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NOTES.

The Boston *Pilot* calls the attention of the Protestant ministers to the newest act of aggression on the part of the Jesuits. "By some unaccountable oversight, Messrs. Miner, Moxom & Co. last Sunday forgot to call the attention of the universe to the latest and most awful revelation of Jesuitical wickedness, viz., the appointment of a son of Loyola to the position of astronomer in the Catholic University at Washington. Can the watchmen on the towers of Boston's Zion be ignorant of what this means? that it signifies the turning over of our free-born American weather to the control of the Pope? If they are dull witted or infirm of purpose, at least Senator Blair, who is on the spot and able to ferret out a Jesuit intrigue before it is even conceived, should see to it that this insidious scheme is nipped in the bud. As everybody knows the Republican vote always falls off when the weather is unfavourable. General Greely, it is true, gives us as good weather as he can, considering that his department is hampered by a Democratic Administration; but suppose the Jesuits were allowed to set up an opposition weather bureau at Washington? Does anybody doubt that they would send rain, hail and snow to keep the patriotic but feeble Republicans home on election day, and to secure a victory for the Democrats? The country looks to Senator Blair, since the Boston pulpit pounders have shirked their duty, to save the Republic from the establishment of a nefarious Jesuitical weather factory right in the nation's capital."

L'Etandard of Wednesday refers as follows to the late Montreal Christian Congress;—"It is a sad spectacle to see pretended Christians, ministers of the Gospel, boast of sentiments which would make Turks blush. Assuredly if we had Mahometans instead of our Protestant population, there would not have been the least difficulty in erecting a statue to Mary on the Mountain, for, however incredible it may seem, the Mahometans have more veneration for the Holy Virgin than have those counterfeit Christians. Goddesses of Liberty, even Venuses, would suit them admirably, but do not speak to them of the august mother of the God Saviour. Those people think that our

clergy are too rich. They themselves would not remain long if they had to be satisfied with the incomes of our priests. And what are we to think of men who, instead of admiring the devotion of our Sisters of Longue Pointe, even go so far as to lead one to infer that these holy Sisters of Charity are overflowing with gold, and speculate upon the unfortunates confided to their care? As to most of the other assertions, mostly all of them lies, meant only to mislead Protestants who live away from this province, we decline to refute them."

We are glad to learn that following the example of other places, a Parnell defence is to be formed in Toronto. We only regret that it is not under somewhat stronger auspices. Upon the issues of the great fight upon which the Irish leaders have entered depend the reputation of men and the cause of a nation. We are like armies in camp on the eve of a great battle, which may be a decisive one. May God defend the right.

"When the ruler of Germany," said the *Times*, "still fresh to the responsibilities of his inheritance, meets the venerable Head of the Catholic Church face to face, and holds private colloquy with him, his temperament must be cold indeed, and his imagination dull if he be not deeply impressed by the significance of the occasion." The comments of the English press on the recent meeting have been, on the whole, fair. The morose *Morning Post* alone of the London journals professed to treat the event as of light importance, and to pooh-pooh its "artificial ceremonies," and skillfully devised "diplomatic fictions." The London *Echo* gives to the occurrence perhaps the truest interpretation. The acknowledgement of the high authority and position of the Pope is all the result, it says, of Parliamentary action. It was won by Herr Windthorst. Day by day he gained in strength till at last Bismarck was obliged to come to terms with him, rescind the obnoxious May laws, and surrender the right to appoint bishops. It is in the light of all this that the visit of the young Emperor is interesting. It is the outward sign of the power of a small but compact Catholic minority in Parliament. "There is a strong touch of personal piquancy," said the *Pall Mall Gazette*, "in the visit of the young soldier who is head of the Empire militant, to the venerable scholar who is head of the Church militant; and the historian of the future will show much barrenness of imagination if he cannot make a picturesque story out of their meeting."

"It looks," says *Laclede* in the *Montreal Gazette*, "as if the last great landmark of Ville Marie must go. The nuns of the Congregation have themselves applied to the proper court for leave to translate the remains of their mother, the Venerable Marguerite Bourgeoys, from there—its twofold secular bed of marble, in the heart of the city, to Monklands, on the mountain. The event will be a solemn one, and there is no doubt that citizens of every class will join in the procession—which should be public—to honour the memory of the holy woman who, with Sieur Paul Chomedey de Maisonneuve, was the real founder of Montreal."