

## ARCHBISHOP LYNCH AND THE TORONTO HOSPITAL.

"His Grace," of Toronto, has been pleased to renew his plausible proposals, of a few years ago, to put the charge of the public hospital into the hands of the Sisters of Charity, by whose superior economy, he alleges, many more free patients will be able to enjoy the benefits of the institution. Every promise is given of abstinence from proselytising, and of the freest access by Protestant ministers and others to inmates of their own faith. The Trustees, however, of course, decline to accept the proposal, in terms very grateful and courteous, but positive and firm. "The public would not be satisfied" with such an arrangement. We should think not!

## ORANGE INCORPORATION ACTS.

No question that has come up in the Legislature of Ontario during the present session, has excited a stronger feeling than the proposal to incorporate the Orange Body. Similar measures were several times introduced into the Parliament of the former Province of Canada, but they were always rejected. Under the administration of Messrs. Baldwin and Lafontaine an Act was passed to prohibit all party processions; but it could not be enforced, and was afterwards repealed. It is now urged, that, inasmuch as the existence and public demonstrations of the Order are at least tacitly sanctioned by law, the additional power should be granted to hold property for actual use as lodge-rooms, &c. The Acts (for Eastern and Western Ontario Associations) are passed, but by narrow majorities. The Government made it an open question, the Attorney-General alone voting for these bills, and all his colleagues against them. On the part of many who voted in their favour there was strong deprecation of the importation of these old-world feuds into this new land. For our part, we are no lovers of Orangeism. There seems to be in it often more of personal hatred to Roman Catholics than of religious opposition to Romanism; while, by a strange inconsistency, on great public questions, they are not seldom found rowing in the same boat with these objects of their deadly hostility! However, when Acts of Incorporation are so freely granted to every kind of Catholic organization,—and they are all "secret," so far as public insight and control are concerned,—we do not see why such powers should be refused to this body.

## THE NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOL QUESTION

Is not settled yet, we suppose. The Supreme Court of the Province has unanimously decided in favour of the constitutionality of the law which established a thoroughly public system, and abolished separate schools. The sentiment of the Protestant majority is very united and firm in its support. The Government put a strong utterance to the same effect into the mouth of the Lieutenant-Governor in his opening speech to the Legislature. And there the matter stands, so far. The fine legal question—whether the separate schools previously permitted were so established by law as to come under the protection of the B. N. A. Act of 1867, or were merely temporary arrangements liable to be repealed at any time—was to be referred, we understood, by the Ottawa Government to the Privy Council in England; with what result, we know not. But if our maritime friends find that confederation has deprived them of any liberty they enjoyed while a separate province, it will rouse them to something like rebellion!