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CHURCH DECORATIONS.

"A charchman and a member of the Y.M.C.A.," thinks that "Christ's Gospel does not want gorgeous churches, surplices, altars, crosses, banners, &c." An English contemporary says that this gentleman must have received a private revelation upon these matters; if so, it puts an end to all discussion. " He trusts among other things that idolatory will cease"-which is very good of him; he neglects to define the idolatory,-which is very forgetful on his part; he leaves the matter as unsettled as ever,-which is quite Evangelical. When that gentleman next writes about what our Lord wants and does not want, we would like to be informed by whom "sacrifices' were ordained, if their accompanying requisites are or are not wanted?

BLAKE'S RECEPTION.

We learn, by cable, that the Hon. Edward Blake has landed in Ireland, that he was received in a most enthusiastic manner by the Irish people and especially by the Catholic clergy. It is very probable that he will be elected by acclamation for the constituency chosen for him, South Longford, has rarely been a contested seat, and it is not likely that our Canadian statesman will receive any opposition. It is a glorious omen to find the clergy and leading nationalists so cordial in their reception of the man who has gone on the great mission of reconciliation. It augurs well for Blake's future success; and his success means that of Ireland's cause.

THE GREAT CONTEST.

The battle has commenced! unlike the elections in Canada, the Imperial political battle extends over several days, even a couple of weeks. It is natural to suppose that the Salisbury Government, in order to create a favorable inpression, would open up the salest constituencies, and that as the contest progresses the places more favorable to Home Rule will get their chance. Even with such odds agasnst him, Mr. Gladstone has scored a decided success on the first day; there was a clear gain of eleven for the Liberais, even amongst the most bitterly Tory constituencies. Victory will, in a few days, perch upon the Grand Old Man's standard! Irishmen. the world over await it!

THE SOHMER PARK.

There is considerable agitation, in prominent circles, about the now famous rendez-rous of pleasure seekers, the Sohmer Park. The greater portion of our good citizens are opposed to the opening of that place upon Sundays and especially Sunday evenings. We heartily agree with them. In the first place it is, in a way, an abuse of that day of rest; in the second place, it is an open abyss of temptation for the youthful portion of our large population. There is no objection to rational and innecent recreation on Sunday; for many it is a real rest. But such is not the repose of mind or body the Sohmer Park will afford. Again there is nothing more dangerous for the young than to be launched into a whirl of that kind of enjoyment there met with. It effaces all serionsness of mind and all thoughts appropriate to the day. It is but a step removed from the Sunday theatre; and even we seriously doubt if it is not much more dangerous than the latter. In any case we are in harmony with those who desire to see that park closed from Saturday night until Monday morning. We must insist on a reasonable respect for the day consecrated to devotion and rest. There are a hundred and one temptations lurking around the park, which we need not point out to those who know them, and which we do not care to mention to those who fortunately are ignorant of them. By all means let our citizens, young and old, have every legitimate pleasure and recreation, but let us not forget that Sunday is a holy day and not a holiday.

ELECTION RESULTS.

It appears that even should Mr. Gladstone be returned with a powerful that one innocent man should perish;" the church; bone shows; Rome's grasp; majority at his back-which is as cer- that Christ is Mercy and Love; that Romish honor to the Virgin, and such-can be relied upon—it does not follow don; that we are told to "judge not one an abominable string of blasphemies, have to blend with a certain meanness untangle the woven mathematics of La fond mother. R.I.P.

may, like Lord Beaconsfield (then Mr. Disraeli), go on with the administration of affairs until Parliament is called, and then present a Tory programme in the Queen's speech. In that case only a hostile vote on the first amendment to the address would overthrow him and his government. It is believed that pledges will be obtained from Salisbury that Parliament will be called together immediately after the elections. The olden system should prevail: resignation to follow a defeat at the polls.

BALFOUR'S REASONING.

When a man has a bad case he generally, abuses his opponent; but he de. serves some credit when he attempts to argue his cause, and to show some reasons, no matter how illogical, in support of the stand he has taken. Mr. Balfour, with one of the worst cases that it ever fell to lot a political leader to defend has boldly come out with the following very unsatisfactory and very misleading declaration.

declaration.

"Every year's experience has fully justified uncompronnising opposition to the abortive home rule measure of 1886. The Separatists' subsequently ambitious modification of the measure makes the proposals more unjust and dangerous. An Irish parliament controlling the Irish executive cannot be controlled by the Imperial parliament. The promised supremacy of the Imperial parliament, as tar as the Loyalists are concerned, is only a sham. A system allowing a parliament in Dublin to manage Irish affairs while Irish representatives interfere with English and Scotch business would produce serious consequences in both countries. Such a condition of things would be grossly unfair to the British and cruel and aggressive to the minority in treland. The criminality of the methods whereby the politicians who would determine the destinites of Ireland and have sought to attain their objects has been proved before triunals. The policy of the tiladstonlans would their objects has been proved before tribunals. The policy of the Gladstonians would give these men control of a helpless minority whose only crimes are their religion and loyalty and would begin and not end in serious troubles."

As to the first part of this peculiar paragraph we need only point to the Dominion of Canada for a positive refutation of the statements. The representation of any constituency in our Local Legislature and at the same time in the Federal House by no means militates against the interests of Canada; on the contrary our system has proved a grand success. Why should it be different in Great Britain? As to the last paragraph. if Mr. Balfour would correct it slightly and make it more clear, he might be asked to apply it to the Irish people, who for centuries have been at the mercy of a ruthless majority and whose only crime was their religion. Did Sir Walter foresee the present Balfour when he drew the character of Balfour of Bur-

THE CHURCH AND SINNERS.

Under the Chapter "Familiar Talk on the Catholic Religion," Cardinal Gibbons has the following:

"The Church, walking in the footsteps of her Divine Spouse, never repudiates sinners, nor cuts them off from her fold, no matter how grievous or notorious may be their moral delinquencies, not because she connives at their sin, but general salutation and says: "we want to because she wishes to reclaim them."

A writer, signing himself Solomon Robitschek, in Brooklyn's new anti-Catholic monthly, referring to these words of the Cardinal, says:

How kind the church is? And how holy uch a fold must be! Is it a sheepfold, or a such floods of knowledge? "We want," such floods of knowledge? "We want," menagorie, or is it a sheepfold, or a with grievous and notorious delinquencies surely cannot be the lambs of Christ. But they are all ish for your net. But why should i be compelled to sit in company with grievous and notorious sinners? Why should it be a mortal sin for me not to go to Mass in sweet company with them? It bo you know what the Apostle Paul says, I Cor. 5:9:—"I wrote unto you in an epistle not to keep company with fornicators."

This gentleman has certainly very little of Solomon's great gift or he would not make such a public exhibition of his ignorance of Christian principles. The first two syllables in his second name it. The would-be polemical writer asks, Whom shall I follow? The Apostle Paul, or you, his successor (?). I prefer to let you have all the 'grievous and ! notorious sinners' and try to find better company." This strangely titled gentleman seems familiar with St. Paul : he must have read also of the Pharisee and the Publican. Is he not playing the part of the former with a vengeance? life of Christ and of His preachings and teachings, or else he has a short memory for all portions of the New Testament except the epistles of St. Paul. Did he ever hear that Christ came "to save not to condemn;" that He, as the good shepherd, would leave the ninety-nine in the fold and go abroad in search of the one lamb that had gone astray; that Christ kept company with sinners; that He re- of their Protestant neighbors by abusing righteousness, were about (like Mr. death the woman, and that He asked the these suddenly inspired and filthy one without sin to cast the first stone; that | tongued renegades, whose apotolic zeal He ordered the penitent woman to "go | always takes the hue of the coin that and sin no more;" that He spoke to the they seek. woman of Samaria; that He received the sinful Mary Magdalen, and permitted her to pour cintment and oil upon his feet, to wash them with her tears and | cule all that is most sacred in the eyes dry them with her hair; that He gave of Catholics, and that Protestants honor, hope to the penitent thief upon the even if they do not believe, simply out cross; that He said "it were better that of Christian respect for their fellow men. ninety-nine guilty should escape than Priests in jail; nuns escaped; demons in

Christianity does this self-elected saint, this self-appointed just man profess? phrases. Like the foul vapor that comes Every accusation of this kind that he up from the swarups, it will soon be disapostles and their successors to forgive

and not a little of the sophist in this it birth, ere the day is done it has disman's composition; there is certainly no appeared and its poison is harmless ever Christianity in his principle nor charity more. We simply refer to this publicain his language. The Church of Rome | tion in order to give our Catholic readers is very lucky to be free from characters | an idea of the depths into which men of that class; and we doubt very much | can fall when they have lost grace, and if Protestantism has any great welcome for them.

"THE TRUE CATHOLIC."

On the first June there appeared in Brooklyn, N. Y., a sheet called "The True Catholic." It also is called an Inline, this abominable little tarantulla bears the two-fold stamp of the Italian infidel and the venomous renegade; only an Italian Capodiavolo could pour forth such blasphemies, and only a pervert from his fate could hate with such unbridled vengeance. The sub-editor is one Joseph A. Judge, who is announced can fill engagements to lecture on various topics of interest." If this Mr. Joseph A. Judge is the man we are led more honorable or respectable people in the city of New York; no more pious college-educated son be the one who blackguard and blasphemous articles that soil the pages of "The True Catholic," then we regret their sad misfortune; it s decidedly a fearful thing for virtuous parents to behold one of their off-spring turning out to be an insane creature,and worse even, wickedly, diabolically long ago where the society he loves to keep has so many admirers and adherents. We hope-but we fear in vainthat we may be mistaken in this man's identity. If we are not: then we pity his young wife and her relatives-for they also are respectable and good.

In any case, no matter who he is, he at least has neither logic nor facts, sense nor reason in his writings; but they are rank with vile abuse of the Catholic Church and the Blessed Virgin.

"The True Catholie" opens out by an announcement that it "salutes the brethren in Christ of every shade of belief." Then, as if Catholicity were not a belief, it singles out that one exception in its open the eyes of Protestants to the character of Romanism." It is too bad that Protestants have been so long blind; why did not the Tito-Judge crowd rise up sooner to enlighten the millions of Protestants who have been yearning for they say, "to shed light upon the dark path of Papists." So both Catholics and Protestants have been groping in the dark awaiting this new column of fire to guide them through the desert of their ignorance. Thank goodness, neither Catholic nor Protestant can ever again plead ignorance, for behold! an Italian infidel and an Irish-Catholic renegadethe two worst characters that ever cursed the earth with their presence-have would probably give a better index to arisen to "cast light" upon the highway. his character. The last one completes They tells us: "We want to preach the truth to all who will hear, especially those who trust in the sacramental salvation of Popery." This would seem a very insane undertaking were it not that they follow it up by saying : "Help us, friends, to scatter the light among such people by subscribing for this paper, and by getting your friends to subscribe, and if any Christian desire to aid our mission by sending us an occasional dona-He must be fearfully ignorant of the tion we will thankfully receive it." There is no doubt of it at all; the speculation, however, is not likely to prosper.

It is pretty certain of a speedy ending, not that Catholics will read it and bother their heads about it, but because no respectable Protestant will have any confidence in men who, after leaving their faith for an unworthy purpose, turn around and attempt to make money out buked the cruel Jews who, in their self- the Church of Rome and publishing the foulest of falsehoods. The great mass of Solomon Robitschek would do) to stone to our separated brethern want none of

> The paper from first to last is abusively vulgar, degrading; it appeals to the lower instincts, and it holds up to ridi-

hints, scoffs, sncers, and sacrilegious brings against the Church he brings it | pelled; it may flit across the sun's face, against Christ Himself, for it was Christ but cannot approach even within milwho commanded His church to receive lions of miles the luminary itself. Truth the sinner and who gave power to His | -like the sun-heeds not the miasms and mists of darkness. Like the toad-stool springing up in a night from the rank-There is a great deal of the hypocrite ness and rottenness of the soil that gave Is it not to give them an opportunity of elements of Arithmetic. to warn our Protestant friends against such impositions.

DIME NOVELS.

To-day there is taking place, on the grounds in front of St. Patrick's Church, a Strawberry Festival. It has been ordependent Journal. It purports to be ganized by Rev. Father McCallen and who is half starved upon twenty-live, edited by one V. Tito, who rejoices in the the Ladies of Charity, a benevolent assoprefix of ex-Priest of Rome. From its ciation of the parish. The immediate prived of the benefits because he cannot prologue to its last vulgar and wicked object of this splendid festival is to pro- pay a tax of one dollar. He pays his cure funds for the Catholic Free Libfeed their children; but, at the same of these "big guns" in the army of intime they have a greater duty to per struction. Is it just, is it houest, is i minds and training the young hearts, teacher-for whose benefit the conven-There is no means so calculated to thus tion is supposed to take place—and to tongue are made subservient to and aleducate the young as that of good books. Too him either of a big percentage of his as "a converted Irish Romanist," who, Gothe, the great German, once wrote: starvation salary, or else rob him of the toms of buried ages and languages that see a fine picture, hear a good song, or We protest against it as ungenerous, as read a good book," In order to secure, mean-spirited, as cruel. Ye that organto suppose he is, then we are sorry for for the young people, the privilege and lize and that receive such large public his father, mother and brothers: no advantage of "a good book," we require grants, ye who have the high salaries good, Catholic, public, Free Libraries, and the fame and honor, ye who intend Young people will read, just as surely as to dislay your knowlege for the editica-Catholics and worthy citizens. If their they will cat. If they cannot get pure, tion and instruction of others, be nobleelevating, nourishing aterature, they will [hearted enough, be honest enough not proclaims himself responsible for the get the "dime novel," and the light to crush the striving, hard working, poorperiodical thrash that floats like seum ly paid teacher; do away with your dolupon the surface of our present literature. Har tax upon them or else pay your own We could not better point out the fearful | ways and in proportion to your emoludangers to which the youth of the coun- ments. It is too had to mar such a briltry are exposed, through means of bad literature, and consequently the benefit black. Efface it at once! of the antidote -- a good Free Library,crazy. It is a pity he were not locked up than by quoting from Judge Depuc's charge to the grand jury, delivered at Newark, N. J., last week. The learned judge said :

or crime, being perty or grand larcehy, according to the amount, under eighteen, 30 per cent.; between eighteen and twenty-three, 30 per cent.; over twenty-three, 10 per cent. are under the age of eighteen years.

"Now it is possible that there may be some method of controlling the sale of this literature, especially to children, by the powers that I understand are vested in the Board of Education. At all events I desire to call public aftention to the subject in order that public interest may be aroused to protect young people from this class of literature. If any case has been brought before me, and I had opportunity to look it up, I should have asked you to stay longer, inasmuch as I consider this a matter of so much public importance.

But a great deal may be done from the publicity which may be given to the facts I have mentioned, especially in bringing the matter to the attention of all who are interested in children, and you all know they are to be the men of the next generation. I hope that the remark I have made will not fail to be a subject matter of attention by the next grand jury."

And we hope that these very pertinent

And we hope that these very pertinent remarks may serve to open the eyes of Catholic parents to the fearful dangers of pernicious literature and the wonderful and absolutely necessary benefits of good, sound, wholesome, Catholic books. For heaven's sake encourage your Free Library! It will be a source of untold blessings for your young children and for yourselves.

THE TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Nothing could be more worthy of praise and of encouragement than the never digested a drama of Shakespeare's; grand movement now taking place-the teachers' convention. The object is good and the means to attain that object are to be commended. The lectures to be delivered, by men versed and experienced in the instructing profession, the different examinations of the many works in the school line, performed throughout Canada, all must tend to enlarge the Swift or Ben Johnson; to whom Macviews, and help to stimulate those anley is unknown, and the British Essaywho may have the privilege of attending and enjoying such literary treats.

If we are rightly informed each provincial legislature, the Dominion Gov- Lever, Thackeray, Balwer or even ernment and our City Council have all given proportionate grants to defray the men, learned in the verses of Latin expenses of this grand convention. That poets, could quote intelligently from is only right and for no better purpose could the public moneys be voted. But Chillon?" They have read Lactanius is it not too bad that so much muniti- and the Fathers; Newman, Faber, Bercence on the part of the governments | nard O'Reilly and Manning are only

that Lord Salisbury will resign. He least we be judged "? What kind of unwarranted assertions, blackguard and injustice? We are also informed that Place, yet Newton is outside their sphere." each teacher, who desires to attend that they read the "Orlando Furioso," and or she is excluded.

> improving and thereby helping more effectively in their respective schools afterwards? Or is it simply to give a few the spirit in which they are given. We privileged ones a "good time"; to let them have a chance of airing their cloquence; to enable them to meet, hold the ornamentation of column, capital high carnival at the country's expense and gable is an unsafe expense when and to go away without having achieved the foundation is not solid. We would the real end for which the convention was called? Where is the fair play in all literature-of the higher class and standthis? The Government, the Legislatures, and-introduced into the colleges and the City are all flinging out money to academies. aid and to carry on this grand teachers' convention; and lo! the poor teacher, thirty or forty dollars per month, is detaxes and it is his money as well as the rary. Parents are obliged to clothe and people's money that pays the expenses form,-that of nourishing the young fair to demand a dollar from the poor "one should, at least, every day try to privilege for which the country pays? liant literary reunion by a blot so inky

ENGLISH CLASSICS.

We were asked the other day by a gen-We were assed the other day by a get and the account of this day, in the most personal consecution in the character of the iterature that can possibly get into the hands of children. Men would avoid it. I am not never earned the most personal military in the first books that come within the soly are produced in the sale of the iterature that can possibly get into the hands of children. Men would warrant be indicated in the sale of the iterature that can possibly get into the hands of children. Men would avoid it. I am not never earned to the meaning of English, the next term, if I can find any of these books that come within the solpe of the law, it shall ask the grand jury to indic. I find from information that upward of twenty persons in this city are engaged in the sale of this continued an estimate from a very authoritative source of the large auth and the indicated in the sale of the case, when so obtained an estimate from a very authoritative source of the large authorities. And I naviously of the large authorities and I naviously and the accompany in the source of the large authorities. And I naviously of the large authorities are also the large authorities and I naviously and the accompany in the control of the large authorities. And I naviously an advertise and the large authorities are also the large authorities. And I naviously an advertise are also the large authorities and I naviously and the accompany in the large authorities. And I naviously an advertise are also tleman of supposed education, "what do Canadians, but with pupils from all parts of the vast Republic to the South of us. Still on earth there is nothing perfect, as the Post Priest's (beautifully says);

"And still did I pine for the Perfect, And still found the False with the True; I sought 'mid the Human for Heaven, But eaught a mere glumpse of las Blue; And I wept when the clouds of the mortal Velled even that glumpse from my view."

There is nothing that a people should

cherish with greater pride and transmit to their children with more sacred care than the mother-tongue. It is the same for French, German, English or any other race. The language of a people is the seal of their nationality. Knowing this and feeling it, we cannot help being pained when we meet with graduates, or at all events ex-students, who ask " what are the English classics?" There is many a one to-day in Canada who has spent months and years, plodding through a complete course, and who never learned, or, if he did, has forgotten all about the beauties and literary grandeurs of his native language. We meet with students who translate Homer's Odessy, but who could not analyze the first proud sentence in the "Paradise Lost;" who know Virgil by heart and yet have never read and who can talk of Demosthenes and Cicero and cite their phrases, yet who never read Burke, nor Chatham; who know nothing of Grattan, Sheridan, or Canning; who know the odes of Horace by heart. and yet never heard of Junius; who can tell of Josephus, of Xenephon, or of Tacitus, yet who never read Addison, ists are myths.

How many of these stutents are able to speak critically of Dickens, Scott, George Elliot? How few of those young "Childe Harold,, or "The Prisoner of

convention, to hear the lectures, to profit they never studied the "Deserted Vi by the experience of others, is obliged to lage." Would it not be well if our may one dollar entrance fee, or else he lish classics went hand in hand with dead languages? And the same applies In the name of common sense, for to French classics. Conic sections and what is this convention organized? Is it Geometry applied to Astronomy, Ganot, not to be of benefit to teachers? Is it not Atkinson and Leibnitz should not anal to help them along in their profession? out Lindlay Murray and Thompson

We trust that these remarks will be taken, by all whom they may concern, in certainly require our elementary instruction to be more solid and more thorough: like to see a little more of our modern

There are beauties in the English and French literatures far more useful and not an atom less attractive or less perfeet than the choicest models in the languages of Rome or Athens. thorough classical education is one of the grandest boons that man can receive, "at home it is a friend, abroad an introduction, in society an ornament, in solitude a solace;" but we deem no classical course perfect wherein the rich and rare grandeurs of the living mothermost efficed in presence of the phanare dead. While we disinter the precious columns from beneath the lavas of Pompeil, or the gorgeous mosaics in the debris of Herculanium, we must not neglect the living splendors that surround and adorn Reseina and Naples; nor dare we forget the Vesuvius that ilames over-head and rumbles its warnings, telling us that some day our modern structures may share the fate of the buried cities. Time, ever moving and irresistible, rolls on; while we are seeking for the hidden beauties that the lava of centuries has buried, with all the pomp of Rome and the splendor of Athens, we must not neglect the living, moving, acting powers, that some day, in the dim future, may be to other generations what the works of Greece and Rome are to the men of this day.

generally look for in a laundress; and in Montreal we have found Chinamen who did better washing, were more careful of the linen, returned it more exactly, charged less and gave generally better satisfaction than certain very "Christian" laundresses. We prefer the Chinaman. He is in every sense more to be relied upon, as far as washing goes. In fact the cant and humbug of such advertisements. disgust a sensible person, at least a reasonable Catholic.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. T. P. Foran.

On Saturday morning last, at Aylmer, P.Q., death claimed a young victim in the person of Bella M. McDonnell, be-loved wife of T. P. Foran, Esq., advocate, of Aylmer, formerly of Montreal, and brother of the Elitor of the TRUE WIT-NESS. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of Mr. Donald McDonnell, contractor, of Aylmer. She was in the very bloom of young womanhood, and was snatched away from a large circle of fond relatives and dear friends. She leaves two children, a little girl of five and an infant boy of a few weeks old. Although she had not been very strong for some months past, still the sad end was not deemed so near. Mr. Foran was well known in Montreal, where he studied law with the Hon. Mr. La-flamme, and afterwards practised for several years as the junior partner in the firm of Perkins, Monk and Foran. His many friends will be grieved to learn of the sad event, and in the hour of bereavement he and his family have their heartfelt sympathy. The funeral took place on Tuesday at Aylmer. R.I.P.

Mrs. Patrick Walsh.

It is with regret that we record the death of a good and worthy citizen of Tingwick. On the 24th June, last, it pleased the Almignty to summon to Himself the soul of Winifred Wilson, widow of the late Patrick Walsh, of St. Patrick's Hill, Tingwick. The deceased was born in 1817, at Balla, in the County of Mayo, Ireland. In 1842, she emigrated with her husband to Canada, they settled on a farm in Tingwick, were she resided until the time of her death. She was a pious