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LETTER FROM BISHOP CLEARY. Bishop's Palace, Kingston, 13th Nov., 1882.

DEAR SIR:—I am happy to be asked for word of commendation to the Rev. Clerg. word of commendation to the state and faithful laity of my diocese in behalf the CATHOLIC RECORD, published in London the the warm approval of His Lordshi the warm approval of his lead to the lead supply Catholic families with most useful and interesting matter for Sunday readings, and help the young to acquire a taste for pureliterature.

I shall be pleased if my Rev. Clergy will countenance your mission for the diffusion of the Record among their cargegations.

Yourse thaily.

†JAMES VINCE T CLEARY,
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LONDON, FRIDAY, OCT. 5, 1883.

THE NEXT PRESIDENCY. Speculation is daily growing more

rife with our republican neighbors as to the next Presidential campaign. Never was the issue of an electoral campaign involved in more doubt and uncertainty. The election of Gen. Garfield in 1880, took many by surprise, but the republican party three years ago was a more united, powerful and enthusiastic body than it is to-day or than it is likely to be a year henc'. But the democratic party has so often allowed victory to slip from its grasp by bal leadership and by internal dissensions that we would not be at all surprised if the dark shadow of defeat once more lowered on its banners in 1884. Previous to every other Presidential campaign, republican journals professed themselves sanguine as to the result. Well, indeed, in former years could they have been sanguine; first, with a gagged and unreconstructed south, and a north! lashed into fury by partisan appeals; then by unscrupulous returning boards in the one section, and barrels of gold in the other. But the south is now free to cast its vote as it desires: the north no longer so open to appeals of "blooly shirt" politicians, the recrite. Rutherford B. Hayes, and the barrels are now far from full. The republican journals are therefore constrained to hold a significant silvolved in doubt concerning the next Presidency. At the next election there will be four hundred and one electoral votes to be arranged by the people. Of these two hundred and one are required for election of any candidate. The republicans will, there is little doubt, with one possible exception, that of Ohio, choose electors in the following commonwealths.

Total The democrats on the other hand may justly feel assured of victory in the following states:

The uncertain states are not a few and control a very large electoral vote. We may count them as fol-

lows:

If to this latter number we add Ohio's electoral vote of 23, we have the sure republican list reduced to 148, or two more than the sure democratic list, and the uncertain vote increased to 97, which is perhaps the fairest calculation. Assuming, then, that Ohio is an uncertain state, the republicans, it must be admitted, have just ground for hope that they

will carry, of these uncertain states, Virginia with twelve votes, Connecticut with six, California with eight, Nevada with three, and Ohio with three and twenty, making in all two hundred, or one less than the number required for an election.

It will thus be seen that from the present atlook it is extremely difficult to indulge in predictions as to the result in 1884. As far as present indications enable us to form a judg. ment, we may say that they lead us to expect a very close contest, but one devoid of the bitterness and heart-burnings which so often attend American electoral struggles. Very much will, of course, depend on the choice of candidates made by each party, and a great deal on the course the democratic majority in the next Congress may see fit to pursue on trade and other questions If the time of the session be frittered away in useless discussions and unprofitable legislation, the cause of republicanism, now far from bright, will speedily rise in public favor and again perhaps be crowned with a national victory.

THE SCHOOL LAW.

We continue this week our statement of the school question. We once more urge on our readers the necessity of a careful study of the situation, that that miserable relic of Ryersonian bigotry, the present separate school system of Ontario, may soon disappear to be replaced by a true and effective system of Catholic education.

THE ACADIANS. We find in a speech delivered by M. Wilfrid Hache, at Bouctouche, on the 15th of August last, the national festival of the Acadians, certain sentiments expressed that we deem it well to lay before the English speaking public. Our only regret is that we cannot convey the speaker's thoughts with the grace and strength of the original French. "Acadia," said M. Hache, "may well be proud of her glorious past, for in every regard she has, notwithstanding the obstacles and difficulties placed in her way, accomplished her mission. Like her sister colony, Canada, whose mission is identical, Acadia has caused the French name in America to be respected and has worked with all her strength for the conversion of the aborigines. They have besides mutually aided each other. Whilst Acadia for a century and a half held in check the English forces which, once masters of her coasts, could have easily taken Canada, the latter sent turning boards have disappeared, her sister colony supplies of men and with that canting knave and hypo- stores. And why not thus aid each other, colonies sprung from the same glorious motherland? The mainten ance of our traditions is the fundamental principle that must direct us ence or admit that all is as yet in- if we desire to place our future prosperity on a solid basis, for that which gave strength and success to our fathers must produce like results for us, since we have the very same interests to promote, the same aspirations to realize and the same mission to fulfil. Our mission as a people was not completed with the eighteenth century, no more than our destruction was operated by the infamous proscription of 1755. If indeed the Indian tribes that inhabited these shores at the time of the establishment of the colony and towards whom our ancestors did their duty, have disappeared, other races with customs and creeds different from ours have taken their place. For us then be it a duty to guide towards the true faith those races that live in our midst. This duty let us fulfil, by the force of good example and by means of amicable relations with .146 them. During the past twenty years the Acadian people have begun to rise from the obscurity in which we were long buried, every day we are acquiring new influence, whether as a power in the political arena, or claiming a just share in the division of public offices, and positions in the liberal professions." M. Hache then proceeded to cite from Rameau, the historian of Acadia, who amongst oppression. other happy things in store for the Acadians predicts for them within

best means in education and colonization. In New Brunswick speci ally there is ample room for the development of the Acadian race by colonization. Its increase there is already so very marked that no one can be surprised if at the close of the next half century the majority of the inhabitants of that once bitterly intolerant Protestant Province be Cath-

IRELAND AND SCOTLAND.

The Moniteur, a leading journal of

the French metropolis, published,

towards the close of last month, a

correspondence in which we find

some reflections well worthy earnest

attention. Why not, says the writer,

govern Ireland, not after British, but

after Irish ideas? Look at Scotland.

On the other side of the Tweed, the

Scots are governed by Scotchmen not by an English lord-lieutenant. If reforms are sought for, if enquiries are ordered, the members of the committees of enquiry are Scotchmen, not Englishmen. The new minister for Scotland must be a Scotchman, and the chief law officer in that country is the lord advocate, who must be always a Scotchman. Such is the position which Scotland has obtained after many struggles and bloody combats, after an oppression as implacable as that of which the Irish now actually complain, but which the hardy Scots resisted step by step without flinching for a single moment. Why, then, does England wish the Irish to humbly incline their heads at the injunction of Mr. Gladstone, in acceptance of persecution and humiliation. By whom is Ireland governed? By an Englishman who must be a Protestant, although the vast majority of the Irish are Catholics. Who are the administrators and principal functionaries of government in Ireland? Englishmen, who, through influence at home, obtain comfortable positions with substantial remuneration from Dublin Castle. The Protestant Archbishop of Dublin is an Englishman, the Irish lord chancellor is likewise English. What s'ould be thought at Edinburgh or Glasgow if both the church and the administration of the law were placed in the hands of Englishmen? Why then expect submission in Dublin, Cork or Limerick? Scotland has its own land laws, its own legislation concerning marriage, its own commercial laws, its own particular system of education, its national religion, its national costume and its national traditions. Why should it not be the same for Ireland? The broadminded and liberal Britain, yielding to prejudice, refuses to Ireland that which she freely grants to Scotland. Yet the Irish do honor to the mighty empire of which they form part. I the magistracy, in the army, in finance and commerce, it is Irishmen who are most scught after in London and in the colonies. Their valor equals that of the Scots. Witness the fields of Alma, Inkerman, and in the days quite recent the fights of Ulandi in Zululand and Tel-el-kebir in Egypt. Their eloquence is admired by their most determined foes, and their probity is unquestioned. Why then exasperate a people rendering such great services. If Britain have not a care she will create for herself unsurmourtable difficulties in Ireland, hatred so fierce, animosities' so pro found, that reconciliation will become impossible, and this state of things must inflict more injury on England than on Ireland. Lest the present unfortunate state of things continue, we advise Britain to be careful before plunging into war, for the moment the fifty thousand soldiers in Ireland have to be withdrawn, that moment the Irish will rise in

nestness against everything English.

These are some of the views

expressed by the writer in the Moni-

teur. They show a clear insight

into British injustice in regard of

Ireland, and the existence of a heal-

thy sympathy amongst Frenchmen

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Le Canadian of Quebec says :- On Sun-

TAX EXEMPTIONS.

There is another feeble attempt on foot to revive the agitation on the so-called exemptions from taxation. The Ottawa Free Press says:

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Abolition of exemptions from taxation is again being agitated in several cities of the Dominion. St. John, N. B., Toronto and Hamilton papers are discussing it, and calling for redress of the abuse. There is, however, no city in the country so much defrauded by exemptions as Ottaws. The fact is that every bona fide tax payer in this city carries an exempted person and a slice of exempted property on his back, and the worst of it is the exempted are cuite as able, and in many instances are quite as able, and in many instances more able, to pay their taxes than the non-exempted. Every man should stand on an equal footing before the tax gatherer.

Our contemporary, in the course of this one short paragraph, is guilty of certain mis-statements showing a complete misapprehension of the question. The Free Press says, (1) that there is no city in the country so much defrauded by exemptions as Ottawa, and (2) that every tax payer carries an exempted person and a slice of exempted property on his back. Now what are the facts? Exempted property in Ottawa, as lsewhere, is either governmental, municipal, educational, or ecclesiastical. The taxing of property of this kind were to impose additional burdens on those already taxed, and nstead of affording relief, crush the already overburdened tax bearer under an additional impost. Then as a matter of fact there is no city in the country that has so largely benefitted as Ottawa from its so called exempted institutions, governmental, municipal, educational and ecclesias-

Government officials are, we beieve, but for no good reason that we can see, exempt from income tax, but we never thought they were so numerous as the Free Press would seem to say. As to the slice of exempted property which the non-exempted tax bearers have to bear, they are, we think, satisfied with their burden. It is at all events preferable in that shape to the imposition of new taxes of the most odious character.

Press that every man should be made pay as he goes and all should stand on equal footing before the tax gatherer, but this very desirable state of things must be brought about otherwise than by the taxation of churches and schools belonging to an already overburdened people.

PERSONAL.

ally in Ontario. ered from a late most severe illness. the cause of truth.

- What a contrast is offered by the following to the acts and lives of Catholic Bishops; and how little resemblance does it bear to the Apostolic missionary spirit : "The Protestant Bishop of Toronto is

It is satisfactory to learn, however, that the unfortunate omnibus proprietor need no longer "tremble," as "the trunks," including, we suppose, those of Mrs. and the Misses "Bishop," have since turned up all right.

Mgr. Capel is not without possessing a delicate sense of humor. In a lecture the other evening in the Brooklyn Academy of Music, on the subject of "Life in the Cloister," he said:—"We hear much about women's rights. For these there is no more perfect, place than the cloisters. is no more perfect place than the clois-ter. The nuns elect their own president ter. The nuns electron."
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The greatest living Canonist (Cardina

IRELAND'S STRUGGLE FOR THE FAITH.

Oh! land without love, oh! halls without song! How luckless the weak race who found you strong! Chivalry grows not on English ground, Nor can Mercy about its throne be found.

The joy of the Catholics of Ireland at the youthful king's accession can be more readily imagined than described. It was the sincere, hearty, unanimous outpouring of deep and unfeigned loyalty. The young monarch had, besides, in his declaration of Breda, published a year before his restoration, established a strong claim to their affection and support. "We do declare," he said, in that document, "a liberty to tender consciences; and that no man shall be disquieted, or called in question for matters of religion that do not disturb the peace of the kingdom; and that we shall be ready to consent to such an act of Parliament, as, upon mature deliberation, shall be offered to us for the full

granting of that indulgence." Immediately on his return the king appointed Ormond to the Lord Lieutenancy of Ireland, an appointment that gave but feeble promise of a straightforward, evenhanded course to the Catholics. But the latter's hopes were too ardent to be disturbed even by the reappearance of the wily and selfish Ormond at the head of Irish affairs. They had, however, but little knowledge of the real character of the new monarch which is accurately enough set forth by Macaulay. "The restored King," says that writer, "was at this time more loved than any of his predecessors had ever been. The calamitie of his house, the heroic death of his father, his own long sufferings and romantic adventures made him an object of tender interest. His return had delivered the country from an intolerable bondage. Recalled by the voice of both the contending factions, he was in a position which enabled him to arbitrate between them; and in some respects he was well qualified for the task He had received from nature excellent parts, and a happy temper. His education had been such as might have been expected to develop his understanding, and to form him to the practice of every public and private virtue. He had passed through

all varieties of fortune, and had seen both

sides of human nature. He had, while

very young, been driven forth from a

palace to a life of exile, penury, and dan-

ger. He had, at the age when the mind

and body are in their highest perfection,

and when the first effervesence of boyish

passions should have subsided, been recall-

ed from his wanderings to wear a crown.

He had been taught by bitter experience

how much baseness, perfidy, and ingrati-tude may lie hid under the obsequious

demeanour of courtiers. He had found,

on the other hand, in the huts of the poor.

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was offered to any who would betray him.

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should shelter him, cottagers and serving

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were phrases of the same sort, delicate and

convenient synonymes for the love of self.

Thinking thus of mankind, Charles natur-

ally cared very little what they thought

of him. Honour and shame were scarcely

more to him than light and darkness to

the blind. His contempt of flattery has

been highly commended, but seems, when

viewed in connection with the rest of his

character, to deserve no commendation

It is possible to be below flattery, as well

as above it. One who does not value real

"It is creditable to Charles's temper that,

circle, has in princes often been rather a

virtue. More than one well-disposed

ruler has given up whole provinces to

glory, will not value its counterfeit.

We heartily agree with the Free

We are happy to perceive the Very Rev. Dr. Tabaret, President of the College of Ottawa, lately returned from the North West, is once more at his post. The reverend and that a young man who wanted neither venerated gentleman met on his re- abilities nor amiable qualities, would have urn with a most enthusiastic wel- come forth a great and good King. Charles come from the five hundred students of the College. We are happy to state that the College was never on a more healthy or promising footing, a fact that bodes great good for the cause of Catholic education, especi-

Our readers will be delighted to learn that the Rev. Father Barber. whose missionary labors in the dioceses of Kingston and Ottawa, have won him lasting remembrance in Eastern Octario, is now fully recov-We rejoice at Father Barber's recovery on personal grounds indeed, but trick by which handsome women kept up specially on account of his eminent | the price of their beauty was called modespublic services, and his capacity, if ty. The love of God, the love of country, spared, as we pray he will, to do such glorious work for years to come in

the might of their unanimity and ear-Lordship's trunks.'

> ill as he thought of his species, he never became a misanthrope. He saw little in men but what was hateful. Yet he did not hate them. Nay, he was so far humane that it was highly disagreeable to him to see their sufferings or to hear their complaints. This, however, is a sort of humanity which, though amiable and laudable in a private man whose power to help or hurt is bounded by a narrow

de Luca) is, we regret to announce, most dangerously ill at Præneste.

to see none but happy faces round his man is fit to govern great societies who hesitates about disobliging the few who have access to him, for the sake of the many whom he will never see. The facility of Charles was such as has perhaps never been found in any man of equal sense. He was a salve-without being a dupe. Worthless men and women, to the very bottom of whose hearts he saw, and whom he knew to be destitute o affection for him and undeserving of his confidence, could easily wheedle him out of titles, places, domains, state secrets and pardons. He bestowed much; yet he neither enjoyed the pleasure nor acquired the fame of beneficence. He never gave spontaneously; but it was painful to him to refuse. The consequence was that his bounty generally went, not to those who deserved it best, nor even to those whom he liked best, but to the most shame-

less and importunate suitor who could

"The motives which governed the polit-

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obtain an audience.

ed widely from those by which his predecessor and his successor were actuated. He was not a man to be imposed upon by the patriarchal theory of government and the doctrine of divine right. He was utterly without ambition. He detested business, and would sooner have abdicated his crown than have undergone the trouble of really directing the administration. Such was his aversion to toil, and such his ignorance of affairs, that the very clerks who attended him when he sate in council could not refrain from sneering at his frivolous remarks, and at his childish impatience. Neither gratitude nor revenge had any share in determining his course; for never was there a mind on which both services and injuries left such faint and transitory impressions. He wished merely to be a King such as Lewis the Fifteenth of France afterwards was: a King who could draw without limit on the treasury for the gratification of his private tastes, who could hire with wealth and honours persons capable of assisting him to kill the time, and who, even when the state was brought by maladministration to the depths of humiliation and to the brink of ruin, could still exclude unwelcome truth from the parlieus of his own seraglio, and refuse to see and hear whatever might disturb his luxurious repose. For these ends, and for these ends alone, he wished to obtain arbitrary power, if it could be obtained without risk or trouble. In the religious disputes which divided his Protestant subjects his conscience was not at all interested. For his opinions oscillated in contented suspense between infidelity and Popery. But, though his conscience was neutral in the quarrel between the Episcopalians and the Presbyterians, his taste was by no means so. His favourite vices were precisely those to which the Puritans were least indulgent. He could not get through one day I without the help of diversions which the Puritans regarded as sinful. As a man eminently well bred, and keenly sensible of the ridiculous, he was moved to contemptuous mirth by the Puritan oddities. He had seated on his ancestral throne. From indeed some reason to dislike the rigid sect. He had, at the age when the passions are most impetuous and when levity is most pardonable, spent some months in state prisoner in the hands of austere habits, with polite and engaging manners, Presbyterians. Not content with requiring him to conform to their worship, and tion, addicted beyond measure to sensual to subscribe their Covenant, they had indulgence, fond of sauntering and of frivwatched all his motions, and lectured olous amusements, incapable of self-denial him on all his youthful follies. He had and of exertion, without faith in human been compelled to give reluctant attendvirtue or in human attachment, without ance at endless prayers and sermons, and desire of renown, and without sensibility might think himself fortunate when he to reproach. According to him, every perwas not insolently reminded from the son was to be bought: but some people pulpit of his own frailities, of his father's haggled more about their price than others yranny, and of his mother's idolatry. and when this haggling was very obstinate Indeed, he had been so miserable during and very skilful it was called by some this part of his life that the defeat which fine name. The chief trick by which made him again a wanderer might be rethe clever men kept up the price of their garded as a deliverance rather than as a abilities was called integrity. The chief calamity. Under the influence of such feelings as these Charles was desirous to repress the party which had resisted his the love of family, the love of friends,

Steps were soon after the King's return taken for the election of Parliament both in England and Ireland. In both countries the elections excited a degree of interest and enthusiasm almost without parallel. In England there was, according to Macaulay, returned a body of representatives such as the country had never before seen. The Royalist party literally swept the country. The new members flocked to the metropolis athirst for vengeance on the Roundheads and dissenters, so much so that the king found himself nowerless to protect the Presbyterians from the violent religious zeal of the victorious Cavaliers. Some idea may be formed of the character of the new English Parliament by its first proceedings.

The Commons, according to Macaulay, began by resolving that every member should, on pain of expulsion, take the sacrament according to the form prescribed by the old Liturgy, and that the Covenant should be burned by the hangman in Palace Yard.

An act was passed, continues Macaulay, which not only acknowledged the power rapine and oppression, merely from a wish of the sword to be solely in the King, but whose conscience did n form, were driven fre one day. The domin reminded the sufferer liament, when at the had turned out a stil Royalist divines. Th too well founded: 1 ment had at least al whom it ejected a keep them from st ample the Cavaliers, mosity, had not the to follow. Then came penal conformists, statutes might too easily be legislation, but to not give his assen promise publicly m portant crisis of his his fate depended. extreme distress an foot of the thron recent services as solemnly and repe King wavered. H own hand and see be conscious that petitioners. He w resisting importun temper was not th disliked the Purit dislike was a lan resembling the en burned in the l moreover, partial religion: and he impossible to gra the professors of tending the sam ant dissenters. feeble attempt to zeal of the Hou House was un deeper convictio sions than his ov he yielded, and alacrity, a series separatists. It attend a dissent single justice of offence, pass ser beyond sea for s cruelty it was should not be land, where he If he returned the expiration liable to capita most unreason divines who ha fices for none fused to take th coming within was governed town which ment, or of themselves r magistrates, statutes were eral men infl by the reme in the time gaols were th scarcely say, and clerical. was compose from the Eng by motives

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