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If the English Speaking Catholics of Montreal and of this Province consulted their best interests, they would soon make of the TRUE WITNESS one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this country. I heartily bless those who encourage this excellent work.

† PAUL,

Archbishop of Montreal.

THE TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE.

We are sorry that the telegraph boys of Montreal, Toronto and other Canadian cities felt called upon to forfeit their positions to show "sympathy" with their cousins of the craft in the United States. We are inclined to the opinion that were the tables turned, mighty little sympathy of this practical sort would obtain across the border. We will say with Father Phelan, of St. Louis, that we are with the striking telegraphers, if they want an increase of wages. We are with them if they want shorter hours. But if they want to control the government and dominate the social and commercial life of the country, we tell the boys that the thing is impossible, and we are not with them.

It is quite plain to be seen that the strike is to force a recognition of the National Telegraphers' Union, and to establish the closed shop. The measure of success they already claim demonstrates the folly of their demand. No number of boys or men following a single line of industry must be given the power to paralyze the business of the country and deadlock trade from ocean to ocean. Impossible! It may be urged that this is the only way to win fair wages and short hours. Then fair wages and short hours are impossible. We are sorry for the boys; but they have evidently not yet finished their schooling and they can not learn in a better school than the one they are now attending.

We think the boys have demonstrated not only their own inability to conduct the government and commerce of the country, but they have shown that no two, or two hundred telegraph companies can be trusted with the control of the wires of a whole people. The government must ultimately control the telegraphs, as it already controls the postal business of the country; and she will in the end be forced to assume the management of the railroads, as she has already done with the navigable streams of the nation. Then there will be no closed shop either on the railroad or in the telegraph business; and what will be gained for the strikers?

Father Phelan says:

"We must commend the behavior of the young men, so far, and hope they will continue to merit the good opinion of all friends of law and order. Good conduct may get them their places back; but beyond that, success is impossible. It may be they are right in rejecting with scorn the mediation of the President; Commissioner Neill may not have treated them fairly. About that we must be left to judge for themselves. But what hope of compromise is left if the government's kindly offices are eliminated? We are sorry to learn that one telegraphic union has a million dollars in its treasury. It will all be spent, and while it is being dissipated, many other millions will be sacrificed. And all to no purpose. The unions will die hard, and it is a pity to pre-

long their agony needlessly. Unionism in the public service is simply anarchy. We can not tolerate unionism in the post office department any more than in the army and navy; but public service should mean government service.

One of the two telegraph companies of the country is controlled by the Goulds; the other by the Mackays. It may be asked, what more danger is there in having these two companies controlled by the boys than there is now when they are in the hands of two men? The Goulds and the Mackays represent a variety of interests; the boys only one. The Goulds and the Mackays are amenable to law; the boys are not. The Goulds and the Mackays have an interest in the properties; the boys have not. We can put the Goulds and the Mackays and the Rockefeller and the Harrimans in jail; we have not fails to hold all the unions."

We believe in unions. We believe in strikes. Were it not for unions and strikes labor would not be much raised above slavery. But there is an interest higher than that of labor—it is the interest of society. When unions menace society they must be placed under restraint. The machinery of government and the wheels of trade and commerce must not be interfered with any more than the natural course of the unions can be. That spells anarchy, revolt on war; and war is no remedy for anything.

The press of the country is full of sapient counsel when it is not wanted. Why are they not giving the world the benefit of their abundant wisdom at the present moment? The circulation department says "Hands off!" That is not friendship; it is cowardly avarice. Every wind blows them good. When the battle is over and the boys are bankrupt and out of work, then they will begin their sermonizing.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The postoffice department recently sent a circular to postmasters to obtain information for a report. One of the questions asked is: "What is your marital condition?" And the answer expected was one of these four: Single, married, widowed or divorced. One postmaster answered that his marital condition was "fine and dandy." Another wrote that it was "fairly middling." While a third replied with one word—"Hell!"

Explaining an ancient custom in the British House of Commons, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, writing in his paper P. T. O., says: There was a day in far off Catholic times when the Host stood above the Speakers' chair; the Host has disappeared from the chair for centuries, but the Speaker still bows to it three times every day as he walks up the floor of the House to take his seat.

It is estimated that at least 21,000 farm laborers will be required this season to harvest the crops in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Although somewhat later than usual, the harvest promises to be a bountiful one.

A document, says the Rome correspondent of the Catholic Times, has recently been issued from the Sacred Congregations which will enable the clergy again to accept the musical services of ladies in their choirs.

The Star is asking Sir Wilfrid Laurier to give satisfactory explanation regarding the next general elections. Sir Wilfrid will doubtless do anything the Star wishes.

Mr. Charles R. Devlin, M.P., who will shortly be called to the Dominion Cabinet as the Irish Catholic representative, and who will again be the Liberal candidate in the County of Nicolet, will address a mass meeting in the above town on next Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, and at this gathering Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Postmaster-General, will speak on behalf of Mr. Devlin.

Buffalo Union and Times—Rev. Father Yorke, of the San Francisco Leader, having been asked the important question, "What is a gawker?" replies: "A record-breaker rushing out of church before mass is ended to 'gawk' on the sidewalk as the congregation comes out." Buffalo has no "gawkers." The young fellows are all in too great a hurry to reach the excursion trains and boats."

Next year Mr. T. P. O'Connor will have completed his twenty-fifth successive year as President of the United Irish League of Great Britain, and a movement has been set on foot to commemorate the interesting occasion in some suitable manner. The suggestion has been eagerly taken up.

APPROACHING SCHOLASTIC YEAR.

Educational institutions will soon re-open. The all-important question is now immediately before the parent. For those who have not finished their course, we would say to the parent that every effort should be made to have them do so. To many it is a hardship to pay the expenses of the boys at college, but now is the accepted time and the glorious future reward will be compensation for your strongest effort and greatest self-denial in order to give the boys a chance. The last year at college is worth all the others put together.

Thoughtful parents will see that the education of their children is religious at all costs. Little will it avail them that their children are away up in the knowledge of things material and temporal if they have not labored for the spiritual and eternal. Time is short; eternity is long.

In education, the best thing is not the studies memorized but the forming of the character—the establishment of principles, the training of the judgment, the discipline of the will, the adoption of the true, the good, and the beautiful in life.

This drawing out of the highest faculties is the main thing in true education. It is universally conceded that there is no institution so well equipped as our Catholic colleges and schools to bring about this thorough preparation of soul and mind, where the young man is fitted to go out into the world, to choose a congenial occupation and to make the best of himself and his opportunities. If he is made of the right stuff, he will soon outstrip all competitors not so well equipped as he is. He will go to the front. He will achieve the solid success of a Christian life and a useful career.

NEW JESUIT PROVINCES.

The old missions of Canada, and Orleans have been raised to the dignity of Provinces making four now in this section of the world and the present superiors of each will act as Provincials for the time being.

This is the decision of the recent general congregation of the Order in Rome.

The Missions of California and the Rocky Mountains are consolidated and will continue under a local superior, being relieved of the attachment to the European sources of their foundation. A Mission will probably be established also in Alaska, with Seattle as its headquarters. The houses of the German Jesuits in Buffalo, N.Y., and Cleveland, Ohio, which, up to this, have been attached to the German Province since they were established by the exiles from Bismarck's persecutions, will hereafter be joined, Buffalo to the New York Province and Cleveland to the Missions jurisdiction.

"DOWN WITH THE POPE."

Wherever they exist throughout the country the remnants of the estimated "unintelligent A.P.A." are this morning rejoicing with a widespread barn-door smile. They see in the papers that the Pope Manufacturing Company has gone up in failure.—Catholic Sun.

THE SYLLABUS.

In this week's issue we print in full the text of the Syllabus recently issued by our Holy Father, presenting sixty-five errors which are proscribed.

It is an uncompromising affirmation of the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, with which certain elements have been lightly treating for many past years.

The progress of sciences has not made necessary any change in Catholic doctrine. The syllabus effectually puts an end to the so-called Liberalism and ever changing theories of preachers of "higher criticism."

CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND PRESS.

At this time of the year the important question before those in charge of Catholic colleges and academies ought to be that of securing students for next year's scholastic sessions, says the Church Progress of St. Louis, in an article we commend to the careful consideration of our Catholic school authorities here in North America, adding: Attendance means revenue. And the latter is always in proportion to the former. Therefore the larger the revenue, the more perfect becomes the institution to meet the demands of educational equipment and success.

Since, then, so much is dependent upon attendance, the problem resolves itself into this question: How best can attendance be secured? What is the best means to employ to attract pupils?

Notes From the Ancient Capital.

ONE MORE MIRACLE.

Though the age of miracles is generally conceded to have passed away and given place to recognition only of the comprehensible results of known causes, yet even the most skeptical cannot help but be attracted strongly to the remarkable rumors and often, as in the present instance, evidence of miraculous cures of wonderful material effects brought about by no more substantial cause than faith in God and confidence in the potent influence of prayer, through the intercession of the good St. Ann.

The latest miracle reported from the shrine, for the knowledge of such marvellous evidences of the presence and omnipotence of God cannot be confined among the faithful who worship there even though the multitude of the good Redeemerist Fathers would have it so, is accompanied by details which should awaken deep reflection in the mind of the most callous of so-called philosophers and atheists.

The name of the happy convalescent is John Joyce, a native of Albany, N.Y. Mr. Joyce, in a railroad wreck about a year ago, sustained fractures of the legs from which he never completely recovered, since that time has moved from place to place with the greatest difficulty and pain. Inspired by faith in the virtues of prayer, he undertook a pilgrimage to the shrine, where he arrived last week. During one of his visits to the church Mr. Joyce became enraptured in prayer, and finally launching himself upon the full tide of his faith, he arose from his prostrate posture, leaving his sticks at the foot of the statue of good St. Ann, one more tribute to the potency of prayer and the heavenly influence with God of the mother of the Blessed Virgin.

Mr. Joyce is still at the Columbus Hotel, Ste. Anne de Beaupre.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE ARRIVES.

The gorgeous C.P.R.R. M.S. Empress of Britain, which arrived Quebec Harbor Friday morning, had among other passengers one at whose coming there should have been mutual greetings, for when he left us he was looked upon as a personage of great political importance.

At that time he was riding on the wave of success and affluence, but unfortunately for his political advancement he resigned the leadership to which Sir Wilfrid Laurier succeeded, to cast his lot with his principles and the Irish Nationalist party in the British Commons. The Hon. Edward Blake, for it is of him we speak, sat for a number of years as Irish Nationalist representative for South Longford, and naturally he was held in high esteem by members of all parties there for those qualities of leadership which made him eminent in the politics of this country.

He returns to Canadian soil, we regret to state, somewhat shaken by the weight of years, and was still quite ill when he landed, so much so that it was necessary to convey the old statesman in a chair from the steamer to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's private car, which by gracious courtesy of those who ap-

The answer may be written in a few words: Advertise in the Catholic press. The reasons are many. The Catholic paper goes into the Catholic home with a power and authority that no others possess. And it is from the Catholic home that our Catholic institutions of higher education draw their sustenance. All of them, it is true, have a patronage from non-Catholic homes as well. But the number is totally inadequate for support. Without the supply of pupils from the Catholic home, continued existence would be impossible. Hence when the Catholic institutions advertise in the Catholic press it is appealing for patronage through the medium which stands for Church, for religion, for home and for Catholic training. It is consequently the best medium.

In this connection there remains another fact, which should not be forgotten. It is that Catholic colleges and academies are deeply indebted to the Catholic press for much of their financial success. The Catholic papers may not be credited with such results, but that does not destroy the fact. For were it not for the unceasing campaign of the Catholic education, both the number of institutions which impart it and the number of pupils blessed by it would be deplorably less.

This will not be questioned. Neither will it be denied that the Catholic press is the staunchest friend and most generous benefactor of the Catholic institutions of higher education. The space it gives them throughout the year without remuneration is almost beyond computing. Hence should all other arguments fail to convince, common justice, recognition of the service thus rendered—in a word, a sense of gratitude, ought to prompt our Catholic colleges and academies to be more generous with their paid advertising in the Catholic press.

OSTRACIZE THE DIVORCEES.

We can readily sympathize with the Episcopal Recorder and that portion of the Protestant element which is represented on the question of divorce. In a recent article it has these propositions:

precate the dignity of his worth, was attached to his accommodation to the Overseas Limited.

SISTERS RENOUNCE THE WORLD.

The chapel of the Grey Nuns, Elizabeth street, this city, was the scene of a very imposing ceremony towards the close of the past week, when in the presence of their parents and quite a gathering of friends some twenty sisters pronounced their perpetual vows—and thereby renounced for all time the world and its pleasures to serve the great Creator behind the cloister's walls. Among the number was Sister Patricia (Mary Veronica Reynolds) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds, of this city.

Mgr. Marois, Vicar-General, officiated at the ceremony, the sermon being preached by Rev. L. A. Levesque, curé of St. Canille. The names of the reverend sisters follow:

Marie Louise Dumais, St. Denis, Sister Vincent Ferrier.
Marie Louise Labrie, Riviere Godbout, Sister St. Martin.
Nathalie Guy, Ste. Anne Lapocatiere, Sister Calieri.
Rose Anna Gagne, St. Joseph, Beauce, Sister Jean de Matha.
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Mara Deschamps, Ste. Anne Lapocatiere, Sister Alphonsine Marie.
Marie Alexandrine Boisvert, St. Evariste, Sister Villabon.
Anne Marie Lepage, Rimouski, Sister Elsie.

Marie Alice Brunelle, St. Francois de Batiscan, Sister Gaetan.
Mary Veronica Reynolds, Quebec, Sister Patricia.
Marie Eugenie Michaud, St. Patome, Sister Hermine.
M. Louise Thivierge, St. Roch's, Quebec, Sister Lactance.
M. Anne Regina Mayrand, St. Ubald, Sister Edith.

M. Fabiola Pernon, Deschambault, Sister Adrienne.
Eugenie Ouellet, St. Cecile du Bic, Sister Adelin.
Marie Roy, St. Francois, Beauce, Sister Zite.

Marie Adeline Paquet, St. Raymond, Sister Faustine.
Laura Morency, St. Romuald, Sister Cyrenie.
M. Arthemise Dumas, St. Laurent, Isle d'Orleans, Sister Ovide.
Camille Robenhymer, St. Sylvestre, Sister Berthine.

DIPLOMAS AWARDED.

The Catholic Board of Examiners for the Province of Quebec have during the past week concluded the awarding of diplomas to last year's successful students.

There were 1850 applications from all parts of the province, of which number 1830 were successful; 901 candidates applied for elementary diplomas, 683 succeeding. Of the 875 who applied for model diplomas, 684 were successful, and 63 out of 74 applicants for academic diplomas succeeded.

The examiners consider the results obtained highly satisfactory, and greatly superior to those of previous years. The general average of points was considerably higher.

We must maintain that there can be no divorce in the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, and especially that there can be no such thing as so-called remarriage.

So far as our own Church is concerned, the vow is taken in marriage "For better, for worse, till death us do part."

And no matter what the canons may say, the canons cannot overrule the Prayer Book.

But we have higher authority than the Prayer Book. It is argued that divorce on the ground of adultery is admissible, and that the innocent party to such divorce may innocently remarry. But we find no such argument nor authority in the Scriptures. The Pharisees said to Jesus, "Moses suffered us to write a bill of divorce, and to put her away." Jesus replied, "For the hardness of your heart he wrote 'you this precept.'" Thus Jesus condemns this precept of the Mosaic law, which for the time seemed necessary.

It is pleasing to see this awakening of common sense in dealing with one of the most insidious of present day evils. The acceptance of Catholic doctrine in toto concerning divorce is the only salvation.

DISINTEGRATION OF ORANGEMEN.

One of the most hopeful signs of the times in the north of Ireland is the disintegration of the Orangemen. The demonstrations in Belfast and other towns in the north this year were smaller than ever before and especially significant was the strength shown by the independent Orange orders. This organization, which is an off-shoot from the parent order, is as aggressively Protestant as its parent, but it is as aggressively Irish as the old order is English. The independent order on July 12 passed resolutions declaring that caste government was an anachronism and was expensive and useless to Ireland. The independents are not quite prepared yet to call themselves Home Rulers, but they are well on the way.

The incident wherein His Grace Archbishop Bruchard ruled adversely allowing Christian burial to the young man who met his death in Chambly Basin, while under the influence of liquor, is a most striking and fearful temperance lesson in itself.

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