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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.
London, Ont., May 23, 1879.

DEAR MR. COFFEY.—As you have become proprietor and publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD, I deem it my duty to announce to its subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its one and principle; that it will remain, what it has been, thoroughly Catholic, entirely independent of political parties, and exclusively devoted to the cause of the Church and the promotion of Catholic interests.

Mr. THOMAS COFFEY,
Office of the "Catholic Record,"
FROM HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP HANNAN,
St. Mary's, Halifax, Nov. 7, 1881.

I have had opportunities during the last two years or more of reading copies of the CATHOLIC RECORD, published in London, Ontario, and approved of by His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, the Bishop of that See. I beg to recommend that paper to all the faithful of this diocese.

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LONDON, FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1882.

The Hierarchy of Ontario and the Dublin Murder.

The following despatch was called yesterday, by Bishop Walsh, to the English Prime Minister, on behalf of the Catholic hierarchy of Ontario:

To the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, Premier, London England.

In the name of the Catholic Bishops of Ontario, Canada, I express our abhorrence of the assassination of Secretary and Under-Secretary for Ireland, as unchristian and un- Irish; our sympathy with their afflicted families, and our hope that the righteous cause of Ireland may not suffer by the atrocious crime.

JOHN WALSH,
Bishop of London.

THE STATE OF IRELAND.

When the abandonment of their unjustifiable and ineffective policy of coercion was first announced, it was everywhere felt that the Gladstone administration had achieved its greatest triumph. We had always looked upon it as painful and humiliating to all men of broad and liberal views that a government headed by a statesman with a record so distinguished and honorable, as viewed from the standpoint of true and solid popular progress, should have ever inaugurated such a policy.

THE IRISH RESOLUTIONS.

The Senate of Canada, as we know our readers were glad to perceive, passed the now famous Irish resolutions by an overwhelming majority. The speech of the debate was that of Hon. W. Scott, Catholic Senator for Ontario, who was supported by two other able Catholic representative men, Hon. Frank Smith of Toronto, and Mr. Howland of Prince Edward Island.

which will find a ready echo from every Irish heart: "We earnestly hope that the attitude and action of the Irish people will show to the world that assassination such as startled us almost to the abandonment of hope for our country's future, is deeply and religiously abhorrent to their every feeling and instinct.

We feel no act has ever been perpetrated in our country during the exciting struggles of the past fifty years, which has so stained the name of hospitable Ireland as this cowardly, unprovoked assassination of a friendly stranger, and until the murderers of Cavendish and Burke are brought to justice that stain will sully our country's name."

The enemies of Ireland will, no doubt, take advantage of this unhappy event to excite public opinion against its people as lawless and unfit for self-government. Let us remind our readers that if lawlessness has found a foothold in that ill-fated country, it is due to no preference of Irishmen for lawlessness, but to ages of systematic misrule which has had the effect of placing the vast majority of the Irish people outside the operations of constitutional government.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL.

Work has been, we are most happy to announce, resumed on the new Cathedral. This will be glad tidings to all the Catholics of London diocese who take so deep an interest in this great work. Much has been done for the advancement of religion in this western section of the Province of Ontario, and especially within the past fifteen years.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.

We are happy to know that our views on the subject of Catholic education and the position and prospects of our schools in this Province, have attracted some attention. There is no subject of more vital interest to Catholics. Its discussion by them in the docile and religious spirit of furthering the improvement of our school system, in obedience to the requirements of religion, must lead to good results.

estimable men, that it counts amongst its number any who reflect dishonor upon it.

THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE.

We have often in these columns very pointedly condemned the nefarious attempts of many so called Irish and Catholic journals to lead their readers to the belief that the Catholic Church is the enemy of Ireland's freedom. These attempts, while failing of any general effect, even upon the readers of such journals, have manifested a spirit of such total ingratitude, and anti-Christian respect for the opinions of men in a position to form just views upon all subjects of public interest, as to lead us to the conviction that journalists of this class must have very false notions of the rights of others, and cannot be considered truly friendly to the solid advancement of the cause of Irish liberty.

OUR REMOVAL.

The CATHOLIC RECORD has removed to its new and commodious premises on the corner of Richmond street and Dufferin Avenue. Here we hope to receive the same hearty support and encouragement our patrons have hitherto extended us. In connection with our printing establishment we have also opened, as we announced through these columns some short time ago, a Catholic book store and publishing house.

A NEEDED REFORM.

We have much pleasure in announcing the information conveyed to us, from, we believe, reliable sources, that the government has decided to abolish postage on newspapers from and after the 1st day of July next.

THE POET PHILOSOPHER.

The death of Ralph Waldo Emerson has called forth the usual varied criticisms incidental to so notable an event. Emerson was indeed a man of world-wide fame, and personally one of the most amiable the human family contained.

THE MONTH OF MAY.

We were happy last week to present our readers with the able pastoral of His Lordship the Bishop, on the subject of devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The pastoral was, we know, read with very deep interest, and with much profit everywhere the Record is read.

DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD.

The following extract from the writings of Mr. Lecky, a pronounced rationalist, but able writer, will be found of interest to our readers during this month: "The world is governed by its ideals, and seldom or never has there been one which has exercised a more profound and a more salutary influence than the medieval (that is Catholic) conception of the Virgin.

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doubt if the experience of the next half century will justify that claim. The Sage of Concord was not the poet or philosopher of any distinctive period or critical epoch in the world's history, and cannot, therefore, in our estimation, enjoy the immortality so fondly associated with his name.

HAMILTON LETTER.

Clerical—Dundas Items—Picnic—Political—Sale of Library—Scarcity of Houses—Distinction without a Difference.

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of St. Patrick, and one of St. Joseph. They are to be placed in the new part of the church in chapels that are being prepared for them.

The choir of our Lady intend giving a series of Sacred Concerts in the Church, commencing on Monday 15th of May, and to continue for five successive Mondays. The first one will be the Creation. So lovers of good music are expecting a musical feast.

BRANTFORD LETTER.

THE CHURCH CONCERT.
The concert held last Friday evening was a decided success in every sense. About 800 people occupied Stratford's Opera House, the floor being crowded in every part, as well as the boxes, and all but a few seats on the gallery.

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Five Jews Converted.

Rome, April 12.—The most interesting ceremony of Holy Week in the Eternal City was the baptism of five converted Jews at the Church of St. John Lateran. A Cardinal baptised these converts, who constitute an entire family.

The venerable Jesuit Father Goetz died last week at Santa Clara College. The deceased, upon his arrival at San Jose, California, in 1856, found the small town raving in that city, but with the heroism of his holy faith, the good father voluntarily offered himself as nurse and spiritual counselor of the afflicted people with whom he remained, becoming himself a victim to the pestilence which left its mark upon his features ever after. May his soul rest in peace.—San Francisco Monitor.