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## TOPICS OF AN OLD-TIMER

A Cry From the East-Pressure on my Space A Correction The Town of grandfather of Mr. --Dundas Receives Some Attention-An Old Town-Some Old Business Anecdote of the Old Vicar-General Hamilton Went to Mass in Dundas -First Church and Early Priests-Many Church Societies -- Some Catholic Institutions-Old Families.

There comes a cry from the East to Old-Timer to let Hamilton drop and take up some other town or sub- since the reformation, and was well ject. It is unfortunate that I can- acquainted with the Duke of Kent, not handle a number of places or the father of the late Queen Victoria, and to yourself, to learn that an ofsubjects at one time. I did not think at the start my memory would ing down stairs with a child in his It has been felt for some time that be so good on Hamilton and that I arms. would occupy so much of the Regis- little ter's space in dealing with it; but I am not quite through yet. Other toria, who ruled so long over the upon or renewing student life, and setales are to be told. Dundas claims British Empire. James Fahey, well a portion of my attention and this I known as a political writer and no introductions, others bear, per- in the Dominion. If Catholics are must give this week. Toronto, her- printer in Dundas, and was "discov- who have little time to devote to self, has many calls for the portray- ered" there by Old-Timer in 1867, the bearers. al of my pen that I have been put- who first introduced him to the outting off, and my antiquarian friend, side public at a Catholic convention tral office such as this will, it is education should be, at least, as John Hurley, of Litchfield, Conn., that year. Mr. James Somerville, has been sending me the results of then proprietor of the "True Banner, some of his researches among the first mentioned him to me. Fahey archives of Celtic and Gaelic lore had poor health and he did not live that are of interest to Irish readers long. especially.

But before I go any further allow me to correct an error in my Hamil- Canada. I believe it will be an exton reminiscences of last week. John haustive work. I have been inform-O'Heir should be Peter O'Heir, and ed that he had a man a year or two how I came to substitute the wrong Mr. Matthew Teefy of Richmond Hill, Christian name is to me almost a going through his files of Canadian anystery, for Peter O'Heir was a po- newspapers, and with a type-writer pular man in his day and there was copying the speeches and lectures of no John O'Heir to overshadow his Thos. D'Arcy McGee, which no doubt

It will be a surprise to many, no doubt, to learn that Dundas it older town than Hamilton, and that 1840 used to go to mass in Dundas, there was a Catholic church there long before there was one in Hamil-The distance between the two towns is only five or six m'les, although the electric line laid down between them has a track seven miles in length, penetrating as it does the centre of both.

Dundas is surrounded by hills and is a picturesque place. Here some of the first factories in Upper Canada were established. Among the prominent business men of early days were Coleman, Gartshore, Mc-Kenzie, Coulehan, etc. Dundas has been either the home or birthplace of many eminent Canadians, including the McMahons, Durands, Lessleys, Oslers, Notman, Spence, Rose, War-Somerville, Fahey, etc. 1828 there came to Dundas an Irish classical school-teacher named Mc-Mahe3, brought out by several wellknown heads of families for the education of their children. Those gentlelawyers of eminence, including the side of it is the rector's residence. present Judge McMahon. Charles Durand, lately deceased, never lived there, but went to school to several teachers, including the McMahon here mentioned. James Lesiey, the friend of William Lyon McKenzie, kept a drug and stationery store there; and believe McKenzie himself made it his home for a while. The celebrated Osler family of divines, doctors and lawyers lived or were brought up there, the first having been Rev. B. B. Osler, rector of the Church of England, the father of the family William Notman, a very eloquent lawver, residing at Dundas, reprethe north riding of Wentworth when Old-Timer was a boy, most eloquent men in Western Can-ada. He was a Scotchman and a Reformer. Robert Spence, an Irishand he was considered one of the man from Dublin, was a resident and next in point of distinction. His first occupation there, like Mr. Mc-Mahon's, was that of teacherf He was next an auctioneer, then an editor, and grew into a Cabinet Min-



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ister, filling the office of postmastergeneral. His last public office was that of collector of customs in Toronto. He died in harness. He was eloquent, able and a Liberal.

I remember well the elder Wardell the father of A. R. Wardell, Esq. the eminent lawyer. He was young lawyer, who represented the riding in the local legislature few years ago, but who died suddenly Men and Men of Prominence-An while undergoing a surgical opera-I met the first Mr. Wardell in Hamilton in 1844, when I was intro-Macdonell-When the Catholics of duced to him in a printing office, a mere kid, to show him how types were set. I met him in Chicago many years later. The late Vicar-General Macdonell of Hamilton was a great friend of the Wardell family whom he often visited. Mr. A. R Wardell, now of Dundas, tells this anecdote of the "Old Vicar": had been a military chaplain, the first Catholic in the British service heretic," handing him the

> Judge McMahon, I have seen it mentioned somewhere, is engaged in the preparation of a political history of ago employed at the residence of will figure largely in the forthcoming work.

an The Catholics of Hamilton before and one wagon used to contain all that went. They were the Bricks Fitzpatricks, Clohesys and others. Peter Connors, whom Old-Timer remembers owned the team and drove course, was before Vicar-General Macdonell came to Hamilton in 1840 Hamilton, however, is now a cathedral city and has been so for many years. There was good stock then in Dundas, however, and there is yet. They have a dear old pastor in Vicar-General Heenan, who spent over twenty-five years of his clerical life in Hamilton, but is remembered in Toronto as one of the first clerical students of St. Michael's College. He is now well advanced in years, but

The first St. Augustine's church in men were Emanuel Overfield, Caleb Dundas was on the south side of the Hopkins, Mr. Nelles of Grimsby and town, but it was destroyed by fire James Durand. This McMahon was many years ago. The present fine the father or grandfather of several edifice is on the north side and along

is still vigorous. He has an assist-

ant, however.

Dundas was a mission in 1830, be ing attended from Niagara by the Rev. John Cullen. Two years later a frame church was erected south of King street and the first resident priest was the Rev. Father Cassidy He was succeeded by Rev. J. B. Cox In 1840 Father Mills appointed pastor, and he was followed in succession by Fathers O'Flynn, Connelly, O'Dwyer, O'Reilly, and Ke-

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Now, the establishment of a centhought as the work develops itself, be a great help to such persons. It is expected that we shall be able to cess in Canada. To the Catholic who place ourselves in touch with the en. is qualified by character and educaployers of labor both skilled and otherwise and that correspondence with the Bureau will be an excellent higher education obtained by the means of enabling the latter to do youth of to-day, will depend the stawhat is possible at all events in the tus of Catholics in the near future.

direction indicated. With regard especially to young them, and get them to join one or women? other of the Social, Literary or oth- The non-Catholic youth of Canada

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them. Who the priest of the parish boe, until May, 1889, when the Right was then I don't remember. This, of Kev. Mgr. E. J. Heenan of Hamilton was appointed to the charge.

> Many church societies flourish the parish with a large number Confraternity of the Holy Rosary, tion in educational matters. Confraternity of Our Laly of Mount Carmel, C.M.B.A., Apostolate of few of our young men are receiving Prayer, Sodality of the Blessed Vir- the advantages of a university edugin Mary, and Third Order of St. Francis, all of which were instituted tial to distinction and leadership. in the year 1889 by Father Heenan.

> fire in 1862, and the corner stone of various walks of life, our youth, the large brick edifice now standing was laid in 1863, and the building commenced under the direction of the Rev. John O'Reilly.

Other Catholic Institutions are the Sisters of St. Joseph, who have charge of the Separate School, and the House of Providence, a refuge for the aged and afflicted of both sexes. The latter was established in 1882. In 1879 the site was purchased by the late Rev. Father McNulty and presented to the Sisters. The first building was destroyed by fire on the 4th of October, 1900, leaving the inmates homeless. Under the guidance of Bishop Dowling a new and more commodious structure, thoroughly equipped with all modern convenienes, and capable of housing 300 inarose from the ruins and rowns the beautiful crescent overooking the valley. The new building was solemnly blessed May 12th,

There are a number of old Catholic families in Dundas. The Collins family have been keeping hotel there for nearly seventy years; the McMahon family dates from the early settlement of the town; and the Wardell family has always been prominent. There are others that Old-Timer would like to mention, but just now his memory fails to recall their names; but there will be other opportunities ere long.

I believe Catholics and non Catholies have always got along well to-

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## CANADIAN CATHOLICS AND "UNIVERSITIES"

An Able Article Written by Mr. Wm. Brick, Principal of Regiopolis College, Kingston.

(Wm. Brick in Canadian Month.) Dear Sir,-The letter of "Catholi-Universities" in the June number of tion of vital importance to Cathoffered them in this country, they should enter upon their life's work good as that of their neighbors. Race and creed are no barriers to suction, promotion is sure to come. Upon the kind and extent of the Upon us rests a great responsibility. Are we doing our duty? Are we promen the Secretary will look upon it viding adequate educational facilias his duty to endeavor to introduce ties for our young men and young

er societies which are established in are given excellent opportuoities for some of the Catholic parishes of To- obtaining higher education, and they is the national capital. avail themselves of them in ever increasing numbers. The zeal displayed by our separated brethren in behalf of higher education is truly admirable. No effort or expense is spared to equip and perfect their uni-

ally where it was a quarter of a tario, at least, should be much

cation, which in this age is so essen-Our young women receive almost While others are fitting them-The first church was destroyed by selves for the foremost places in the many of them with superior natural talents, are forced, through our indifference and neglect, to content themselves with inferior qualifications. When we look into the character of the education received by the few Catholics in attendance at the non-Catholic universities, the situation is found to be still more unsatisfactory. Of the number enrolled more than ninety per cent, are pursuing courses in medicine and engineering; very few are taking courses in courses open up to our young men splendid opportunities, and I wish the Catholic students in these partments were increased tenfold.

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as learned ecclesiastics, laymen that and influence to the Catholic body and to the Church. The subjects best calculated to give culture are History, Philosophy, the Ancient Class-English Literature, the political and social sciences. Catholic students a modern history and philosophy in charge of non-Catholic professers. As essible, courses which do not include

Canada, is cultured laymen as well

The problem before us is: How shall we provide for our wouth adequate university training? How shall we enable a propertionate number of our young men and young women to obtain a literary and scientific education equal to that given in the best non-Catholic universities, combined with a knowledge of religious truths and religious principles? The first step in the solution is a full discussion of the subject, to determine what is feasible and what is in the best interests of the people. Would one waiversity meet the cus" on "Canadian Catholics and quirements? If not, how many are needed? Are our resources adequate Canadian Month, deals with a ques- for the development of several institutions? These questions and oth-Of these many bring with there olics, and to the future of the Church ers, should be fully, freely and temperately discussed, with a view to tion upon a sound progressive basis.

fully equipped for the struggle. Their partly in the development of a Catholic university, and partly in taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the non-Catholic institu-The development of a univertions. sity is a large undertaking, and requires considerable means. It should, Consider therefore, be the work not of a sinsystem of Christian education, to weaker ones. The most advantage- with those of other faiths in acquir-

pliment, not the rival, of the col-time, receive a religious education. versity. While higher education among non- primary schools fit them for the col- would place a university upon a Catholics has advanced by leaps and leges. Not only is there room and sound business basis, an appeal by nds, Catholic education is practic- work for all, but the number in On- the Church for support would be century ago. We have not yet a creased. Few Catholics attend the is a commercial age, and men examuniversity with courses in Arts cor- high schools and collegiate institutes ine everything, even works underresponding to the Honor Course, to in this province, and consequently the taken by the Church, from a commerthe secular universisies. Beyond the number of Catholics receiving a se-val standpoint. The desirability of a elementary schools we have no uni- condary education is a mere fraction university is pretty generally recogfication, no co-ordination. Our edu- of what it should be. Each series of nized by those who understand the in cational forces are not yet organized. schools should dovetail into the ser- subject. Let our men of means be We have not yet recognized the value les above it. By so doing, our en- convinced that the institution would members to each. They include the of division of labor and specializa- tire system would be strengthened, give the education required, and they The result is that comparatively forces' secured, and more thorough taking in a special and substantial work and better results produced.

sity would be extended to women, quirements of all. Higher education should be diffused as widely as possible among our people. We should, therefore, avail ourselves of the non-Catholic universities, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made to safeguard the faith of our youth. Affiliation already exists between the college of St. Boniface, in charge of the Jesuits, and the University of Manitoba, whereby Catholic students take mod-Professional and scientific own institutions, and gttend lectures at a public meeting: on the other subjects at the university. Oxford allows Catholics like privileges. A similar arrangement exists between St Michael's College, Toronto, and the University of To-This system is apparently extended to the remaining universiies of the Dominion.

Affiliation would involve little ex-

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What the Church needs, however, in penditure, and could therefore be accomplished more easily and in less time than the establishment or the in the intellectual movements of the development of a university. The acday, and thus bring honor, respect dition of two, or at most three, professors to the staff of the college would meet the requirements. Affiliation would give practically every section of the country a university open to Catholics, and would thus enable many young men and young naturally hesitate to attend classes women to obtain a higher education, who could not afford the expense of non-residence. It would a consequence, they select, as far as place all our youth under Catholic instruction and Catholic influence. Under no other system would similar advantages be given to those students who, in any event, will be in attendance at the non-Catholic universities. The presentation of philosophy and history from a Catholic point of view, supplemented by an advanced course in Christian doctrine, would remove most of the objections urged against attendance at non-Catholic institutions, and would counteract the dangers incident thereto. Catholic students would no longer avoid the arts courses, but would be attracted to them. Affiliation would give our youth of both sexes an opportunity of taking the honor courses, which qualify for the standing of specialists in the high schools and collegiate institutions of Ontario. The proportionate number of Catholic teachers in these schools should be upward of one hundred. The actual number is six or seven. To our young women especially would this The solution, in my judgment, lies arrangement be highly advantageous. It would open up to them the way to profitable employment and to the only profession adopted to them, that is, work in the high schools, in which are being employed larger numbers

Considering the circumstance which Catholics are placed, their limgle province, but of the entire Do- ited means, the vast area over which minion, and should have the co-opera- the population is scattered, the adoption of all nationalities. One strong tion of the scheme above outlined central institution, the crown of our would, in my judgment, produce the greatest good to the greatest numserve as an intellectual centre for all ber, with the minimum of danger to the Catholics of the Dominion, is pre- faith and morals. While the students ferable to a number of smaller and would be placed on an even footing ous location for such an institution ing a secular education and in preparing themselves for the various The university should be the com- walks of life, they would, at the same

leges. Our colleges should confine Catholics are naturally proud of themselves to college work proper, their institutions, and charitable toand leave the higher work to the uni- wards any object undertaken by the They should prepare stu- Church; and it is my firm conviction dents for the university just as the that if a plan were devised that in- by a most generous response. This harmony and co-operation of all our would come to the aid of the under-The Catholics of Canada manner. A university would, however, be are sufficiently numerous, and are in available to the few only. The ex- possession of sufficient wealth to suppense of residence in an institution a port a university; and I believe if the long distance from home would be question were approached in a broad oo great for the many. Considerable Catholic spirit, ways and means time would, in all probability, clapse could be found, without sacrificing before the advantages of the univer- any of the essentials, to meet the re-

WILLIAM BRICK.

## How Religion Aids.

Down in Argentina Wulliam Bulfin. editor of the Southern Cross, states in his able paper that last winter he heard the New York chief of police ern history and philosophy in their make use of these remarkable words

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