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"Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen."—"Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

HIS GRACE the Archbishop of Toronto paid a visit to London last Thursday and the ladies of the Sacred Heart Academy were honored with his presence at the annual closing exercises. A large number of the reverend clergy were also present on this interesting occasion, made doubly so by the presence in their midst of their former chief pastor. All were delighted to note that His Grace was in the enjoyment of excellent health, and many a heartfelt prayer ascended to the throne of all grace that length of years would be granted him to continue his sacred mission amongst the good people of the archdiocese.

The last number of *Bylander* exhibits Prof. Smith in a towering passion. It is a dreadful spectacle to see a Professor in a rage. The result of the Ontario elections is not to his liking. "Mr. Mowat," he says, "may yet have to find, as others have found, who have played the same game, that in politics the name of priest is perfidy." Further on Professor Smith assures us that "at the Dominion election the sheep will be all driven into the other pen, and the Grits, in requital for their surrender, will poll not a single Roman Catholic vote." Canada being a very free country, Professor Smith may go on in this wise as long as the inclination holds out. Well it is for him, however, that there is no law on our statute books whereby falsehood and impertinence may be punished. Every Catholic who reads these lines of the angry professor will at once conclude that he is a man of soured disposition, a man of narrow mind, and one whose mission bores no good to the community in which he lives. Every thoughtful Protestant, too, will, we feel assured, give him small credit for writing this uncalled for venom concerning their Catholic neighbors. They will know that he is as unjust as he is peevish and spiteful, and his poisoned arrows will fall harmlessly to mother earth. The Catholic people, like all other people in the country, are free agents in our political contests. They are as intelligent and as good citizens in every regard as all others, not even excepting emigrant professors who are seeking new worlds to ferment. As to the bishops and priests, their business is to create peace and harmony amongst all classes of the people—that of the Professor is to set them by the ears—and if ever they trouble themselves about Professor Goldwin Smith and other literary anarchists, it is merely to offer up a prayer that God may change their ways and animate them with a spirit of justice and truth. We do not know anyone who is more sorely in need of such kind remembrance as Professor Goldwin Smith, the man who changes his opinions as easily and as often as a play-actor changes his role.

"An Orthodox Jew," writing to the *Montreal Gazette* on the 21st, said:

"I find in your edition of yesterday that at the session of the Synod in Ottawa it was unanimously resolved to promote Christianity amongst the Jews. Very likely the gentlemen moving in this matter think the object a duty incumbent upon them, but they represent only a sect of Christians, and how do they expect the Jew to prefer their special sect, when other sects, much more to the oriental taste, have a prior claim. If the Jew has to be Christianized, if, as a Jew, were commanded by a vision to become a Christian, I would certainly take the first train to Quebec and place myself at the feet of the noble Cardinal."

The Year-Book of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York city shows that the number of infant baptisms during the year past was only twelve, whereas the membership of the Church was two thousand five hundred and forty-eight. In this the measure of respect which Presbyterians have for what the Confession of Faith tells us is "ordained by Jesus Christ," to condemn or neglect, which is "a great sin?" In view of the present liberty of action of the Presbyterians generally, might it not be a good thought either to revise this clause out of the Confession, or to revise the practice of those who are so neglectful?

Last week we were honored with a visit from Dr. LeBel, of Quebec, cousin of John D. LeBel, Esq., lumber merchant, of this city. He was on his way to Saginaw, Michigan, where he intends to practice his profession. We trust every success will attend him in his new field of labor. Needless to say that, having made a brilliant course in one of our Canadian medical universities, he is thoroughly equipped for the career before him.

We direct special attention to the timely sermon of His Grace the Archbishop of Kingston, which appears in this issue of the *Catholic Record*. His admonition will, we firmly believe and hope, sink deeply into the hearts of the Catholic people of Ontario. We might indeed claim that the serious consideration of Protestants should be given the broad and admirable pronouncement of this distinguished churchman, for they, as well as Catholics, should take to heart the inestimable advantage to be derived from the moral training of the youth attending the Public schools of the country. Our Catholic people will, we feel assured, now take an increased interest in their schools. New ones should be established wherever it is possible, and all should be thoroughly equipped for the work and made in every way most efficient.

JUDGE MCGLOIN, of New Orleans, answers powerfully, in the *Freeman's Journal*, of New York, the attacks of several Jewish organs against Catholics, made on the hypothesis that Catholics wish to overthrow the Public school system. It is a fact worth noting that these Jewish papers, equally with other rabid anti-Catholic papers, view it as an evidence of Catholic hostility to the system, in localities where Catholics preponderate overwhelmingly, Catholic teachers are selected for the schools. But why should not the overwhelming majority decide who should be teacher, if the Public schools are fit for the whole population? It is not true, however that in such cases, either in the United States or Ontario, the schools are turned into Catholic schools. The following remarks of Judge McGloin are as applicable to Ontario as to the United States:

"The question is not at all one of aggressive warfare on the part of Catholics, or upon the right of others to educate their children as pleasure or conscience may dictate. The war is purely defensive, to maintain the right which God gives every parent, and the duty he lays on them of directing the education of the offspring confided to such parent's particular care, to secure for our Catholic children that they shall not be reared under strong and ever-present influences tending to alienate them from the faith of their fathers, and in fact, we may say, to deprive them of all Christian faith."

THERE are in the New England States many churches, especially among the Presbyterians and Congregationalists, which have fallen into disuse, as the congregations have died out in the course of time. In Maine, especially, church buildings which are thus deserted may be counted by hundreds, and there are many others which are attended by women, but which number among their adherents scarcely any men at all, and it is said that, in the particular case in point, the men do not go to church. Under these circumstances the women made application to the local Presbytery to be admitted as a regular body of Presbyterians. The Presbytery submitted the case to the General Assembly, as it was bound to do, the rules of the Church requiring that there must be a session of elders to assist the minister. Two elders would be sufficient, but in the case in point the elders would need to be women. It was pointed out by some of the clergymen of the Assembly that to admit the application would be the introduction of a principle which might lead to the admission of women to the ministry, and the Assembly rejected the application until two men can be found who may constitute the church session. The decision of the Presbytery would, of course, be very proper if the church were conducted so as to exclude men from membership, but it seems to be a harsh treatment of women to exclude them from the Church simply because there are no men who desire to go to heaven with them.

C. M. B. A. men have noted with pleasure that one of their number has been elected a member of the Ontario Legislature. We extend our congratulations to Brother Laughrin, of Mattawa, on this mark of esteem from his fellow-countrymen. We feel assured that he will reflect credit on his constituency and prove one of the most useful as well as one of the ablest members of the House. The reflection, too, that he has a reputation above reproach, is a pleasant one, for it is of paramount importance that a public man should be an honorable one in every sense of the word. Such we believe Brother Laughrin to be, and we sincerely wish him many years of usefulness as a member of Toronto's parliamentary party.

The Right Rev. Mgr. Mermillod, Bishop of Lausanne and Geneva, is to be made a Cardinal. Bishop Mermillod was an exile from Switzerland, under the persecuting laws enacted by the Government, but was permitted to return to his country in 1884.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

HIS GRACE THE MOST REV. J. WALSH, ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO, AT LORETTO ACADEMY, NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO, ON THE OCCASION OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE ACADEMY.

Special to the *Catholic Record*.

Thursday, 19th of June, was a gala day at Loretto. The numerous patrons and friends among clergy and laity that are yearly attracted to the closing exercises of the Academy on account of their high classical character had the unusual pleasure of assisting at the reception given to His Grace, the Most Rev. J. Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto, on his first official visit to this beautiful portion of the Archdiocese.

It would be rather difficult to imagine a more charming combination of features, all seemingly arrayed to welcome a beloved prelate. The morning beauty of a clear, bright sunshiny day, the sublime surroundings, the majestic Falls with their dazzling clouds of spray and their booming thunders, the stately buildings of Loretto, the beautiful grounds with their well kept lawns and blooming flower-beds, the happy faces of pupils who looked forward to the visit of their venerated Father with joy in their hearts and on their countenances, the magnificent hall, the classic programme of music and song, the large throng of patrons and friends—all these combined to make the occasion one of extraordinary interest and pleasure to the invited visitors. His Grace the Archbishop, accompanied by His Lordship Bishop O'Mahoney and the Very Rev. Dean Harris, of St. Catharines, had left Toronto early in the morning on one of the beautiful palace steamers plying between Toronto and Niagara-on-the-Lake. After a most delightful trip across the lake His Grace was met at the wharf by a deputation of gentlemen from Clifton, who escorted him to St. Patrick's Church at that place, where His Grace was expected to administer the sacrament of confirmation. The Archbishop, after examining the children, complimented them and their teachers on the remarkable predilection with which they had answered all questions, and called them little theologians. Then in a most hearty and eloquent address he spoke words of wisdom to the children and the assembled congregation. His exhortations to the parents were especially warm. He called their attention to the necessity of professing their faith by their Catholic lives, not only on account of these innocent children about to be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Ghost to wage war successfully against the enemies of their salvation, but also on account of so many outsiders who never read a Catholic book or hear a Catholic sermon and who can only judge of the Church by the lives of its members. After administering the sacrament of confirmation to about seventy children and a few adults His Grace was presented with an address by the gentlemen of the congregation. His Grace replied to their words of affectionate welcome by referring in a most felicitous manner to his recollections of them in former years—and complimented them on the achievements of their Separate school, under the direction of the Ladies of Loretto, and on the beautiful presbytery which they would soon erect. At the Separate school another charming reception was tendered His Grace by the children. Then after tea dinner at the pastoral residence His Grace the Archbishop, His Lordship Bishop O'Mahoney, Very Rev. Dean Harris, the Rev. Fathers Allain, Daminio, O. C. C., and A. J. Kreidt, Prior of the Loretto Convent, and were most warmly welcomed at the door by the Lady Superior and the other Ladies of the Convent. The Rev. Fathers McGloin and Sheehan, of Buffalo, F. Brehony, of Philadelphia, E. Allier, of the College of the Angels, V. Lannan, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and other clergymen had arrived before, and were present to welcome His Grace. On entering the hall, already filled with the invited visitors, His Grace was escorted to the place of honor and was welcomed by a chorus from all the pupils of the Academy. It was a most exquisite musical composition by Lentini, on the subject of the "Eve of the Nativity" sung at the visitation of the "Eve of the Nativity," etc. The hall was splendidly decorated with trees and shrubs and flowers. A large inscription—golden letters on red letters on a red ground—across the centre of the stage bore the legend, "Gloria et honore connecti enim" another one to the right bore the words "Bone Pastor," and a similar one on the left, "Salve Pater." The "Eve of the Nativity" for the first and second soprano and a contralto was faultlessly sung. A remarkable feature which struck all the hearers was that all the pupils of the school sang without exception. The voices were good, but the contralto was especially rich and powerful and was noticed by His Grace. The remarkable training of a whole school to such a high point of excellence was chiefly due to Miss Hubbard, a pupil of the famous Viardot of Paris, who is employed by the Ladies of Loretto as professor of music.

One of the graduates, Miss Regina Loughrey, of Philadelphia, then advanced to read an address to His Grace. The Archbishop has received many a congratulatory and welcome from his new flock since his arrival in their midst, but we doubt if anything more beautiful and sentiment or more exquisitely artistic in its illuminated copy was ever presented to him. It closed with a hearty invitation to imitate our divine Lord, who chose retreats for solitude and prayer from time to time, and to come to repose His

mind and body, whenever in need of it, in this sublime solitude of Loretto of the Falls.

"Auld Lang Syne" was next performed in brilliant variations upon two harps by Misses L. Muldoon and M. Higgins. Then followed a soul-stirring trio, "His Sorrow Thy Young Days Shaded," by six of the young ladies. How we could trace the rich contralto to its owner, Miss M. Higgins, who sang this voice part with Miss N. McKenna. Two two sopranos were Misses L. Cronin and M. O'Rourke, and second soprano parts, Misses Blanche Peabody and M. Flynn. A delightful piece, "Come Dorothy Come," was also sung by the same trio. As a recitation, "The Bugle Song," by Tennyson, accompanied by music, was next admired. The instrumental piece of music, "Rigoletto," by Prudent, which followed, was a proof of the excellent grade of perfection in music, for which Loretto Academy is so justly noted. The whole school then sang a weirdly beautiful chorus "The Lycopodium," by Brahms. This composition is rather difficult and pretentious, but the faultless training showed itself to perfection in the spirited manner in which it was rendered. After the conferring of medals and honors, Miss Blanche Peabody recited for us, with deep feeling, "The Bell of Lychenore." One of the graduates, Miss N. McKenna, treated the audience to a specimen of piano playing as it is taught at Loretto. She played the "Scherzo" of Chopin, and played it as only one can play that fully enters into the very soul of music. Then the little ones, the Angels' School of Loretto, came forward to sing a song of welcome to their loved father. Every one sings at Loretto. All the little ones sang, and showed the same skillful training. Miss Una Ford, one of these little ones, recited "The Queen's Gift" with a pathos which brought tears to the eyes of many. The child must have gifts far beyond her years. Another pretty song and the little ones retired, having gained the hearts of all by their graceful manner and unaffected simplicity. The Marche Militaire, by Schubert, filled the hall with its volume of sound. Four pianos, two harps and five violins were used to produce these military strains. The evening piece, however, that served to the last, it was a chorus sung by the whole school, the Ave Maria, by Marchetti, in Italian. There was no sign of fatigue or weariness in the clear voices, and the prayerful composition was sung with so much feeling and soul that it elevated all hearts and was listened to with rapt devotion. No wonder, then, that His Grace the Archbishop, rising to address them, thanked them for the address of the classic entertainment they had given us. He complimented them on their good fortune in receiving their education at such a glorious and renowned place. The fame of Niagara Falls was world-wide. He humorously alluded to this truth by mentioning his experience in Europe, particularly in Rome. When he told his questioners that he was Bishop of London, they were at a loss to locate his diocese until he stated that it was about a hundred miles west of Niagara Falls; then they knew at once. Thus, if the pupils of Loretto should be asked in the future where they had received their education, no one would fail to understand the site of their alma mater—Niagara Falls. He then dwelt most eloquently on the care of the Catholic Church, for the education of her daughters, on the noble position which was assigned to woman by the Catholic Church, which places the Mother of the Saviour on her altars. He contrasted the high position of womanhood at the present day, due to the influence of Catholicism, with the degraded lot of woman in Pagan times, and even to-day in non-Christian countries, and called the attention of the young ladies to the duties of gratitude which they owed their mother the Church for all these advantages. His Grace then expressed his delight at seeing so many United States children at Loretto. He hoped their number would increase from year to year. Although he might be accused of being prompted by a selfish motive, he had realized the advantage of having United States children educated in Canadian convents. When during the famous blizzard which struck New York some years ago he had the further misfortune of being laid up with a disabled limb at St. Vincent's hospital, New York, to his great surprise and joy, many ladies came to call upon him, having heard that he was a Canadian Bishop, and wishing to give him some alleviation in his pain. They had received their education in Canadian convents and wished to show their love for Canada by converting the sick room of a Canadian Bishop into a veritable conservatory of fruits and flowers.

After giving the young ladies some practical advice about the good use of their holidays, he concluded by stating that he did not wish to add any more of his prose to the beautiful poetry which they had recited and played and sung. He then blessed them, thanking them most touching and interestingly for their most touching and interesting episode in the annals of Loretto, Niagara Falls, came to a close. A VISITOR.

Medal for the best Essay—Miss Cronin.
Medal for Music—Augusta Pierce.
For Fine Arts—silver flower epergne—Miss Wallace.
Medal for Painting—Miss Mooney.
Medal for Drawing—Miss Loretto Muldoon.
Medal for Mathematics—Miss McNulty.
Medal for Arithmetic—Miss McCerthy.
Medal for Arithmetic in 3rd class—Miss Bamfield.
Silver Thimble for Plain Sewing—Miss McCann.
Silver Thimble for Plain Sewing—Miss Schneider.
Silver Thimble for Darning—Miss Ford.
Medal for Fidelity to Duty—Miss Freeborn.

Medal in first, second, third, fourth and fifth English classes—Miss Fanning, Miss Peabody, Miss Kean, Miss Maggie Freeborn and Miss Marion, respectively.
Medal in first and second French classes—Miss Annis Duffy and Miss McNally, respectively.
Special Prizes for Music in fifth class—Miss Ford.
Special Prize for Painting—Miss L. Cronin.
Special Prizes for Fancy Work—Miss A. Wirtensson.

JUNIOR DIVISION.
Medal for Fidelity to Duty—Miss Una Ford.
Prize for Christian Doctrine—Miss Sheehan.
Crown for Good Conduct—Misses U. Ford, Pansy Ford, C. Bamfield, Cora Lyon, Gertie Nagle, Mamie Sheehan, Mamie Holmes, Blanche Clark and Eleanor Flynn.
Prizes for Fidelity to Rules—Miss Mamie Holmes.
Prize for Personal Neatness—Eleanor Flynn.
Prize for Promptitude in Rising—Miss C. Bamfield.
Prize in first and second English classes—Miss Genevieve Boland and Miss Mabel Kean, respectively.
Prize in Preparatory Class—Misses Clarke, Flynn, O'Brien and Brohman.
Prize for Writing—Miss C. Lyon.
Prize for Arithmetic—Miss Nagle.
A tragic recitation by Miss Peabody, was ably rendered, as was a piano solo, Chopin's "Scherzo," by Miss Nana McKenna. Schubert's "Marche Militaire" was well played by an orchestra, composed of Misses Cronin, Marion, Clark, Smith, Ford, O'Brien, Clapp and Kean. The exercises closed with a chorus from Marchetti, "Ave Maria," given by the school.

At the conclusion of the programme His Grace the Rev. J. Walsh made an address commending the graduates and the school upon the excellency of the programme and upon the charming way in which it was carried out.

CONFIRMATION AT PORT COLBORNE.
Telegraph.

The confirmation services at the R. C. Church last Friday morning were largely attended, and the solemn rite was administered to seventy candidates. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the altar was laden with a profusion of choice natural flowers and plants, many being kindly loaned by non-Catholic friends. The artistic skill displayed in the altar decorations was a testimonial to the good tastes of the young ladies who had charge of them. The absence of His Grace Archbishop Walsh, who was expected, was a disappointment to clergy, candidates and congregation, as many preparations had been made to extend to him a fitting reception. Mass for the children was said at 7 a. m. by Rev. Father Cronin, of Dunnville, after which they received Holy Communion. At 9:30 High Mass was said by Rev. Father Trayling, of Fort Erie, Bishop O'Mahony, of Toronto, occupying the episcopal throne, assisted by Very Rev. Dean Harris, of St. Catharines, and Rev. Father Cronin, of Dunnville. Rev. Father McEntee acting as master of ceremonies. Previous to administering the rite of confirmation, His Lordship briefly addressed the candidates, impressing upon them the responsibility attached to the step they were taking. The music by the choir was of a high order, and Peter's Mass was most powerfully and perfectly rendered. Miss Twobey presided at the organ, and the Welland choir rendered assistance in the services. In anticipation of the Archbishop's visit addresses had been prepared by the congregation and the C. M. B. A., which will be forwarded to His Grace through Dean Harris. The confirmation costumes of the young ladies were beautiful, and their long veils and wreaths harmonized most admirably with the flowers and other surrounding decorations.

CONFIRMATION AT WELLAND.
Welland Tribune.

At half-past four Friday afternoon the Catholic church of this town was filled to overflowing, the occasion being the administering of the sacred sacrament of confirmation, for which a class of seventy-five persons had been prepared. The altar and surroundings were decorated by a wealth of flowers, contributed by members of the church and others. The class to be confirmed comprised persons of all ages and both sexes, including a large number of girls, who were dressed in spotless white, with veils and floral wreaths, the procession on entering the church presenting a beautiful sight. His Grace Archbishop Walsh, who was expected to conduct the service, was unavoidably detained elsewhere to the great disappointment of all. However, his place was ably and acceptably filled by Bishop O'Mahony, who administered the impressive rite, assisted by Rev. Dean Harris, of St. Catharines, and Fathers Sullivan, of Thorold, Trayling of Fort Erie, Cronin, of Dunnville, and McIntee, P. P. The Bishop complimented the class on the efficient preparation made, as evinced by the ready

answers given to the test questions, and made an excellent and practical address to congregation and class, dwelling especially on the new sphere and duties assumed by those now admitted to full membership in the church. A pledge was also taken by the boys of the class, to abstain from the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage. After Confirmation Rev. Father Sullivan gave the Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament, in which the choir, ably assisted by Miss Twobey and choir of Port Colborne, sang "O Salutaris" and "Tantum Ergo."

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We feel that you have made great sacrifices, when, in obedience to the will of God and appointment of the Holy See, you left behind old friends, to respond to the call of duty.

With an appreciation of your high attainments and great ability, we have every confidence in your mature judgment. We therefore submit ourselves to your ecclesiastical rule, and feel assured that through your guidance, and by your good example, you will direct and assist us in our efforts for the salvation of our souls.

We pray that Your Grace will remember us in your Masses; that you will offer our prayers to the Almighty, for the happiness of ourselves and families, in this life and in the next.

With sincerest love and veneration, we remain your faithful children in Christ.

Signed on behalf of the congregation,
JAS. SMITH, T. F. BROWN,
Secretary. Chairman.

To the Most Rev. John Walsh, D. D., Archbishop of Toronto.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR GRACE—It is with mingled feelings of joy and pleasure that Branch No. 119, of the C. M. B. A., of the town of Welland, whom we humbly represent, greet you, their spiritual ruler, and bids you a loyal and loving welcome on this your first visit to the town as Archbishop of the diocese.

We, as members of the C. M. B. A., would bear witness to the untiring efforts you have made for the advancement of our society, and how much we owe Your Grace that it is now in such a prosperous state, and whilst we are proud to have you as our Archbishop, we extend to you as our Archbishop our warmest and most affectionate greetings, and our strong ties between Your Grace and ourselves in claiming you as the honored Grand Spiritual Father of our association.

Our earnest wish is that we may prove a worthy Branch of that society, and stand true to the principles it seeks to inculcate by binding together with love and charity the members of said association.

With all love and loyalty we ask God to bestow on you His choicest blessings and uphold you in your work as the head of this diocese, and give you long and happy years to preside over it and our people, guiding, directing and assisting them and with an ever-increasing spirit of brotherly love and charity.

Signed on behalf of Branch No. 119,
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CHAS. McLELLAN, THOMAS BURNETT,
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The large additions to the Port Colborne and Welland churches and the harmony attending the work are a praise to Father McEntee, who has charge, and a prediction of a useful and successful career for him in this field of labor.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN DIGNAN.

Another of our oldest residents has gone to his reward, and one, too, who had gained the esteem of all who knew him. Mr. John Dignan, of London Township, died at the old homestead he loved so dearly on Monday last. He was in the 63th year of his age. Some time since he received a paralytic stroke, but succeeded in regaining his accustomed health after a few weeks' suffering. On last Friday a relapse took place and on the day named he peacefully resigned his soul into the hands of his Maker. He was ever a steadfast Catholic, and had the consolation of receiving the rites of the Church before he died. An honest, frugal and industrious man was John Dignan, admired and respected for an admirable rectitude of character which he possessed to a remarkable degree throughout his life. He had amassed a handsome fortune which will be inherited by his family, three sons, all young men who are highly respected. One of his sons is Herbert Dignan, Esq., Barrister. His second oldest son, John, will reside in the homestead.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning to St. Peter's Cathedral. High Mass of Requiem was offered up for the repose of his soul, after which the large cortege proceeded to St. Peter's cemetery where all that was mortal of a good and kind father and a fervent Catholic were placed in the tomb to await a glorious resurrection. May his soul rest in peace.

PRISON STATISTICS.

To the *Catholic Record*:

Sir—Now that I understand that the Ontario Government are about to appoint a commission to investigate and report upon the subject of Prison Reform, it may be a suitable time to suggest a "reform" also in the preparation of "Statistics." Those statistics, so far as I know, simply give the numbers of those of different religions, nationalities, etc., incarcerated. I would suggest additional headings showing the numbers of each religion and nationality imprisoned for the various crimes. For instance, the number of each confined for "murder," "forgery," etc., and also the simple "drunks," and also a heading showing the number of times each prisoner has been in prison for each class of offence. This may involve some extra trouble, it is true, but the result will make up for that.

The foregoing applies to the other Provinces as well as Ontario, and the greater part of it to the Penitentiaries which are under Federal control.

Might I further suggest that the *CATHOLIC RECORD* should take the matter up?

Yours truly,
CANADIENSIS.

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DEATH OF MR. JOHN DIGNAN.

Another of our oldest residents has gone to his reward, and one, too, who had gained the esteem of all who knew him. Mr. John Dignan, of London Township, died at the old homestead he loved so dearly on Monday last. He was in the 63th year of his age. Some time since he received a paralytic stroke, but succeeded in regaining his accustomed health after a few weeks' suffering. On last Friday a relapse took place and on the day named he peacefully resigned his soul into the hands of his Maker. He was ever a steadfast Catholic, and had the consolation of receiving the rites of the Church before he died. An honest, frugal and industrious man was John Dignan, admired and respected for an admirable rectitude of character which he possessed to a remarkable degree throughout his life. He had amassed a handsome fortune which will be inherited by his family, three sons, all young men who are highly respected. One of his sons is Herbert Dignan, Esq., Barrister. His second oldest son, John, will reside in the homestead.

The funeral took place on Tuesday morning to St. Peter's Cathedral. High Mass of Requiem was offered up for the repose of his soul, after which the large cortege proceeded to St. Peter's cemetery where all that was mortal of a good and kind father and a fervent Catholic were placed in the tomb to await a glorious resurrection. May his soul rest in peace.

PRISON STATISTICS.

To the *Catholic Record*:

Sir—Now that I understand that the Ontario Government are about to appoint a commission to investigate and report upon the subject of Prison Reform, it may be a suitable time to suggest a "reform" also in the preparation of "Statistics." Those statistics, so far as I know, simply give the numbers of those of different religions, nationalities, etc., incarcerated. I would suggest additional headings showing the numbers of each religion and nationality imprisoned for the various crimes. For instance, the number of each confined for "murder," "forgery," etc., and also the simple "drunks," and also a heading showing the number of times each prisoner has been in prison for each class of offence. This may involve some extra trouble, it is true, but the result will make up for that.

The foregoing applies to the other Provinces as well as Ontario, and the greater part of it to the Penitentiaries which are under Federal control.

Might I further suggest that the *CATHOLIC RECORD* should take the matter up?

Yours truly,
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June, 28th, 1890.