ans or the Methodists, with their respective and contradictory doctrines of fore-ordained reprobation and salvation to all who profess or believe that they are saved? All "teaching the doctrines of Jesus!" The Chinese know better than that the contradictions of these jarring sects are God's revelation; and at this very moment of missionary activity Protestantism itself is on the verge of Delsm, and there is as much done, probably, in the way of converting the heathen to Rationalism or to a modified Paganism as to any belief in Christ. This has been notably the case in Japan, and we understand the same thing is occurring in China.

But the Catholic Bishops claim "to be equal in rank to Governors or Viceroys," and the "priests to prefects." This was not effected by any force employed by Bishops or priests, but it was the spontaneous act of the Chinese Government to recognize the religion of 600,000 subjects as one of the religions of the Empire, of which the Pope is the Emperor throughout the world. By this graceful edict the Chinese Governments rid itself of the interference of foreign nations whom they feared, and made provision for the protection of Christians by negotiating directly with the Pope or the Bishops or the priests as the urgency and magnitude of the case required. It was a great gain both for China and for religion, and much of the maligning of the Catholic missionaries has been based upon this fact so honorable to Christianity. The Protestant missionaries of Mr. Goforth's stamp are jealous because even the fear of the gunboats of Germany, England and America did not gain for them similar recognition.

We do not propose in the present uncertainty of news from the points of outbreak to compare the numbers of Catholics and Protestants who have suffered martyrdom in the present dreadful uprising of the Chinese against all foreigners, Catholic and Protestant alike. Accurate figures may be obtained later, but they are not attainable now, though Mr. Goforth pretends that the Catholic missionaries angered the Chinese by inducing their converts to fortify their towns against just such outbreaks by mobs. For doing this they are worthy of all praise. But there was no reason for anger on the part of the Chinese, since these measures were purely de fensive, and never offensive.

Mr. Goforth asserts that the earliest missions established in China were by the Nestorians. The history of that period in China, the fifth century, is involved in a good deal of obscurity. There are traditions and documents concerning both Nestorian and Catholic missions thus early, but as the Nes torians were not Protestants, nor had they Protestant doctrine except on one point, we need not discuss to the Catholic Church. We have our faults. It is not pretended that we are perfect; still it is notable that we events, in the thirteenth century the Franciscans began a liberate criminals, either there or else-successful work in establishing a Christ where. It is a fact of which we may successful work in establishing a Christianity there which has endured, notwithstanding many persecutions as bitter as that now raging, and due honor should be given to the noble army of martyrs who during the many centuries since faced almost certain death to evangelize those who knew not God.

Mr. Goforth heads his article in the Toronto News with the query: "Do Catholic Missionaries Remain at their Posts?" Undoubtedly they do, and the proof is found in the enduring work they have done. During the present trouble two Bishops and an uncounted number of priests have been martyred. We know that a large number of Protestant ministers have also met death for their religion. Though we are convinced that they had not the true religion of Christ, we do not not impugn their motives or their sincerity, but we cannot permit the honesty or zeal of the Catholic priests to be impugned, who went there knowing that they were almost certainly sooner or later to meet the fate of their predecessors.

The following summarized extract

The following summarized extract from a letter from Sister M. Jaurias, written in May, just at the beginning of the outbreak, shows in a few lines the spirit of these missionaries:

"Our poor China is terribly disturbed... the devil has let locks all his batteries. Refugees are flocking to us for protection. We have more than two hundred and fifty women and children. Happily for us the European ministers have made demands on the Empress which we hope may better our condition. A body of marines, it is said, are coming to guard our houses, but we depend more or the protection of God and the Blessed Virgin than on the soldiers. We are in the hands of the good God. Let him do with us what He will. I have been through many storms, but never did I witness such a calamity as the present one."

Contrast this with two recent Methodist clerical meetings which resolved in two cities of the United States that

more troops should be sent to China to protect the missionaries, together with the statement of the Rev. Dr. Hart that the only means to await the threatening trouble would be the seizure of Chinese territory by the European powers. Rev. Dr. Hart is the medical missionary superintend ent; and his letter was written at about the same date as that of Sister Jaurias. We may judge from these facts whether the spirit of Sister Jaurias or that of Rev. Dr. Hart was most likely to conciliate the Chinese.

THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

Mr. Danis O'Brien, who recently received the appointment of superintendent of Lachine Canal, is, we are glad to be told, giving the utmost satisfaction. Nor could it well be otherwise, for he is a thoroughly practical man, and has been for a life-time accustomed to that class of work. He was superintendent of construction 1 and 2 of the Lachine Canal and cut through section 11 of the Montreal harbor to allow the first boat to enter the lock at that point. He was also general superintendent of construction 8 of the Lachine Canal enlargement, and afterwards occupied a sim ilar position at the building of the new gates. In fact, as above stated, Mr. O'Brien has been for a life-time engaged in works of this class, and of considerable magnitude too. On this account, therefore, the Government could not have found a fitter man for the post.

Although the appointment was conferred upon Mr. O'Brien some time ago, we trust we are not too late in congratulating the worthy recipient and in wishing him even a larger measure of success than has attended his efforts in the past.

KENTUCKY CATHOLICS.

For nearly six months Kentucky has been in an uproar. At first came murder, force, high-handed bull-dozing. Then came detection of the alleged criminals, and revelations calculated to make every Kentuckian blush with shame.

There is one fact in regard to this of which all Catholics may well be proud, says the editor of the Midland Review. None of the men guilty of fraud, or that which is so alleged, were Catholics; none of the men now being tried on charges of conspiracy and assassination are Catholics. On the contrary, several of the fifty or more involved are known to be rabidly anti-Catholic. Throughout the whole imbroglio wherever a Catholic of prominence was found connected with it in any way, almost invariably he has been found standing for law and order, whatever his political belief.

Again, at the present moment sev eral county treasurers stand accused of fraudulent entries and embezzlement there is not one of them who belongs do not produce the cold blooded, feel proud. It is significant, also, that those who are rabid antagonists of the Church almost invariably drop into the criminal ranks—at least in

GOVERNMENT BAKING POWDER TESTS.

The Royal Baking Powder is an old candidate for favor with the house-keepers of the Dominion. Its patrons will be pleased to know that the recent Government report giving the analyses of baking powders sold in the Dominion show the Royal to be the purest of cream of tartar powders, the most healthful in character, and of greatest leavening strength.

It is shown that the art in baking-

powder making is to give a pure and healthful powder, of highest leavening powder, which will keep indefinitely without being its strength. These two qualifications—effective keeping and highest strength—it is impossible to combine in a powder except with to combine in a powder except with the use of chemically pure ingredients. The report states that the only entirely cream of tartar powders which came up to this stardard were the Royal and

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

wargons, some rifles, and 10,000 rounds of am-munition.

The refugees who were compelled to flee to British territory in the beginning of the war will begin to return to the Transavaal about Oct. 16. Many of these, chiefly Americans, are living in caves on the side of Table Mountain, as they are unable to pay rent. They express a good deal of dissatisfaction because the mili-tary authorities will not permit them to return sooner.

Goner.

General De Wett was lately reported to be at Potchefstroom, where on Sept. 29 he addressed he inhabitants congratulating them for their Africander spirit.

He declared that ne will coutinue the fight is long ashe has ten men left, and he will be me of the ten.

His present force is said to number seem

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His present force is said to number about 200 men, with whom he is now reported to be marching toward Wepener, with the purpose of attacking Aluvel North.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

Forty Hours Devotion at Stratford.

This beautiful devotion opened in St.
Joseph's church on the last Sunday of September. Rev. Dr. Kiiroy was ably assisted by
Rev. Fathers O'Neil of Kinkors. I Brennan, St.
Mary's; Gnam, Hesson; McKeon, Strathroy;
Downey, Logan; L'Heureux, Simcoe: Fogarty
Dublin; and Costello of Stratford. Over one
thousand received Holy Communion during
the three days. Rev. Fathers McKeon and
Gnam gave the special instructions. Strathroy Watford Notes. Strathroy-Watford Notes.

Sunday, Sept. 30, was a red-letter day for Strathroy and Watford. On Saturday evening His Lordship Right Roy. Bishop McEvay arrived on the 7 train and was escorted to Father McKeon's elegant and well-appointed residence adjoining All Saints' church.

At 8 o'clock next morning the Bishop colebrated Mass, during which the confirmation candidates received Communion, and the junior choir sang several hymns in honor of the Biessed Sacrament.

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At 10 a.m. bhomonfrmandi, members of the C. M. B. A. and other societies forming aguard of honor, proceeded to the priest's nome, and, headed by the cross-bearer and acolytes, they escorted the Bishop to the entrance of the church. There he was mer by the pastor, and having taken boly water and incense, the clergy and Bishop marched up the centre sile to the sweet strains of "Ecce Sacerdos," with orchestral accompaniment. The Prolector Noster and High Mass followed. The singing of Marconi's Mass, arranged for double quartette, chorus and orchestra, under the direction of the organist, Miss Crotty, was excellent

A glance at the sanctuary and altars was enough to assure anyone that the hand of an A glance at the sanctuary and altars was enough to assure anyone that the hand of an artist had been at work.

Bishop McEyay's examination of the candidates was a most thorough and searching one. By his kind, fatherly and genial manner he won the good-will of the children in a moment, and then his deep practical knowledge of the Bible, dogmatic and moral theology enable him to make the examination an instructive and profitshe one.

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At the conclusion of Mass Father McKeon delivered a brief address of welcome and imparted the pleasing information that the priest's house and the three churches in his parish were entirely free of debt. After confirmation Dr. McEvay delivered an excellent sermon on the gospel of the day. It was a masterpiece of sacred eloquence, and was instened with rapt attention by a congregation which crowded the church to the doors.

At 40 clock p m. His Lordship, assisted by Rev. P. J. Gnam. Wyoming, and the pastor visited our beautiful church in Watford. The church was crowded and many were unable to find even standing room. The Bishop's eloquent discourse on the duties of Catholics—parental, flital, ecclesiastic and civil—eft a lasting impression on all who had the good fortune to be present.

Watford, Oct. 5, 1990.

CATHOLIC APPOINTMENTS.

Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD :

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DEAR SIR.—I take no exception to your article replying to my remarks re Catholic appointments, but that it does not cover the whole ground. I therefore ask permission to point out that you do not touch at all on the principal points I have raised, viz.: that the question of Catholic appointments is only one of the many considerations that should influence Catholic electors in casting their votes, and that figuratively placing a pistol at the head of a Government at the approach of an election, when there is no time to remedy the condition of affairs, is not likely to accomplish the object, as it is apt to be resented by the Government should it be sustained; nor will it command the respect of, nor influence the policy of, the Opposition should they succeed, as you have clearly pointed out was the case on lower occasions. rmer occasions.
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You state "The Catholics of Ontario will treat the parties seeking their support on their merits. And where a party or individual representing a party is considered unworthy the confidence of the Catholic electorate, support need not be expected from that source." Well written. As Catholics we are bound under pain of sin to support the party we conscientiously believe will best promote the cause of religion and morality, the material interests of the country, the promotion of peace and harmony in the community and the rendering of equal instice to all classes. But to attack the existing tovernment on the latter point alone, to the exclusion of the others, may influence the unthinking who may not see that the state of attairs you describe is to be attributed in a fourfold degree to the present Opposition, rather than to the Government, as they have had at least four times the opportunities to remedy it. I should not have taken any exception to your articles, but for these reasons, and the further fact that my observation, limited it is true, to my own locality, but extending over a period of forty five years is, that Catholics who conscientiously support their party, believing that in doir go they are serving their country and their creed, are fairly well treated in public matters. Those who complain most are those noisy individuals who change their clothes if a personal advantage is to be gained, and who, if not paid for services rendered by others, take a "stand and deliver" attitude when opportunity offers. No one who knows the Record can fancy that this latter remark applies in any sense to you, whose general in dependence and regard for Catholic interests all must acknowledge.

MARRIAGE.

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St. Mary's church was crowded with an in terested throng yesterday to witness the marriage of Mr. Jno. J. Graf and Miss Minnie Madigan, eldest daughter of Mr. Luke Madigan, Ry. Contractor all of Mount Forest. The ceremony took place at 10 a.m. with Very Rev. Dean O'Connell officiating assisted by Rev. Fasher Owens of Ayton. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming and was the admiration of all in a handsome gown of ivory duchess satin made en traine trimmed with chiffon de soie and pearls and ornamented with lillies of the vailey; she wore a veil and wreath of orange blossome and carried a bouquet of bridal roses.

The bridesmaids were her sister, Miss Teresa, and the groom's sister, Miss C. Graf. The former wore pale pink lustre trimmed with cream plumes, the latter white organdie over pink satin and wore a white hat ornamented with cream plumes, the latter white organdie over pink satin and wore a white hat ornamented with the plumes, the latter white organdie over pink satin and wore a white hat ornamented with ream plumes, the latter white organdie over pink satin and wore a white hat ornamented with ream plumes, the latter white organdie over pink satin and wore a white hat ornamented with ream plumes, the latter white organdie over pink satin and wore a distinct the cocasion, and the bridal party entered amid the pealing of St. Paul's church bell while Miss E. Whelpley played the wedding march. The bride and groom, both being prominent members of the choir, the members showed their esteem by all being present and among those taking an active part were the Misses Whelpley. After the ceremony a reception was held at the magnificent and commodicus residence of the bride's parents. Among the large number of invited guests being many from a distance. The wedding dinner was sumptuous and well served. A reception was held at the magnificent and commodicus residence of the bride's parents. Among the large number of invited guests being many from a distance. The weddin

best wishes of the community for every happiness.

The many beautiful and costly presents bestowed upon the bride are only a slight boken of the esteem in which the bride and groom are held, among them being a gold watch and chain, a gift of the groom, a cheque of \$100, large marble clock, piush parlor see, oak side board with brass mountings, complete set of set of silver ware, oak table and chairs combination book case, dinner set of dishes and many other costly presents too numerous to mention.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TOKONTO.

Confirmation Services.

Also Grace, Archbishop O'Conner of Toronto aid an official visit to the Deanery of Barrie ast Sunday. He administered the sacrament of confirmation to seventy-three children-orty-three boys and thirty girls. The sponsors were Mr. Peter Kearus and Mrs. B. Hinds, lis Grace expressed himself as highly pleased with the condition of affairs in the parish, escelally with the educational facilities for children. He paid a deserving compliment to the priests of the parish on the good results of their labors.

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In the evening the Archbishop gave an instructive and interesting lecture on the decrement of images as taught by the Catholic church, the occasion being the blessing of three new statues for St. Mary's church, the statues of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Anthony of Padua. Rev. Edward of Connor's lecture was reached Archbishop O'Connor's lecture was reached a Archbishop O'Connor's lecture was reached confirmation on Tuesday in Phelpston. Medonte on Wednesday. Brentwood on Thursday, and will be at Belle Ewart on Saturday and will visit Newmarket and Bradford the early part of new week. Dean Egan accompanies His Grace on his confirmation tour. He will be a guest at the deanery during the remainder of this week.—Barrie Examiner, Oct.

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

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At High Mass in the parish church of Notre Dame de Grace, on Sunday, the reverend pastor referred to the drink-habit which, he said, is too prevalent in the parish; also, he reproached many of his parishioners who instead of paying their lawful debts incurred, both before and since the great fire of April 1ast, were spending their money foolishly.

On the record of October, 1890, Fenst of the Holy Angels Guardians, Miss Rachel Curran, sister of Air, Justice Curran of Montreal, entered the Convent of the Grey Nuns on Water street in this, assuming the sweet name in religion of Sister Mary of the Immaculate Concording the Contreal of the Curran of the Curran of the Grey Nuns on Water Golden July vee in the same convent of the Grey Nuns of the Holy and the Contreal of the Curran of who knew him. He formerly resided in Beller her Golden Jubilee in the same convent in which she had vowed the remainder of her fifter the service of Gold in His poor and which all the service of Golden His poor and the same convent in the three of Golden His poor and the same three of the fifter of the service of Golden His poor and the same three of Golden His poor and the same three returned to the service of Golden His poor and the same time returned to the Mother House, where she has since resided and filled the some time returned to the Mother House, where she has since resided and filled the Stortier of the Golden His Golden

Abenefactor has this year again enriched the chapel of the Holy Angels, Gloucester street convent, with a beautiful statue of St. Expedit. The saint was a young Roman who was martyred by Diocletian. He is invoked on scessions when a promp solution of any dim holding the Cross aloft this control of the parish was read from the pulpit in St. Mary's cathedral. The debt of the parish is no scessions when a promp solution of any dim holding the Cross aloft this control of the parish was read from the Standard Life Insurance Co., and \$11,45,00 cm on the parish parish may be supported by the parish was read from the pari

IN CHINA.

The situation in China appears to have cleared greatly since last week's report, as it is now almost certain that the powers will agree on a course to be adopted as the basis of negotiations. The French Government has made a proposal which at the latest moment seems to be agreeable to all.

This proposal opens by declaring that thanks to the concord of the powers and the valor of troops the first purpose of their union was attained, the relief of the Legations. The principles on which it is now proposed to act are the following:

First, The punishment of the principal culprits who will be designated by the representatives of the powers at Pekin.

Second, Prohibition to import arms into China.

Third, Equitable indomnities to be paid to

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Third. Equitable indemnities to be paid to States, societies and individuals.

Fourth. A permanent guard for the legations at Pekin.

Fifth. Chinese fortifications to be dismantled.

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Sixth, Military occupation of forts from Tien-Tsin to Pekin to secure easy access of the Legations to the sea, and of foreign troops to Pekin as deemed necessary.
At Shanghai the astonishment of the Chinese was great when they were informed by prociamation of the Viceroy that the foreign pressure had necessitated the degradation of prominent members of the court.
A regrettable incident occurred in the attack on Shanhai-Kwan, when the Russians fired on the French, mistaking them for Boxers. The French returner the fire, and six Russians and seven French were killed. Shanhai-Kwan was taken by the allies.
Pekin is being rapidly restored to quiet. The railroad to Tien Tsin is being repaired, and business is going on briskly, especially in the American section where the shops are said to be doing a thriving business.
The degradation of the special wind the shankai Kwan was taken by the allies.
Notwinistanding all this, a Tien-Tsin despatch to the London Standard dated Oct. 2 says that the edicits by virtue of which these things were done, are only ablind to hoodwink the powers and to make them believe in the Chinese good intentions, and that highly inflammatory edicts have been issued secretly.
An apparent confirmation of this suspicion is the reappointment of Ying-Nieh to a high post, after having been degraded at the same time with Prince Tuan. The Chinese are also pushing forward military preparations at a rapid rate, and 8,000 Imperial troops are advancing on Pekin along the Grand Canal, Theforeign troops are in readiness for battle with these if they make any attempt to recapture the city.
Severe fighting still goes on between the allies and the Boxers at various points.
Near Pekin 1.700 Germans engaged a Boxer forc, killing 40 on Oct 1. The Chinese were put to flight. Four Germans engaged a Boxer forc, killing 40 on Oct 2. The intention of the same day the British Gunboat Robin shelled the village Luk-Lao on S

steamer. The ringleaders were captured and flogged.

At Huang Tsun also 150 Boxers were killed in a fight with Germans on Sept. 27. The Boxers advanced with gymnastic incantations, under the leadership of a youth, imagining that these ceremonies would make them invulnerable, but the event did not tally with their ex-

On Oct, 5th 500, Germans came into contact with 8,000 Chinese, near Tien-Tsin and were ob-liged to retire. The Chinese were reported to be Boxers, but the Standard's correspondent says it is suspected that they were a detach-ment of Li-Hung Chang's veterans who had been posted there to prevent the movements of the allies.

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The Russians had two obstinate battles with Chinese at Sanchakan, Manchuria, The Russians were victorious, and 43 Chinese were killed in the second engagement.

The Belgian Minister to China, Mr. de Joostens, reports that Col. Five, the Belgian envoy, and two engineers were murdered by the Chinese, The Belgian Bishop Vanartselare of Mongolia conil ms inis report.

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

The annual retreat of the clergy of the Archdiocese commenced in St. Mary's Cathedral on Monday evening, 24th ult., and continued until Saturday. The retreat was conducted by Rev. Father Gregory O Bryan, S. J., of Montreal. During the retreat priests were stationed at the Hotel Dieu, Kingston, Belleville and Brockville for the purpose of attending to sick calls. His Grace Archbishop Gauthier has strictly prohibited round dances throughout the archdiocese, and all the priests are charged to see that this rule is strictly observed in their parishes. We have no doubt that all good Catholic young men and women will observe this rule, but those who do not will become subject to ecclesiastical censure. The grave scandals which have at times arisen from promiscuous round dancing have caused its condemnation, and now that our ecclesiastical superiors have orbidden it the rule must be observed.

The many friends of Rev. Father Marion, the The many friends of Rev. Father Marion, the beloved parish priest of Douglas, will regret to hear that his health has not improved since his return from the hospital at Pembroke, and that he has been peremptorily ordered by his physician bo take a long rest. With that object in view he intends to spend the winter in Southern California. During his absence Rev. Father I. A. French, who has been temporarily assisting him, will have charge of the parish. The death of Mr. T. O. Boiger, city engineer of Kingston, was learned with regret by all who knew him. He formerly resided in Belleville, where he was much respected, and on Sunday, 23rd ult. the Very Rev. Monsignor Farrelly at St. Michael's church, paid a well-deserved tribute to the memory of the deceased.

joined the Sisters of the Precious Blood, and one the Sisters of the Precious Blood, and one the Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

The work on St. John's Church, Perth, has been proceeding satisfactorily, and when completed we shall give a full description of it Father Davis has done a great work in Perth since he took charge of the parish. His vigor and strength seem to be unimpaired, not withstanding his thirty years pioneer work in Sugar Island, Madoc, Marmora and other points in the northern part of Hastings country. Dr. Elward Ryan, the leading indexion with Dr. Sillivan, has an enormous practice and has attained a provincial reputation.

50n Sunday, 30th ult., a financial statement of the parish was read from the pulpit in St. Mary's cathedral. The debt of the parish is now \$64,445.09; \$50,900.09 borrowed from the Standard Life Insurance Co., and \$1,445.00 consisting of outstanding debts against the Palace Fund.

Brower's Mils took the white veil and Sister Monica took the black veil. His Grace Arch-bishep Gauthier officiated, assisted by the fol-lowing clergy: Rev. Father Brennan, Chap-lain; Rev. Fathers Kehoe, Neville, Meagher, Duffus, O'Reilly and Rev. Father P. O'Brien of Madoc.

bishep Gauthier officiated, assisted by the following clergy; Rev, Father Brennan, Chaplain; Rev, Fathers Kehoe, Neville, Meagher, Duffus, O'Reilly and Rev, Father P. O'Brien of Mayor. Chelly and Rev, Father P. O'Brien of Mayor. O'Brien o'B

One of the great battles that we have to fight in this world—for twenty great battles have to be fought, all at once and in one—is the battle with appearances.—George McDonald

MY HOME.

Morn and eve a star invites me, One importing silver star, Woos me, calls me, lures me, lights me, To the desert deeps afar, To a lovely orient land. To the desert deeps afar,
To a lovely orient iand,
Where the sun at morning early
Rises fresh, and young, and glowing;
Where the sir is light and bland,
And the rain is warm and pearly;
Therefore am I going, going,
Home to this my lovely land,
Where the sun at morning early
Rises fresh, and young, and glowing;
Where the airs are light and bland,
And the rain is warm and pearly;
All unheeding, all unknowing,
I am speeding I am going,
Going home to my own land,
To my only lone island
In the desert deeps afar;
Yet unknowing and undreaming
Why I go, or how, or whither,
Save that one imploring star,
Ever-burning, ever-beaming,
Woos me, lures me, lights me thither.
—James Clarence Manga

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

-James Clarence Mangan

Ohappy flowers! O happy Flowers! Onappy nowers: O nappy Frowers, the downwist of hours, in dead of night, in cheerful day, Close to my own dear Lord you stay. Until you gently fade away! O happy Flowers, what would I give In your sweet place all day to live,

O happy Lights! O happy Lights! Watching by Jesus livelong nights, How close you cluster round His throne, Bying so meekly one by one, As each its faithful watch has done. Could I with you but take my turn, And burn with love of Him, and burn Till love had wasted me, like you—Sweet lights! What better could I do?

O happy Pyx! O happy Pyx! Where Jesus doth His dwell Where Jesus doth His dwelling ux; Olittle palace, dear and bright. Where He, who is the world's true light Spends all the day, and stays all night! Ah! if my heart could only be A little home for Him like thee, Such fires my happy soul would I could not help but die of love!

O Pyx, and Lights, and Flowers! but I Through envy of you will not die; Nay, happy thaings! what will you do? For I am better off than you, The whole day long, the whole night through For Jesus gives Himself to me, So sweetly and so utterly, By right long since I should have died For love of Jesus crucified,

My happy Soul! my happy Soul!
How shail I then my love control?
O sweet Communion! Feast of bliss!
When the dear Host my tongue doth kiss
What happiness is like to this!
O heaven, I think, must be alway
Quite like a first Communion day!
With loves o sweet and joy so strange—
Only that heaven will never change.

F. Fan

FROM MUSKOKA.

Dudley, Muskoka Lake, Oct. 2, 1900. Dudley, Muskoka Lake, Oct. 2, 1909.
On Monday evening, the 2th ult., at St. Anne's church, Fenn's Point, Muskoka Lake, Rev. Father Collins, P. P., of Bracebridge, sang vespers and also preached a most instructive sernion from the text, 'This is my body.' The Rev. Father is a close reasoner and clearly showed in his discourse, that our Lord meant exactly what He said, and not that His words were to be taken as figurative, but literally. Father Collin's ermon was greatly appreciated.
On Tuesday morning we had our regular monthly Mass, which is a great boon to us, especially when we consider that in the past we

monthly Mass, which is a great boon to us, es-pecially when we consider that in the past we have only had the Holy Sacrifice celebrated have only had the Holy Sacrince celebrates here three or four times a year.

On Wednesday the Rev Father Ryan, rector of the Cathedral, Toronto, and Father Healy, also of the Cathedral, paid a short visit to St. Annes. The rev. gentlemen expressed themselves as delighted with their visit to the Muster Laber 1.

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