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THE MONTH OF MAY.

The Church, being mother of wisdom, is ever imparting lessons to her children. She never loses an opportunity. Adversity and prosperity, youth and age, health and sickness, cradle or grave—all the circumstances and vicissitudes of life afford her subjects for instruction.

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Criticism and curiosity are naturally out of place in the presence of genius. All the same we must confess to a suppressed wish that the sense of the stanza was more complete. To what was the Orangeman moved, or how was he moved. To prove the need of boiling loyal vigilance, however, which is the price of excluding the "Roman band" from getting any sort of a show in the departments, the poet's reflections do not in any sense fall short of definite and positive conclusion.

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ORANGE GRATITUDE TO THE WHITNEY GOVERNMENT.

The Orange Sentinel is delighted with the "vigorous protest" of the Catholic Register against the treatment of Catholic officials by the Whitney Government. It has reprinted our article with approval—not ap-

proving the grounds of the protest, of course, but the fact of the protest. It is a great day for the Orange Sentinel when Catholic office-holders are catching it. And the Orange organ is at pains to impress upon Mr. Whitney the political value to his party of the widespread publication among Orangemen of the Catholic Register's article. This is candor to the extent of thinking out loud. But surely a just conception of the Orange point of view calls for a special word of congratulation to the Catholic supporters of the Whitney Government in the Legislature upon their admirable capacity for taking it lying down.

Then again, lest there should be any possible room for feelings other than of keen satisfaction on the government side over what is happening to Catholic office-holders, the Orange Sentinel publishes what it declares is a return of the religion of the employees of the Dominion Government Printing Bureau. More than half the hands in the printing office at Ottawa, it is alleged, are Catholics, and it is implied that as long as the disparity is maintained at Ottawa the Whitney Government cannot make too many Catholic office-holders in Toronto squeal, or make them squeal too loudly. If the Orange Sentinel's statistics are as strained as its notions of operating the spoils system, nothing more need be said of one or the other.

But more thorough work, it would appear, remains to be done by the sectarian spoilsmen in the Queen's Park. The Orange Sentinel would have them understand that Catholic office-holders are denying their religion for the sake of hanging on to their jobs. We quote from the Orange organ:

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The present outlook is one truly satisfying to the Orange Sentinel. What has been gained is but an earnest of what can be gained if the members of the Orange order stand more closely together. The Orange Cabinet Minister on the inside and the Orange heeler on the outside, should be pretty radical reformers of the civil service.

Under all the circumstances we offer no apology to our readers for reprinting a few extracts from the Orange Sentinel's official muse, inspired to a burst of song by Mr. Whitney's "fairness to the Protestants of this country." The poem is headed "An Orangeman's outlook." The prologue which is scriptural compares Gideon of old to a modern leader (obviously Mr. Whitney.)

To lead his people to the fold, There are a few passing thoughts upon King William and the Boyne, all in the style of the following perfect nugget of pure poetic gold:

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Mr. Whitney is to be congratulated upon having so clear-visioned a political mentor close at hand. The vote cannot go wrong when poetry keeps the enthusiastic gratitude of the boys at boiling pitch. The Catholic followers of Mr. Whitney in the Legislature will also be kept quiet by such ministrals. With them it is a clear case of obedience to the order "Crop-pies lie down."

THE PURITANS.

Amongst the papers read at the Educational Association held in this city during the Easter vacation, was one entitled "Europe and America" by Professor Dale. It was addressed to the historical section, and it dealt with the two continents from the historical point of view. This at least is the assumption, though the reports were too meagre to give us a satisfactory outline of the arguments advanced. Two conclusions are thus enunciated by the Professor: "Religion was the centre, the core of the history of both continents. The English Puritans were the first to substitute 'libertas' for 'imperium.'" Such wide inaccurate generalization should not be allowed to go without question. Religion has played a large part in the history of Europe and even America. It has no more been the maker or unmaker of nations than it can be credited with building the wall of China. So far as America is concerned it was rather the initial point of history's curve than the centre of turning events. Neither Canada nor the United States has witnessed serious religious wars. The war of independence which started upon his particular subject. The school board does not pay any specialist in virtue or politeness. These subjects are not on the examination list. They are left, therefore, to be taught by those at home. But co-education and lax discipline at school interfere too much with the austerity of the family hearth, where all is not known. What is the result of the system in public and high schools? It is more humiliating to conceive than edifying to describe the manners and conduct of young people nowadays. Without reverence or restraint they too plainly show the complete want of that modesty which is the external and appropriate mark of true interior virtue, as they show the utmost disregard for politeness which is the charming expression and observance of charity. Compliments of these deplorable results appear from time to time. But few lay the blame at the right door. When children are not taught to revere God, when God and the things of God form not a great part of their education, when His law is never a subject of their mind's thought or heart's affection, we cannot expect that these young people will show consideration for their elders or superiors. On the contrary trained as they are to despise the past and to use pippant speech so readily they look upon themselves as the superiors and upon the old folks as anything but subjects of regard. This will continue. An evil tree cannot bring forth good fruit. In a system of godless education there will ever be a cankerworm. And a system which goes so much into specialism fails in the development and unification of character. We have specialists for science, religion, rectitude or even politeness.

What is the world coming to? The nurses of the province are forming a combine with full legal rights, a titled association and power to examine, grant degrees and fine recalcitrants. Surely combines are bad enough down town where health and strength may struggle against them, or at least not be handicapped in their contest. To transfer the combine office to the sick-room is the limit of social endurance. Let us explain. A bill was introduced on March 1st in the local Legislature entitled "An Act respecting the Graduate Nurses' Association." The objects and powers of the Association are set forth in the third clause: "The Association may promote and increase by all lawful ways and means the knowledge, skill and proficiency of its members in all things relating to the profession or calling of nursing, and attending under the direction of a qualified medical practitioner, sick, wounded, injured or diseased persons, and maternity cases, and to that end may establish training schools, classes, lectures and examinations, and generally prescribe such tests of competency, fitness and moral character as may be thought necessary or expedient to qualify for admission to membership, and may grant diplomas and certificates of efficiency in any branch of the said profession or calling of nursing and attendance." These are sweeping powers. Why the Legislature should deem it necessary to give any association such a lever we do not see. Every association will strive by lawful means to advance its interests. It is entirely uncalled for that a Provincial Government should give its imprimatur to an extensive use of "lawful means," as we have in this instance. We have several objections. We object to the principle of the bill. We object more strongly to the covert attack which it makes

upon our existing institutions. Throughout the province there are several hospitals in charge of religious communities whose well-being is seriously threatened by this novel association. Are those communities to enter this Association? If they do apply, then a council of nurses is going to sit in judgment upon their "fitness and moral character." If the communities do not apply then the bill leaves them out in the cold. What chance now will they have for training nurses? Whatever improvement either in the qualifications or standing of nurses may be proposed let our communities share in them. They are devoted, unselfish, successful. They, wherever they have institutions, win and hold the public confidence not only of their co-religionists but of unprejudiced non-Catholics. Why is the Legislature going to deal them a blow which will knock the life out of them? We protest against it, and call upon our people to close their serried ranks in protest. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. That is our motto.

Chevalier John Heney

The veteran chevalier, John Heney of Ottawa, one of the most picturesque and admired figures in the Dominion's capital, has now entered upon his eighty-sixth year. Hale and hearty after watching for eighty-five successive rounds the course of the sun in the heavens, this venerable and esteemed citizen of Ottawa may hopefully wait for many more years the reward of an active and regular life spent in the interests of all that is good. The story of Ottawa's Grand Old Man is known throughout the length and breadth of Canada, the work he has done in the cause of temperance, in the cause of Ireland, and in that of the Church, are all before the people; it is not necessary to repeat them here, for us there only remains to offer congratulations and hope that many years may yet be added of continued health and well-doing.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Collins (nee Ferrett) came to Toronto, Canada, about 30 years ago, with her husband and children from Tufton street, Westminster. Any information as to her whereabouts is earnestly sought by her cousin, Mrs. E. Herbert, 14 Bensham Grove, Thornton Heath, Surrey, London, Eng., or by the Catholic Register, Toronto.

Miss Beck and Miss Coffey Made Presentations

At Loretto Convent, Niagara Falls, Miss Beck of Edmonton, and Miss Coffey of Montreal, were the happy actors in presentations to Prince Arthur, the former presenting a sheaf of roses and the latter a picture, both of which were graciously received.

Letters From Elizabeth Angela Henry

Many readers of the Catholic Register will read with interest the second letter of Elizabeth Angela Henry, who is now in Italy writing a series of descriptive articles for the Catholic Union and Times, Buffalo. From the first article on the Alhambra which we re-produced, the name of the writer was inadvertently omitted. As Miss Henry is well known in Toronto where she resided for some years, her letters will receive a welcome in many homes.

Mr. Lynett's Death

After an illness extending from the 12th of November last, Mr. David Lynett passed away Saturday night, April 14th, a few minutes before midnight, on the farm on which he was born. Deceased had been an active man for many years in this section, and will be greatly missed. For the past fifteen or sixteen years he was a member of the Richmond Hill Board of Education, for six years he sat on the East York License Board, and he was a past president of the Richmond Hill and Yonge St. Agricultural Society. Deceased was a good committeeman and any work entrusted to him would not be neglected. The funeral to the Thornhill Cemetery Tuesday was largely attended, the cortege of vehicles being unusually long. High Mass was commemorated in the church and an impressive service conducted by the pastor, Rev. Father McMahon, and Rev. J. R. Teffy. Besides a widow, an aged father, and several brothers and sisters, deceased leaves a family of four sons and four daughters. R.I.P.

THE SPRING IN ITALY (Continued from page 1.)

took part in the parade, motors and bicycles sandwiched between, and all going at as rapid a rate as possible. Spectators lined both sides of the road, hugely enjoying this open-air vaudeville entertainment. When the line of carriages was most congested upon the sidewalk came a funeral procession. The coffin was carried and preceded by a priest bearing a crucifix, and nuns and monks with lighted candles. The mourners followed the coffin, and as it was carried past, every head was uncovered, excepting where here and there stood some disrespectful foreigner. At 6 o'clock the crowd of spectators made its way to the broad street by the side of the Arno and there, until nightfall, they formed another avenue of people and watched men and women promenading up and down Genoa, Italy.

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