One of the vagaries of modern thought is to impugn the authority of the Congregations which direct the work of God's Church. In this connection we must not allow critics of the Holy See to confound the acts and decisions of the Sacred Congregations with sions of the Sacred Congregations with the infallibity of the Pope. Infallibil-ity presides over the domain of thought; it defines the doctrine, and lays down the general principle and the abstract truth. It is the province of conscience to apply that doctrine, principle or truth to each particular action and to consider what course of conduct may e right or wrong, justifiable or other wise, in the particular case and in the As one of the greatest teachers of modern times has well said: "Conience is not a long sighted selfish-ses, nor a desire to be consistent with lesself; but it is a messenger from oneself; but it is a messenger from Him who, both in nature and in grace, speaks to us behind a veil, and teaches and rules us by His representatives. Conscience is the aboriginal vicar of Christ, a prophet in its informations, monarch in its peremptoriness, a priest in its blessings and anathemas, and, even though the eternal prieshood throughout the Church should cease to be, in it the sacerdotal principle would remain and would have sway."

The brightest intellects and most cute minds that have adorned the world from Origen and Augustine to Thomas Aquinas and Bonaventure, and to the great theologians in our own day, have been the champions of the Catholic Church's teaching. By the infallibility of the Pope we mean that in defining the truths of revelation he is preserved from error, that as head of the Church and successor of the Prince of the Apostles it is his mission to guard the deposits of religious truth received from Christ, and to faithfully and it on incorrupt to all ages ; and e, when he solemnly proclaims to the whole Church a doctrine to be believed as the teaching of our Biessed Lord regarding faith or morals, he re Seviour promised by the divine words,
"I am with you all days," "the gates
of hell shall not prevail." Thus it is that infallibility relates only to the teachings of divine faith and the moral precepts, which as gen-eral principles form the rule of conduct of all the fatthful. It does not affect the application of such prin ciples or precepts to individual cases, in which conscience must be our guide Infallibility does not mean that the Pope is impeccable. He is preserved, indeed, from falsifying the doctrines of the Church as to faith and morals, but this gives him no security that he will always rightly apply these doc trines or never personally commit an offence against them. Nor need we fear that this infallibility and con cience may come into conflict. As for the decrees and decisions of the Sacred Congregations all true Catholics give them a ready and respectful obedience.

They may err, but it is a thousand to one that they do not. — American

A CONVERSION'S QUEER CAUSE.

The New Zealand "Monitor" tells of the conversion of a family in Victoria as the result of a bitter contro versy between an Anglican parson and a Presbyterian preacher. This is how it happened :

who was conducting a mission, gave offense to the wearer of the black gown of Geneva He wrote an indignant letter to the press, the text of which was that whatever truth there was in Catholicism and Presbyterianism, there was none in Anglicanism. The mis sioner retorted in similar strain—that whatever truth was possessed by Catholics or Anglicans, the Presbyterians could claim none. The controversy raged apace; and a gentleman of the Auglican communion, the leader of the choir, struck with the possible truth allowed to Catholics by the combatants, and the denial and counter denial of any to Presbyterianism or Anglicism, decided to investigate the matter. He procured some Catholic books and was soon satisfied as to the course he should pursue. He was con verted to the Catholic faith; his wife followed his example, and shortly afterward they had the happiness of seeing their children baptised

CHANGES OF SENTIMENT IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

One striking evidence of the vast changes of sentiment in the Church of England which have taken place in the last half century is given by the English correspondent of the "Church Standard" (Protestant Episcopal, Nov. 18). The scene might have hap-pened in England of Chaucer. He "An unusual ceremony took place last week in a rural Yorkshire parish, namely, the formal unveiling of a lofty crucifix in a field adjoining the village church. The following in scriptions are let into the four panels at the base of this memorial: cross is erected in public homage to our Divine Redeemer, and to mark the opening of the twentieth century 'In plous memory of those cenefact ors in this parish who have fallen asleep in Christ, on whose souls sweet Jesus have mercy, 'In thanksgiving for fourteen years' church progress in this parish amid exceptional difficulties and many severe trials; 'In the hour of death and in the Day of Judgment, good Lord deliver us.' Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.' The crucifix was unveiled by Miss Spedding. - Philadelphia Standard

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

Midnight Mass at the Cathedral.

On the night of the 31st, promptly at 12 o'clock, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at St. Peter's cathedral in this city, His Lordship the Bishop of London, being celebrant. Rev. Father Ledoucern acted as deacon, while Rev. Father Ledoucern acted as deacon, while Rev. Father Egan as sub deacon; while Rev. Father Egan as sub deacon; while Rev. Father McKeon and Rev. Father L'Heureux master of ceremonies. Mozart Twelfth Mass was sung by the choir in a very creditable manner. As early as 11 o'clock the cathedral was weil filled, and at the appointed hour for beginning Mass standing room was scarcely to gain admission. The scene was will not soon be forgotten by the illed the scene was will not soon be forgotten by the illed the scene was different and impressive one, and was consoling and edifying spectacle to winners the faithful approaching the Holy Tablin such large numbers—for never before in the history of London do we remember Holy Communion being admission; and was consoling and edifying spectacle to winners the faithful approaching the Holy Tablin such large numbers—for never before in the history of London do we remember Holy Communion being admission of the Holy Sacrifice. After Mass Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacranion as given, followed by the Te Dum. At he conclusion of the Mass His Lordship Bishop McEvay addressed the congregation for about fifteen minutes, referring Cather, who, although a prisoner in the Vatica on account of the despoilment of his temperal soversignty by an Infidei Government, yet such is his influence upon the whole world that at his behest, millions of people from the Australia of the assemble in stately cathedrals and lowly churches to give praise to Almighty God, the Author of time by assisting at the Holy Sacrifice. We need not wonder, however remarked His Lordship, at the imprisonment of His Holiness when we consider that rise at midnight and assemble in stately cathedrals and lowly churches to give prise to Almighty God, the hands of Midnight Mass at the Cathedral.

Ordination Services - Rev. D. J. Egan of at. Marys Admitted to Holy

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The religious services at St. Mary's church last Thursday morning in connection with the ordination of the Rev. D. J. Egan to the priest-hood were probably the most imposing and impressive ever conducted in the town.

As it was the first time a priest had ever been ordained in St. Mary's and also the occasion of the first visit of Bishop McEvay, unusual interest was taken in the proceedings. The church was filled to the doors, many visitors being present from neighboring parishes.

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Bishop McEvay was assisted in the solemn ceremonies by Dr. Kilroy, of Stratford; Rev. M. Ferrguson, of Assumption College, Sandwich; Fathers Aylward, rector, and McKeon. assistant rector of the cathedral, London; Father McCrae, Parkhill; Father McCabe, Seatorth; Father Downey, Mitchell; Father Gnam. Hesson; Father Fogarty, Irishtown; and the passor of St. Mary's church, the Rev. Father Brennan.

Bishop McEvay is a gentleman of courtly presence and handsome feature and vested in full pontificals and wearing a mitter, as he did during the ordination fervices, presented a striking picture.

The candidate was vested as a deacon in amice, alb. stole and maniple. He was attended by Father Downey, while Fathers Aylward and McKeon were in immediate attendance on Bishop McEvay.

THE SERVICES.

Promply at 9.30 clock the ceremony was begun. It lasted over two hours and was most impressive from beginning to end. The services were, of course, all conducted in Latin, but as pamphets containing translations had be neprepared for the occasion, they were easy to follow.

After asking the question as to the worthiness of the candidate, the Bishop charged the

After asking the question as to the worthiness of the candidate, the Bishop charged the clergy and people present as follows:

Dearly beloved brethren, as both the captain of a ship and the passengers it carries have equal cause for security or for fear, it behoves them whose interests are ca purpose that the people also should be mind. Nor was the property of the feather of the security of the

with as great zeal as he had shown as a stu-dent at the Sandwich College. While there, Mr. Egan had won the respect and favor of all with whom he came in contract. He con-gratulated the town on having furnished a citizen capable of qualifying for the priest-hood, and St. Mary's church on the honor which had been conferred on one of its mem-bers.

which had been conterred on one of the members.

At the conclusion of Rev. M. Forguson's remarks, Bishop McEvay advanced to the altarral, at the request of Father Brennan, and on behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's church was presented with the following address by a committee composed of Messrs. P. Whellian, Moir, Nagle and Murphy, the address being read by P. Whellian, Esq., County Registrar:

To the Right Rev. Fergus P. McEvay, D. D. Bishop of London, Ont. :

To the Right Rev. Fergus P. McEvay, D. D., Bishop of London, Ont.:

My Lord—We, your obedient and devoted children of the parish of St. Mary's, with our beloved pastor, groet and extend to you our hearty welcome on your first official visit 10 our town. We congratulate you on your elevation to the Episcopacy.

In the year 1891, when extending to your illustrious predecessor a like welcome in the old church in which we worshipped for many years, we then expressed the hope that in the near future we would be able to welcome him to bless a new and more substantial edifice in harmony with divine worship and the requirements of our holy religion.

That hope, My Lord, has been realized through the untiring zeal of our beloved pastor, Father Brennan, with the co-operation of his willing people, and to day we have the happy privileges of worshipping Almighty God in this beautiful temple to which we weercome you, and of which we feel justly proud. There yet remains a small indebtedness which will soon be wiped off. Our people, although not wealthy, are willing. There is an old proverb that says "Where there is a will there is a way," and we hope the time is not far distant when our beloved pastor will be in a position to invite you to conservate our church.

Your advent, to day, My Lord, is invested with a significance all its own inasmuch that through your high and holy office you have elevated to the dignity of the priesthod a member of this congregation, a young man born and reared here in the shadow of the sanctuary by good and plous parents to whom he is an honor, as we hope he will eaboring in the vineyard of our Lord.

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The prelates of the Church with a zeal worthy of them have erected colleges and seminaries for the education of young men who will form a native priesthood to carry on the work of God's holy Church.

Our Holy Father Leo XIII., in his wisdom, has selected you a son of the soil to be Bishop of this large and important diocese, the labors of which are ever increasing.

We earnestly pray and beseech Almighty God, the Giver of all good, to grant you health and length of years to rule over us as our loving Bishop.

ing Bishop.

We ask your Episcopal Benediction on this parish, on ourseives and on our children, that by our lives we may be able to show forth the teachings of our Holy Church and be ever ready to give an account of the faith that is in

issenings of our Holy Church and be ever ready to give an account of the faith that is in us.

Sighned on behalf of the congregation of the parish of St. Mary's,
James Nagle, James Moir, Michael Murphy and P. Wheilian.

THE Bishop replied briefly, but in very appropriate words. He thanked the congregation for the welcome as conveyed in the address. It was, he said, the first occasion in which he had ever officiated at the ordination of a candidate for the priesthood. To be admitted to holy orders was an honor to the young man and to his family. The parish might be, he stated, considered as a large family, it was therefore, an honor to all connected with the Church. By entering upon the work of a priest, their young friend had broken all family ties and friendships as his future sphere of labor might be a distant one. The Bishop referred briefly to the trials of the clergy in the pioneer days of Canada, and congratuated Father Brennan and his congregation on the zeal they had displayed in acquiring such a handsome church and residence. He was pieased to know that there were two good Separate schools in the town, in which education was given according to the laws of the land and the Church. He concluded his address by again thanking the congregation for the welcome given him.

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The Rev. Father Brennan closed the services in a few words addressed to the congregation, in which he announced that Father Egan would conduct his first Mass on the following morning. The young priest would, he said, be called the eldest child of Bishop McEvay's. He invited those who wished a blessing from him who had been newly ordained to come forward to the altar rail.

A great many availed themselves of the privilege.

entered upon the duties of the sacred office arready.

ADDRESS TO FATHER EGAN.

The following address was presented to Rev.
Father Egan by Division No. 1, Ancient Order
of Hiberatinas. On Thursday evening, Dec. 28,
the Rev. Father was invited to the hall of
Division 1, A. O. H. Being seated, Mr. James
Egan President of the division, came forward
and read the address, which was accompanied
by a purse. Father Egan was completely
taken by surprise, but was equal to the occasion and replied in very felicitous terms. After
O Connor and Fleming congratulating Father
Egan on his elevation to the priesthood the
proceedings closed by all the members kneeling and receiving the young priest's blessing:
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To Rev. D. J. Egan:

Rev. and dear Father—We, the members of Division No. 1. Ancient Order of Hibernians, assemble here this evening for the purpose of congratulating you, on your elevation to the priesthood.

When we beneld your ordination, it being the first in the parish, our Irish hearts went out to you with the hope that God would bless all your undertakings in behalf of His Holy Church.

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We have known you from childhood, and have watched with interest and piesaure your career towards the goal of your ambition, and rejoiced to see your labors rewarded, on the day you were admitted to so high and noble a calling.

We hope that having the privilege of oftering up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, you will sometimes remember the A.O. H and bray for our success in the good work in which we are enguged.

We cannot allow this occasion to pass, however, without showing in some manner the high esteem in which you are held by us.

We, therefore, beg of you to accept this small purse, and pray that God will bless you with a long and happy life as a priest of our Holy Church.

Signed in behalf of Division No. 1.

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P. J. Egan, President; M. Fleming, Secre-St. Mary's, Dec. 28, 1899.

ST. ALPHONSUS' CHURCH, WINDSOR,

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Windsor Record.
Christmas was a busy day at St. Alphonsus',
church. Masses were celebrated at 6:30, 8,
9:15 and 10:39 a. m., and in the evening Vespers were sung at 7:30.
At the 6:30 service Gregorian Mass was
sung by the regular choir. The church was
well filled with devout worshippers, most of
whom received Holy Communion, nine hundred in all partaking of the Blessed Sacrament.

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A's a. m. another devout congregation at tended, composed chiefly of our French fellow-citizens. "Les Anges dans nos Campagnes" and other Christmas carols were sung by the Sunday school children with organ accompaniment by A. J. Pepin. A short address in French was given by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Flannary. French was given by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Flannery.
Mass was celebrated by Rev. M. J. Brady at 9a, m to another church full of neople. At 10:30 High Mass began. Rev. Father Brady again the celebrant. A full choir, aided by Ruthven's orchestra of sixteen pieces, rendered Mary's magnificent Mass in superband entrancing narmonies. Solos were sung by the Misses Cooney, Gowaniock, Mooney and Waish, and Messes. Oueliette, L'Heureux, Conway and Panin.

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At the Gospel Rev, Dr. Fiannery ascended the pulpit and after reading the Gospel of the day, (Luke 11, 14-28 verse, delivered an eloquent sermon, dwelling especially on the words of the angel (ch. V-19), "For behold I bring you for good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people." He said the whole world had reason to

rejoice. The coming of Christ had redeemed mankind from the slavery of significant to the distribution of Pagan tyrannies and established the kingdom of peace and Christian love in all men's hearts. The duty of every follower of Christ is to live up to the saving and emobling principles which the Divine Master brought to us from heaven, the practice of which alone could entitle men to honor amongst their fellows and to a share in the hanpiness promised to all who serve Him faithfully in this life.

At Vespers the attendance was fair. The sermon was preached by the eloquent Rev. Father Tiernan, of London, lately appointed to the parish of Mount Carmel in North Middlesex, on possession of which heenters the first of the year. It may be said that Rev. Father Traher, now of Mount Carmel, will take charge of St. Mary's branch at London.

By order of Pope Leo XIII, the Bishop of the diocese has directed that a midnight service be held on New Year's eve, when Mass will be celebrated.

DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

CHURCH BURNED.

Campbelltord Despatch. Dec. 28. Christmas morning, 1899, will long be rememered by the citizens of Campbellford generity, and especially by those who belong to the toman Catholic faith, particularly by virtue of the fact that on that morning St. Mary's hurch, with all its contents, was destroyed by tree.

of the fact that on that morning St. Mary's Church, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire.

About 2:15 a. m. some persons who happened to be up at that time, saw flames issuing forth from the roof of they immediately proceeded to give the fire alarm. But unfortunately, owing to the alarmans of the hour, when mostive every body was sound asleep, and to the difficult of the states of the hour, when mostive every body was sound asleep, and to the difficult of the states of the hour, when mostive every body was sound asleep, and to the difficult of the states of the church tiself was concerned. However they, did most effective work in confining the fire to the church. Until the time of their arrival the small lawn hose belonging to Father McCloskey, was very advantageously used in the preservation of the bell tower.

It was too late when the first persons arrived on the spot to attempt to save any of the content, for the whole structure was even then a mass of flames, and being such an old building and so thoroughly dry, was hastily consumed.

When the fire broke out, everything was ready, decorated, for the services on Christians Day, which were to have begun at 5.30 a. m. and continue all day. The altar and statues were handsomely furnished with all manners of lights, plants, etc.; the little crib was nicely arranged; the arch over the altar railing was neatly festioned with bunting and evergreen. How the fire originated is of cut do not definitely known, but it is thought by some that it resulted from a delective described in the preceding paragraph, and those who remained to the easitalment has before they left manier to the left of the proper of the services and assisting in the decorating mentioned in the preceding paragraph, and those who remained to the confidency accorating and

and Hastings. Mass was celebrated for a very large congregation.

After this service, Rev. Father McClosky referred to the fire, telling all he knew about the origin, extent and result. He then thanked kindly the members of the congregation of the English church, who as soon as they heard that their Roman Catholic friends had been deprived of a place of worship, generously offered their Sunday school on Rear street for any use which they might make of it. He also thanked the memb rs of the Methodist church, who had the hall engaged for the evening and who, at a great deal of inconvenience to themselves, cheerfully allowed him the use of 11 for a few hours until services should have been conducted.

modern, commodious and i may rise up from the ruins.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

Since our last weekly synopsis of the progress of the war in South Africa, there has been but little news that is important, though the War Office has published more freely than before such items of information as have been sent in regard to the movements and position of the troop.

General Gatacre has been strongly reinforced, so that he is not likely to be again exposed to a reverse so disastrous as that which he met previously, and he has to some extent retrieved himself by taking possession of and opening for use the ladwe coal mines.

Lord Methuen is not now in any strious danger of being surrounded in his position at Modder River, which he has greatly strengthened and fortified, though he appears to be still unable to advance to the relief of Kimberly. From Kimberly, however, the news comes that the city is well able to hold out, as it has provisions sufficient to last for some months if necessary, and that the garrison is in good spirits.

The Boers are said to have received foreign reinforcements to the number of 8:00 men skilled in modern tactics. These troops are reported to be in Pretoria, ready to go to the front when they will be needed.

The disaffection of the Dutch residents of Cape Colony is said to have diminished, as the burghers have no desire to have their property confiscated on account of treason. Nevertheless the troops at the Cape are vigilantly policing the Colony to prevent any display of disloyalty.

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Great events are said to be impending near the Tugela River, General Buller having received reinforcements to the extent of 8,000 men and 18 guns. He expects further reinforcements within a few days, and it is expected that he will again assume the aggressive after their arrival, if not before. There are constant reports of shelling being kept up from both sides at Tugela river, Ladysmith, Kianberly, and Mafeking, but the results have not been very important. Within a few days, however, some important movement is likely to take place.

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The second Canadian contingent consisting of cavalry, mounted infantry, and artilery to the number of over 1200 men, is being rapidly enrolled, and will be ready to start for South Africa within two weeks.

The correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says that there are now 20,000 or 33,000 Boers between Colenso and Ladysmithic oppose General Buller's impending attack. He anticipates British success in what will be the big gest and flercest battle of the war. The two armies must encounter each other within a few days.

A. O. H.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE. At the last regular meeting of the Ladies auxiliary of the A. O. H. Division No. 5. York County, held on Dec. 28th. the following resolution was unanimously adopted:
Whereas it has pleased our Divine Lord. in His infinite wisdom, to remove from this world of sorrow the beloved brother of our respected sister member, Miss Lavina Sweeney.
Resolved that we, the members of this auxiliary extend to our bereaved sister and family in this, their hour of affliction, the love and sympathy which our sisterhood aims to incute in the hearts of its members, and we pray that God in His infinite mercy will comfort and sustain them in their sad affliction be inserted in the middle of the resolved that a copy of this resolution be inserted in the midtes of this needing, one tendered to sister Sweeney.

R. C. S. S. NO. 1, OSGOODE. R. C. S. S. NO. 1, OSGOODF.
Fourth class, Nellie Shield and Lena Doyle.
Third class, Thomas Doyle, Arthur Kelly and
James O'Connor. Second class, Andrew Kelly,
Stephen Shields and Ambrose Kelly. Part
second class, Lizzie Laplant, Mary Kelly and
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Gward O'Brien. First class, Cecelia Laplant,

God receives as for Himself all that is done to the poor, and He receives it only to repay a hundredfold.

UPTERGROVE.

St. Columbkill's Historic Cemetery.

The breezy call of incense-breathing morn, The swallow twittering from the straw-built shed. Shed.
The cock's shrill clarion, or the echoing horn.
No more shall rouse them from their lowly

The cock's strill clarion, or the ecnoing horn, No more shall rouse them from their lowly bed."

—Gray.

On making a visit to this cemetery recently the writer was forcibly impressed with the preponderance of good old Irish and Scotch names on the humble marble slabs, fine tombstones and handsome monuments erected, many of them long since, by loving relatives and friends in memory of dear departed ones.

Such namesas Doyle, Duffy, McHugh, O'Brien, O'Conneil, Mahoney, McGovern, Kelly, Hogan, Clarke, McDermott, Morris, Healy, Gethour, Mulvihill, Heslin, Doolan, McNutty, Devlin, Timitin, Cox, Haraby, Tahaney, McPhillips, Quinn, Byrne, etc., unmistakably show that either they were born in or were descendants of the land of the "immoreal shamrock;" while McDonald, McIssac, Bethune, Chrisholm, Kennedy, McMullen, Steele, McCormack, Morrison, etc., undoubtedly bespeak the land of the heather. When those brave fellows just landed on the shores of lakes Simcoe and Couchiching they found the townships of Mara and Rama dense wiidernesses—lands flat, swampy and heavily timbered. Nothing daunted, they energetically set to work to carve out homes for themselves—a privilege denied them in Ireland or Scolland—and today while they rest from their labors, many of them unremembered save by frail memorials, their children, grand-children and great grandchildren, are living in modern comfort on fine farms deservedly enjoying the fruits of their labors and that of their forefathers now sleeping peacefully in St. Columbkill's centerty, calmly awaiting the final call from Gabriel's trumpet. Those good old people stood firm in their faith amidst all vicissitudes, and none were permitted to die without the consoling comforts of the lost sacraments. Catholics they were born and Catholics they died. Amongst the names of the dead I mentioned those of Hogan and vicissitudes, and none were permitted to die without the consoling comforts of the lost sacraments. Catholics they deed, engage and his vicissitudes, and none were permitted to die wi

CONVERSION.

On Sunday morning, the 24th uit., Mrs. McKeegan, of Ormstown, P. Q., was received into the Catholic Church by the Rev. Father Quesnel. P. P., of the same parish, and received her first Holy Communion at Midnight Mass on Christmas morning. Mrs. McKeegan had been previously a respected member of the Presbyterian denomination.

RECEIVED HONORS.

We are pleased to learn that Miss Mary E Winefred Bartlett, of Ornstown, P. Q., the daughter of Mr. E. E. Bartlett, graduated last year (1899) with honors at the Convent of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, Valleyfield, taking the gold medal and an academic diploma in English and French. Miss Bartlett is now taking a course of type-writing and stenography in the same institution.

GRACIOUSLY REMEMBERED BY HIS LURDSHIP.

The Sisters of the Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph of Windsor, Ont., desire to return sincore thanks to His Lordship Bishop Mc Evay, who, following the charitable custom of his kind predecessor. Archbishop O Connor, sent the "Hotel Dieu" a generous gift of \$25.00 to help making Christmas merry, especially for the poorer patients.

FROM REGINA.

Dear Mr. Editor:
Regina Catholics are indeed to be congratulated. The Rev. Fathers of St. Norbert have taken charge of Regina and the surrounding missions. At present the Rev. Father Von Heertum with a lay, brother reside here. An other priest is expected after a few months. Although here but a few weeks he has already endeared himself to his parishners and won respect and consideration from those of all other denominations whom he has mot. Farnest supplications will ascend to heaven at this holy season asking the blessing of continued good health for our Gear Rev. Father and encouragement to continue his zeal and earnest-ness in the arduous labors he has so cheerfully undertaken.

Rev. Father St. Germain has returned to Qu'Appelle. A very warm place in the hearts of the young and oid of this parish of the hearts of the young and oid of this parish in the dearts. Protestants and Cathoetiike bade him a reluctant adieut to Regina and sincerely hope he may often pay us a visa. assuring him that he will always be a most welcome visitor. Now before clessing this article, I will speak of the reasons for which would be the mate Madame Forget—must not be forgotten. Well may the Regina Catholics point with pride to the anything is being done to further the interests of Catholics and Catholicity, from our cyrrby Governor and Madame Forget a hearty cooperation always comes. Their popular in any pot hear of the proper and that lady-like cordiative which has already made her so opular in any got and attendive, the first lady of our Prairie Land kneels there a worthy pattern for all.

May every day of 1900 bring health, happiness and prosperity to Government House in Regina is the universal wish.

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Regina is the universal wish.

Wishing you every success and the blessings
of the holy season,
Ourse sincerely.

Yours sincerely, Gena McFartane.

MARY AGNES KELLY, BIDDULPH.

Once more the sad tones of the funeral knering out upon the frosty air, and with sorrow we learn that another soul has winged its flight to eternity. This dear soul was Mary A. Kelly, daughter of Mrs. James Kelly of Biddulph. Medical skill was provided by her kind mother, brothers and sisters and everything possible was done to delay the silent messenger, but God's will must be done. During the short life she led it was holy and happy and she always loved the Words of God. She was a dear and true friend to all with whom she came in contact, and calmly she breathed her last on Dec. 11th, leaving behind a heart-broken mother, three brothers and two sisters to mourn the less of one so good and kind. This dear soul was cut down in the bloom of life having scarcely reached her seventeenth year. O Aggle dear, we miss thee from our home where your bright jokes and smiles are gone for ever more. God has stretched His hand for thee, for He knows best the ones to take and those to leave behind. Her funeral, which was largely attended by sprowing friends and neighbors, took place on Wednesday, Dec. 13th, to St. Patrick's church. Requiem High Moss was celebrated by the Rev. Father Noonan, after which the beautiful coffia which bore the mortal remains of this young lady was lowered in the grave by six of her school mate.—Thomas Morkin, Anthoney Lamphier, Frank Mitchell, Frank Harrigan, Patrick Dewan and John Quicley. Her heart-broken mother, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the whole community in their sad affliction.

May the Lord have mercy on her soul! MARY AGNES KELLY, BIDDULPH.



How to be Healthy In Winter.

Winter is a trying time for most people-especially so for delicate ones. Colds, la grippe and pneumonia find them easy victims.

Do you catch cold easily? It shows that your system is not in a condition to resist disease. You will be fortunate if you escape pneumonia.

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IAN McLAREN.

Our esteemed contemporary Westminster regrets that Dr. Wa did not come out of the controv with Canon Hammond with cred himself. Dr. Jno. Watson (Ian Laren) is an accomplished maste fiction of a certain kind, but he i a controversialist, a pitiable fail His method of argumentation has since been relegated to low-g ranters. What surprised us in sermon on Sacerdotalism was no much his ignorance of Scripture faulty reasoning as his discourt ness and scurriffty.

SOCIETIES.

A correspondent requests us to a certain society. Very mode course and quite in line with the of those who expect every fac scheme to receive approval.

We decline to stand sponser fo society. We think we have too societies. One good mutual b organization, a temperance socie men, and sodalities for the wome are enough for any community have had some experience as assert that a multiplicity of so prevents us from concentr our energies on a given object a comes the prolific mother of unge rivalry and cliques and disser Instead of various meeting why not have a building large e for all purposes, where all could meet, become acquainte one another and make thereby attempt at unity. Every no then we hear an individual wh in dreamland debating on our condition. We should like to it, but cold facts warrant us in that some self - sacrifice and patient work must be given be can claim the right to place th Unity over our doors. And v that societies tending to estran from class, devoted to diverse in and "used" betimes for petty pt are responsible for much of union and disorganization.

THE POPE AND THE IT GOVERNMENT.

The protest of Leo XIII. age Italian Government is replete dignity and fearlessness that but impress those even who o no allegiance. Though in h museum by his predecessors as fied by his genius, he is to all intents a prisoner, he has neve to protest against the sacrilegi bers who despoiled him of his ions, not that they amount t but that they belong to him before which in point of antiproudest kingdoms of Europe insignificance. Times have when shadows gathering o'er t can, and its inmates wear crown of thorns, men have that the end was nigh; shadows have lifted, the su victory has rested upon the c the enemies have crumbled and Peter lives still, rejoici perishable vigor and vitality even though in stress and sto grading, but always in the

highest forces of civilization. To-day Rome evokes no kingly bandits, it brings to the labor of those whose r handed down by storied piles eration to generation, of co art and science, of the gifts ters to posterity, fof the illust tiff who has from the day he to the dread dignity been th of the world. Men may in assertion, but the fact rema man receives anything lik tention accorded to the age of the Vatican.

His words circle the glo quoted, because we have le a deliverance from Rome problem, if not a comprehe satisfactory solution of it, valuable addition to the lit

Pope Leo refers to the a Italian Government in dep of a place at the Peace Con Hegue and says:

"What hostility have we to fe