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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH

London, Oct., May 22, 1878. DEAR MR. COPPEE:—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 to change in its one and principal aim the cause of the Church and to the promotion of Catholic interests.

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LONDON, FRIDAY, DEC. 3, 1880. THE FRENCH RELIGIOUS ORDERS.

The course pursued by the French Government towards the religious orders is well worthy the earnest attention of the friends of free government everywhere. A government which encourages associations for purposes hostile to social happiness, and even to national security, deciding on the banishment of religious bodies whose sole aim is to do good by all classes of the people, is without doubt inconsistent, faithless and anti-Christian. The French Republic is but ten years old. It rose on the ruins of a despotism which had become detestable to all friends of rational and legitimate freedom.

You are going to rob thousands of free or common schools in France of the instructors and the instructees who now have charge of them. Are you prepared to supply the people's schools with teachers, without delay? Are you in a position to fill their places in the free schools? And if popular education, as comes out of a sudden deprived of one-third or one-fourth of its teaching body, if this sad result ensues, especially in the poorer districts, in mountainous regions, where the scattered people have no other educational resource but the humble hamlet school, will you not be opening an irreparable void, or at least one it will take long years to repair?

THE HEATHEN CHINESE

Our neighbors have now before them an important social and political problem in the Chinese question, to which we have more than once referred. Not alone are the States on the Pacific coast deeply interested in the solution of the question. Other States in which Chinese labor has already entered into competition with white labor are beginning to feel a deep interest in the matter, and there can be no doubt that the Chinese question will, in a few years, assume an importance as general and as absorbing as the slavery question previous to the war. The National Government is bound to extend protection to the Chinaman as long as the latter obeys the laws of the United States. All classes of the inhabitants of a country are entitled to such protection. Mob law can never deal justly and therefore never effectively with the Chinese question. The government then does well to resist the attempts of lawless mobs to banish or massacre the Chinese inhabitants in the Pacific towns.

The new administration will hardly attempt to deal with the matter, but we expect to see a formidable agitation set on foot during the coming four years to make the question one of national interest at the next election. When American statesmen propose to deal with the question, we expect them to deal with it in justice to all, but with firmness and earnestness.

NORTH AND SOUTH.

In our last issue we discussed the present position of the Southern States of the American Union towards the nation at large, and in particular towards the dominant party in the national government. We then stated that a question of such vital importance to the American people could not but be of interest in its discussion, and in its influences upon American politics, to the people of this country. The future of this Northern American continent largely depends on the issues connected with the solution of the problem now before the American public mind.

FATHER O'MAHONY'S LECTURE.

On Thursday evening, Rev. Father O'Mahony delivered a lecture in the City Hall, on "The Lights and Shades of Irish History." The chair was occupied by the President of the Society, John Wright, Esq., and on the platform we noticed Rev. Father Tieran, Messrs Egan, Dinahan, Reagan, and Starr. The proceeds of the lecture were donated to the poor who are assisted by the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The hall was well filled on the occasion by an appreciative audience. The reverend gentleman dwelt at considerable length on the different phases of Irish character, and the prominent events which occurred in Ireland in both ancient and modern times.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A CABLE item informs us that it is proposed to present the Boycott harvesters each with a silver medal. Considering all the circumstances of the case, we think leather medals would be much more appropriate.

Our excellent contemporary, the Catholic Times, of Rochester, now appears in eight page form, and improved in many other respects. It is one of the best of our Catholic journals, conducted with marked ability, and thoroughly Catholic in tone. It is highly and deservedly recommended by the good bishop of the city where it is published.

We deeply sympathize with Mr. Patrick Boyle, of the Irish Canadian, in the loss of his only surviving son, a young man of much promise, and held in the very highest esteem by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. We trust the father's heart will be cheered with the hope that his boy's future is now happier and brighter than it was possible to expect this side of the grave.

The gentleman who does the telegraphing from Toronto for one of our city papers a few days since displayed a lamentable amount of ignorance. It seems that the Receptionist Fathers who are now conducting a mission in that city set apart one week for the attendance of women, and the other exclusively for men. The correspondent insinuates that the mission is not successful so far, as it is attended mostly by women.

An article appears in one of our Protestant exchanges which starts off in this wise: "The superiority claimed for Catholic schools by their clerical supporters does not seem to be vindicated by facts." The editor then goes on to relate how a pupil in a Catholic College in Richmond was severely punished for disobeying the orders of his professe, the latter being fined at the court for inflicting the chastisement. The person who would endeavor to prove, from this incident, that Catholic schools are not what is claimed for them by their "clerical supporters," is an individual who presumes too much on the credulity of his readers.

NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF IRELAND.

NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF IRELAND has any movement taken place for the amelioration of the condition of the people when such a grand and bold front of unanimity appeared as at the present time. The mass of the people are a unit in the demand for redress of grievances. In the present struggle many efforts have been made to introduce the apple of discord, but in every case they have failed. We may now fairly claim that we have a united Ireland, and, being united, the government will discover before many months that it will be advisable to give home rule its serious attention.

THREE BLACK CROWS SAT ON A TREE.

Three black crows sat on a tree. And they were black as crows could be. Fifty little infidels lately sat in Chicago and they resolved and where-ased some very foolish resolves and whereas. The champion infidel, Robert himself—was the end-man. The dear little assembly want all traces of Christianity wiped off the statute books of the United States of America. They desire to have Sunday abolished altogether, no set of religious worship to take place in the Legislature—and no oaths in any religious form to be administered to persons before testifying. All this and much more is put down in black and white as the pronouncement of this interesting little knot of men who claim they have no souls. If Robert and his followers succeed in having such things as these come to pass we shall be inclined to say, with Artemus Ward: "It would have been twenty dollars in Columbus' pocket if he had never discovered America. He should have left it to intelligent savages to rule."

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