

**"CATHOLIC TRUTHS."****THE OTTAWA BRANCH OF THE C. T. S.**PAPER BY MR. DEBRISAY ON EDUCATION—  
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

The inaugural winter soiree of the Catholic Truth Society took place last night, in the Academic Hall of the College. There was a fairly good audience to enjoy the really rich treat served up. Mr. Joseph Pope, president of the society, occupied the chair, and amongst the clergymen present were: Rev. Fathers McGuckin, rector of the University, Whelan, McCarthy and Constantineau. Mr. Pope, in his opening remarks, returned thanks for the honor done him in electing him president. He took no small pride, he said, in the thought that he was the successor of such a man as the late lamented premier. He then explained the objects of the society, and referred to the large amount of ignorance that prevails with reference to the rites and practices of the Catholic church. It was the purpose of the members of the society to dispel this ignorance, in order to cause prevalent ignorance to vanish, all that is needed is the enlightenment of those who are in darkness upon the ceremonies in which Catholics take part. He spoke his belief, that the lectures delivered by Father Whelan on Cardinal Manning, and by himself on certain phases of English history, were fruitful in splendid results.

To the musical portion of the programme Mrs. Collier Grounds, Mrs. E. L. Sanders, Messrs. J. P. Dunne, H. Collier Grounds and F. E. Smith contributed, every selection being catchy and pleasing.

**A CLEVER ESSAY.**

The paper read by Mr. De Brisay on the "Illiteracy of Catholic Countries," was certainly one of the best which it has been the privilege of the society to listen to since its organization. He took up certain statements made by Dr. Madison C. Peters, of Boston, and Dr. Josiah Strong, secretary of the Evangelical Alliance in the United States. These he refuted as effectively as it was possible to do, giving direct contradiction to the propositions put forward by the two gentlemen mentioned. He quoted profusely from the Statesman's Year Book, and from Mulhall's handbook of statistics to show the absurdity of the charges made. His comparison of the educational condition of Catholic and Protestant countries, grounded on the figures of those professing the latter faith, was certainly interesting. He showed that in European countries, those which have clung to the faith of Rome were in better circumstances, as regards the advantages of education, than those other countries which do not yield allegiance to that church. In every instance referred to, he gave his authority, showing that he had studied the matter exhaustively and knew whereof he spoke. He concluded by expressing the hope that no offence would be taken at the remarks made, for such a thing was furthest from his mind. —*The Ottawa Free Press.*

**MASQUERADED AS A PRIEST.**

SACRILEGIOUS DECEIT TO EXTORT A CONFESSION FROM A PRISONER.

The methods used by the sheriff of Green Bay, the use of the priestly garb and disguise, and the debasing of a sacred calling to suit the ends of police trickery and extort a confession from a prisoner charged with murder, is now causing a sensation throughout Wisconsin, and is one of the most peculiar in many ways that has ever happened in this country.

Ex-Register of Deeds Berindson, at the instance of Sheriff Delany, it is charged, masqueraded, as a priest, and went to the cell of John Dazkowski, the prisoner, who is supposed to have killed his wife and burned the body. Berindson made Dazkowski kiss a crucifix, and attempted to ring from him a confession.

"He looked like a priest, and went through all the customary motions," the prisoner said, "and when he handed me the crucifix to kiss, I truly believed that he was a priest, and I then knew that I had to tell the truth. I confessed that I had beaten my wife, but denied that I had killed and burned her. The priest also promised to send me a rosary

the next day so that I could say my prayers. But he forgot to send it—he deceived me."

**BISHOP MESMER'S PROTEST.**

In view of this contemptible proceeding it is no wonder that the shame and indignation of all Catholics who are conversant with the case has been aroused. Bishop Mesmer is especially indignant at this blasphemous mimicry of religion and has issued an indignant protest in which he says:

"Shame and indignation must fill the heart of every Catholic at the thought that two of their co-religionists could be found so devoid of religious feeling, or so utterly careless of their doings and the consequences, that by a blasphemous mimicry they would make the character of the sacred ministry serve as a means of contemptible trickery. No words of mine could be strong enough to express the utter condemnation of such a shocking abuse of religious rites and convictions as is imposed on the proceedings, for which there is absolutely no excuse. It was a crime to leave the prisoner under the false impression that he was speaking to a priest. It was another crime to offer as excuse the pernicious principle that the end justifies the means. Proceedings like these, which are an insult to every religion, are a blow at the most sacred trust and confidence among men, and ought to be punished by the law of the land. The persons guilty of such sacrilegious deceit deserve to be publicly denounced until they have made a full apology to their indignant fellow Christians."

**Irish News.**

Rev. P. McDermott, of Bunninaddin, died on Jan. 21, at Killaville.

Francis Peter Gervais has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for County Tyrone, vice Deane Mann, deceased.

John Givan, J. P., Crown Solicitor for Meath and Louth, and ex-M.P. for the County Monaghan, died at his residence, Martray Manor, after a brief illness, on January 21.

The offer of the Land Commission to purchase on behalf of the tenants the estate of Glounallogha and Shanavoher, in the parish of Kingwilliamstown, Cork, has been accepted by Justice Monro.

Mr. Nevins and his nephews, the Irish-American capitalists, who were reported to have purchased Kil'een Castle, Lord Fingal's family place, last year, have acquired and settled in another old family mansion, Ramsgrange, County Wexford.

A respectable old woman named Ellen Lovatt died in Midleton on Jan. 18, from the result of injuries received a couple of days before during the burning of her residence at Inch, near Midleton. The house and furniture were completely destroyed.

The agent of the Duke of Manchester (Mr. Atkinson, of Tanderagee) has given notice to the tenants on the Duke of Manchester's Armagh estate, comprising four townlands, that if they pay their rent, due on Nov. 1, on or before March 1, they will be allowed 10 per cent. reduction.

At the Tralee Quarter Sessions on Jan. 22, a resolution was adopted by the grand jury urging that owing to the great depression in all agricultural produce, more especially corn and butter, and the ruinous expenditure incurred during the great inclemency of the weather, coupled with the failure of the potato crop, relief works should be started by the Government.

Miss Mary Woolf, of Birkdale, Eng., in religion Sister Mary Collette, received the black veil at the Carlow Graigue Convent of the Poor Clares, recently, and Miss Annie O'Reilly, of Brussee Hill, Co. Cavan, sister of the Rev. Matthew O'Reilly, rector of Whitwick, Leicestershire, Eng., in religion Sister Mary Clare, and Miss Anne Hallahan, Macroom, County Cork, in religion Sister Mary Anthony, each received the white veil.

Brother Dillon, of the Christian schools, Naas, died on Jan. 19. He was sixty years of age, and had been a long time a member of the Christian Brothers Order. He was Superior of the Christian Brothers' Schools in Ennis, for a number of years. During his Superiorship a fine house was built for the community, and a commodious school for the children of the town. He was also connected with

the schools of his Order at Synge street, Dublin, Limerick and Tralee, and for a time had charge of the industrial institution at Letterfrack, County Galway.

**THE WORLD AROUND.**

Another revolution has broken out in Peru.

Sweden has raised its import duties on grain.

Pittsburg is to build the largest tin plate works in the United States.

A hungry bear in Yell County, Ark., ran off with a four year old child.

Fire losses for January, 1895, in the United States are estimated at about \$11,000,000.

The Arkansas Supreme Court has judicially decided that a mare is a horse. A jury had thought otherwise.

Judge Nathaniel Baxter, one of the oldest and best known jurists in Tennessee, died suddenly at Nashville Sunday.

Great Britain, France and Russia are said to have instructed their ministers to advise China and Japan to come to terms.

It is estimated that the losses by the Brooklyn trolley strike will amount to \$1,000,000. The strikers have been beaten.

Ward McAlister, the aged fribble who led the New York "Four Hundred" in rapid vacuousness of fashionable follies, is dead.

A bill to give Mayor Strong of New York power to remove subordinate officers has passed the New York legislature.

Mme. Henri Joniaux has been sentenced to death at Brussels for murdering her brother, sister and uncle in order to secure insurance money.

Thomas Quayle, the pioneer ship-builder of Cleveland, died February 1st, aged 84 years. He was the builder of the steamer City of Cleveland.

A trolley car loaded with passengers ran into an open draw in Milwaukee Monday morning and plunged into the river. Three people were killed.

There were 354 failures in business in the United States during the seven days of last week. There were 317 during the corresponding week of last year.

Collis P. Huntington, the pacific railway magnate, is lying at his home in New York city in a very precarious condition. Only slight hopes of his recovery are entertained.

The Deaconesses' Home in Cleveland burned at noon last Friday, and the following were burned to death: William Allmeyer, Minnie Baumer, Walter Clark, 8 months old, and Jacob Krause.

In the United States Circuit Court at New York Monday, Judge Cox decided that as bamboo was a grass and not a wood, bamboo umbrellas were not subject to duty either as wood or umbrellas.

The socialist editors in Germany tell the Emperor that there is significance in the fact that most of the feasting and illuminating in honor of his birthday was of an official character, and little of it voluntary.

The Alabama House has passed a bill requiring insurance companies to pay in full insurance policies. Life insurance companies are required to return all premiums when contests are successful on ground of fraud.

The convicts on the chain gang of Savannah, Ga., have been subjected to cruel treatment. During the recent cold weather they were compelled to work in the ice without shoes and in consequence many will lose toes and fingers.

The negotiations for peace between Japan and China have again failed. When the envoys arrived in Japan and opened their credentials they found that they were not given power to close negotiations and the Japanese authorities refused to recognize them.

The Mexican Colonization Company is drawing on the Southern States for negroes to raise coffee under the liberal concessions of the Mexican government. A party of 300 negroes passed through New Orleans Monday night on their way to Mexico, and the company wants 10,000 in all.

Dick—"Hello, Jim. Where do you work now?" Jim—"Work? What yer givin' us? I don't work. I'm a plumber's helper, I am."



Well Satisfied. 11

Stephan, S. Dak., April, 1893.  
After using half a bottle of Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic for sleeplessness and nervousness, I must confess that it is the best medicine I ever used.

**SISTER VICTORIA.**

The Best Medicine For Sleeplessness.

Streator, Ill., May 8, 1893.  
I used Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic for sleeplessness, from which I was suffering fifteen years. The Tonic had the desired effect. It is the only medicine which gives me sleep.

**SISTER M. JOHN.**

St. Vitus Dance Cured.

Denver, Colo., Nov., 1892.  
Rev. I. P. Carrigan writes: I ordered five bottles of Pastor Koenig's Nerve Tonic for a girl ten years old, who was suffering from St. Vitus dance; she was perfectly cured by the same.

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This remedy has been prepared by the Rev. Father Koenig, of Fort Wayne, Ind., since 1876, and is now under his direction by the

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Large Size, \$1.75. 6 Bottles for \$9.

In Montreal by E. LEONARD, 118 St. Lawrence street.

**ROMAN NEWS ITEMS.**

Rev. Daniel Reardon, of Chicago, is in Rome and recently had an audience with Leo XIII.

Sister Maria Elena Bettini, who founded the Daughters of Divine Providence, died recently in Rome. With great success she presided over that community for some sixty years.

The Roman correspondent of the Paris journal, La Verite, says that the Holy Father will probably soon issue a new encyclical to recommend the Association for the Propagation of the Faith.

His Excellency the Papal Nuncio has forwarded to Father Tournado, the chaplain of the Young Men's Christian Association of France, a brief from the Pope, in which His Holiness speaks highly of the association in question.

We congratulate the Swiss Confederation on having chosen as President of the Federal Assembly at Berne for 1895, M. Zemp, of Lucerne, the first straightforward advanced Catholic ever elected to the office. The new President is as Papal as a Swiss Guard.—*London Universe.*

Leo XIII. has transmitted through the Turkish Consulate at Rome a copy of the Apostolic Constitution for the Eastern Church to the Sultan and an autograph letter for His Majesty, so that nothing that can add to the welfare of the Oriental Catholic Patriarchs should be wanting.

**THE MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.**

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE, IN THE SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

On Thursday, 14th instant, the session of the Manitoba Legislature commenced. In order that all concerned may know exactly the attitude assumed, and to be retained, by the Manitoba Government, on the school question, we subjoin the following plain paragraph from the speech from the throne:—

"By the judgment of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, recently pronounced on an appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada, it has been held that an appeal lies to the Governor-General-in-Council, on behalf of the minority of this province, inasmuch as certain rights and privileges given by prior provincial legislation to the minority in educational matters had been affected by the Public Schools Act of 1890, and that, therefore, the Governor-General-in-Council has power to make remedial orders in respect thereto. Whether or not a demand will be made by the Federal Government that that act shall be modified, is not yet known to my Government. But it is not the intention of my Government, in any way, to recede from its determination to uphold the present public school system, which, if left to its own operation, would, in all probability, soon become universal throughout the province."

It is a great deal easier to believe the returned angler's story when he sends you round a goodly portion of the fish.