M. J. Harrington, a young Catholic of great promise.

Chatham Separate School Board desire a Principal for their Separate School and offer a salary of \$700 a year. We hope they will secure the services of an able teacher, for those who are willing to pay a good salary deserve a good teacher.

Right Rev. Monsignore Farrelly was accorded a reception by the pupils of Loretto Convent, Belleville, on the occasion of his recent elevation to the dignity of a Prelate by His Holiness the Pope.

Brother Tobias, Director of De La Salle College and Superintendent of the Toronto Separate Schools, is an indefatigable worker in the cause of Catholic education. Under the supervision of Brother Tobias, the Separate Schools of Toronto are making excellent progress.

Mr. W. A. Shannon has received an appointment as teacher of the Catholic children in the Blind Institute of Brantford. Mr. Shannon was a student of the Brantford Collegiate Institute for two years, and has been recently engaged in Public School work in the County of Hastings.

There are 325 pupils registered in the Separate Schools of Stratford.

Miss O'Grady, who has taught the Brantford Separate Schools with great success during the past three years, is about to withdraw from the profession.

C. Donovan, Esq., B. A., Principal of the Hamilton Separate Schools, has purchased the SHIELD from our old friend Mr. Gillies of Montreal. Mr. Donovan, who is an able teacher and a clever writer, will, we have no doubt, conduct that magazine in a very capable manner. We commend his enterprise, and heartily wish him success.

There are ninety pupils at present in attendance at Loretto Convent, Belleville.

Mr F. J. Lynch is Head-master of the Peterboro Separate School. Mr Lynch is a very superior classical scholar, and many a Catholic young man holding a high position professionally owes his education to Mr. Lynch.

There are 720 pupils attending the London Separate Schools. The teachers consist of one male teacher, six Sisters of St. Joseph, and two Sisters of the Sacred Heart.