

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Boston Pilot.

Says our vigorous contemporary, *The Western Watchman*, of St. Louis: "The people of this city are German, of whom the majority are Catholics. About one-fourth of our population are Irish, of whom nearly all are Catholics. The other 200,000 are made up of infidels and unchristian descendants of English, Scotch and Dutch heretics. Less than 20,000 are members of Protestant denominations. It would seem that there is ample field for the zeal of Protestant preachers in this city, without organizing missions to Catholics." Half German and one-fourth Irish, or vice versa, with a strong sprinkling of French, Italian and Portuguese, is the usual composition of what certain esteemed contemporaries call an "Anglo-Saxon community."

Several swindling concerns which advertised to pay fabulous prices for "work to be done at home," and succeeded in defrauding hundreds of poor women in different parts of the country, have been brought to grief in Boston lately. A little reflection on the part of the victims would have shown them that all such enterprises are downright swindles. No honest concern need advertise for female help at wages ridiculously above the regular price paid for woman's work in any department. There is, also, too much of such labor going begging for employment every day. The invariable demand made by the advertisers for a deposit of a dollar or two, "as a guarantee," stamps the thing as a fraud on the face of it. Distrust everybody who advertises to furnish "easy and remunerative work at home."

Catholic Columns.

That Presbyterian assembly in Cincinnati had under discussion the question whether the Catholic Church was the Church of Christ. If they had only discussed that question more deliberately about four hundred years ago, they would not now be engaged in slandering their neighbors.

One of our city papers, last week called attention to the fact—lamentable fact, that night promiscuity by young women, and girls, is alarming, increasing, and the consequent familiarity is leading many to destruction. In some parts of the country the appearance of women on the streets, without male escort at night, is regulated by law. In some places, again, the law almost convicts at the growing custom, which is the origin of so much immorality amongst the young. As long as the young women retain their maidenly modesty and shrink from the familiarity of other occasions of sin, we have hope of the morals of a people. Where barriers are placed about the social condition of woman and her position in society is considered sacred, then we find at least a sense of moral law. Otherwise only a feeling of shame prevents licentiousness. God alone knows how many souls are dragged down to hell by the influence of a law as binding now as when it rained down the waters of the deluge upon the world, or the fire and brimstone upon corrupted cities.

Cleveland Universal.

To the Catholic these first communion ceremonies are touching beyond words. If they are our own children so blessed, what happiness God has granted us! Any way, what memories of the past the occasion recalls, and how dear childhood becomes to us again! What recollections cluster! The old pastor, parents in the nave, friends of our youth around the altar, and gone! Perhaps we return home to press with our lips and wet with our tears the first communion candle of our dear dead child, a sacredly treasured relic, or hold in our hands with emotion the candle of one still left us but for whom in the pride of his young blood we fear the dangers of the world. How easy to bring back the bright day to our mind in that happy innocent day of his holy first communion! The gentle mother hand that pressed the blue ribbons on that candle was able then to guide her boy. Many changes will come to these first communicants in after life. There will be sad homes or happy homes, or no homes at all for them in the now veiled future. To some there will be great temporal success, tempting even more than reverses; to all there will be the vicissitudes to which humanity is heir. But the foundation of that first communion well laid, will rarely be so undermined as to utterly destroy the Christian structure. The teachings of the pastor, devoted Nuns and worthy Brothers, who prepared them for their first communion, will sustain them through life and guard them against fatal surprises. And even where they fall, there will be in most cases, peace, God, a grand repentance and final perseverance.

The Methodist in our neighbor the Dominion of Canada are emulating their confederates who so abounded for blood-letting from pulpits and conference during the war between the States. Rev. Charles Ely preached in the leading Methodist church of Toronto, Ont., on the 9th inst., and inciting against the Quebec province, said that "the Canadians might have to draw the sword against the faltering French papacy, which had its hands at the throat of the Dominion government." We rather think that "Canadians" is a more proper appellation of the French settlers than of the recent hodge-podge immigration that constitute Ontario. But that is characteristic of the French race. Dispatches add that "the preacher suited his action to his words, and the congregation, something unheard of in the Metropolitan Church, vigorously applauded."

Brooklyn Catholic Examiner.

Our Protestant friends have a peculiar way of dealing with the colored man and brother. There is scarcely a week that some new cry does not go up from their press concerning the necessity of saving the precious souls of the negroes. In fact, next to the conversion of Roman Catholics, the evangelizing of the colored race seems to be the pet project of the orators and writers of the sect. But it would seem that there is a large amount of humbug about this kind of talk, and that, practically, they have much less sympathy with the negro than they pretend to have. As samples of the tendency of our separate brethren to talk one way and act another, may be cited the experience of colored clergymen in the South Carolina Diocesan Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, where their

right to seats in the convention was contested long and bitterly; or the case of the church in Washington, which is attended by its white congregation, simply because Frederick Douglass occupies a pew in it. From this we gather that while the members of the sect are interested in the salvation of the precious souls of the negroes, they think that man and brother should travel on to heaven in a different path from that in which they elect to walk.

Buffalo Union.

"Mrs. A. T. Stewart has completed the memorial cathedral at Garden City, Long Island, and handed it over to Bishop Littlejohn, with a perpetual endowment of \$15,000 a year. Nothing is lacking now but worshippers to make the enterprise a great success."—*Buffalo Commercial*. Lack of worshippers in cathedrals that have been "handed over" to Protestant Episcopal bishops is rather historic. Thus, for instance, when a certain Englishwoman, named Elizabeth, "handed over" the richly endowed cathedral of Catholic Ireland to the courtier churchmen she had married, lack of worshippers was even then the one great trouble. The grand old cathedrals of Dublin, Armagh, Kilkenny, Limerick and of other Irish cities, whose once crowded aisles thrived with the glory of Catholic worship, still stand indeed upon foundations laid and blessed by sainted Irish prelates. But they are lonely in their solitude; the breeze that moans through their crossless turrets is as the sigh of an aching heart; and the echo of the traveler's tread through their altless sanctuaries like the mournful wail of a suffering soul.

Milwaukee Catholic Citizen.

"Count that day lost when I was born, whose low descending sun Views from your hand No worthy action done."

A monk wrote these lines away back in the "dark ages" when it is alleged that monks did nothing but segregate. What St. Bernard wrote old John Brown, of Ossawatimie, taught to his children, and Wendell Phillips copied in a thousand autograph albums. The sentiment is good, wholesome and instructive. Each day has its duties, be they little or great. That which we esteem the least may turn out to be the most important. Sometimes a single word comes up to St. Bernard's idea of a worthy action. Sometimes it is a chance lift volunteered to one in difficulty. Sometimes it is a good resolution. Sometimes it is a temptation resisted. The field is broad and open to all. Every body may write the monk's lines in his memorandum book.

Catholic Sentinel.

An item is going the rounds of the Catholic press about the different nationalities of the Catholic hierarchy. Whether all the Bishops have been previously credited with their exact nationality we do not know—neither do we care to know. It ought to be a matter of very little difference whether a Bishop was born in this or that country, as long as he is to occupy the high position to which he is called. Nationality, nepotism, favoritism, etc., should have no influence in the government of the Catholic Church—merit, virtue, ability, ought to be the only motives for consideration. We are Catholics first and before everything else, whose country is not circumscribed by any dividing lines of territory.

Correspondence of the CATHOLIC RECORD.

FIRST COMMUNION AT PARKHILL.

On Wednesday, June 10th, the Catholics of Parkhill enjoyed a spiritual feast which will be long remembered. The Communion of about one hundred children having been celebrated on that day, it being the first Communion day for most of them. The children were carefully prepared for the solemn occasion for several weeks before by Rev. Father Corcoran, P.P., and the Rev. Fathers Northgraves and McKee, and by their excellent answering in the catechism they rewarded the efforts of the rev. gentlemen who took part in their instruction.

High Mass was sung by Rev. George R. Northgraves. The Rev. J. Kilcullen, P.P. of Port Colborne, officiated as Master of Ceremonies. After the Gospel an eloquent and instructive discourse on the first Communion was delivered by Rev. P. J. Harold, P.P. of Niagara, which was listened to with great attention and profit by the very large congregation present. The singing was directed by Mrs. Gough, organist of Parkhill Church, and was particularly fine. The choir of the Church were assisted ably by Rev. A. McKee, P.P. of Bothwell, and Miss M. Ford, organist of St. Mary's. It was originally intended that on the same day the Sacrament of Confirmation would have been administered by His Lordship the Bishop, but the Confirmation of the candidates was unavoidably deferred.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

CARLETON, ST. JOHN, N. B.

The entertainment given under the auspices of the Children of Mary, in St. Patrick's Hall, Carleton, June 5th, was very successful, and delighted a large audience. It began with an overture played by the Carleton Band, which was followed by a chorus, sweetly sung, by twenty-five little girls, prettily dressed, and making a pleasant stage picture. A solo by Mr. George McSorley followed, and to a well deserved demand for an encore, he gave "The Harp that once thro' Tara's Halls," with great effect. After this came the principal piece of the evening, "Marie Antoinette," in four acts. The St. John Globe, referring to the entertainment, said:

"The leading parts were all well sustained. Marie Terese, Marie Antoinette, and Miss Annie Toomey, as Marie Terese, sustained the principal characters, the latter, in the last scene, interpreting her part with fine pathos and with touching effect. Miss Mary E. Ring as Countess De Branda, in the first act, and in other parts throughout the drama, also effectively sustained the roles assigned her, as did, indeed, all the chief characters. The dresses were very striking, and the whole appearance of the young performers good."

During the entertainment, an instrumental trio was played by Mr. and Mrs. Collins and Mr. E. Connor, and was long and deservedly applauded. The enter-

tainment closed with "God Save the Queen," by the band.

The entertainment was repeated on the 9th, and in addition to the drama "Marie Antoinette," there was vocal and instrumental music, Miss Cohan, Miss Nellie Cohan, Mr. and Mrs. Collins, and Messrs. T. Fitzgerald and E. Connor taking part.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

BISHOP CARBERRY LAYS THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE NEW CHAPEL AT THE HOUSE OF PROVIDENCE, DUNDAS.

Hamilton Times, June 13.

Yesterday the Bishop of Hamilton (Monseigneur Carberry), attended by several dignitaries of the Church, proceeded to bless and lay the corner stone of the new Chapel of the Holy Family in connection with the House of Providence, Dundas. The following was the order of the ceremony: At half-past 11 the procession issued from the House led by the cross-bearer, accompanied by his acolytes, then followed the junior clergy, after these the nuns of St. Joseph, two and two, then came the clergy and lastly the Bishop, attended by Father Keough and Father P. Lennon, as assistants, and the master of ceremonies, Rev. M. Hahn.

The Bishop was robed in full canonicals, with cope, mitre and crozier, followed by his valet and train-bearer. All proceeded to the site of the corner-stone, where a cross had been previously erected. The Bishop commenced the solemn rite by the blessing of water, etc. After the various prayers and supplications, the procession wended its way, making the circuit of the foundations, which were sprinkled all through by the Bishop, the clergy meanwhile chanting the appointed psalms. At stated intervals the Bishop stopped and recited the appointed prayers. Then coming round to the site of the corner-stone, which he had previously blessed, he deposited in a cavity already prepared a glass jar containing a parchment scroll, with sundry medals and coins of the present period. The following was the inscription on the parchment.

J. M. J.

In the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five, J. M. Joseph Carberry, O. P., Bishop of Hamilton, now in the second year of my episcopate, and in the seventh year of the Glorious Pontificate of our Most Holy Father Pope Leo XIII., and in the forty-eighth year of the reign of Her Most Gracious Majesty, Victoria, Queen of England; John Joseph Lynch being Archbishop of Toronto, and the Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, have blessed and laid on the 12th of June, being the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the corner-stone of this new chapel of the House of Providence, Dundas, to be erected and dedicated to the glory of God, under the invocation of the Holy Family; Robert Clancy, architect; Casey & Sons of Hamilton, contractors; Mother Mary Vincent O'Hagan, Superior of the Institute of St. Joseph, in the Diocese of Hamilton, and Mother Alphonsus Cassius, Local Superior of the House of Providence; actual inmates of the House of Providence, one hundred and three aged and infirm men and women, with eighty-two orphan boys. This home of charity was mainly founded by the munificence of Rev. Father McNulty. It is supported by the collections made by the Sisters of St. Joseph, and some aid from the funds of the State. May God be eternally glorified and the benefactors of the poor abundantly rewarded in this life and the next. Immaculate Mother of God, shield and protect this home of charity and all in it."

The Bishop marked the stone by means of a trowel with the signs of the cross on the several sides. He then put his hand to the stone whilst it was moved to its place by Mr. Hickey, who laid it in its proper bed of mortar, etc., and thus covered the vessel containing the parchment scroll. Immediately after the Bishop, kneeling, recited with the clergy the Litany of the saints, after which psalms were recited by the Bishop and clergy, and the usual prayers being recited by the Bishop, all concluded with a few fervent words of exhortation, and then the Bishop gave the Pontifical blessing and announced the usual indulgence.

The day was beautifully fine, and the bloom of nature lent a special charm to the imposing ceremony, which was witnessed by a goodly gathering picturesquely grouped around. The good Sisters deserve every success in their undertaking.

THE REVISED VERSION OF THE BIBLE.

To the Editor of the Ottawa Packet.

Sir—You have done me the honor in your note of the 25th inst. to ask for my opinion of the Revised Version of the Bible, just out. It would be presumptuous on my part to pronounce judgment on the work as a whole, especially since the light of a Canadian sun has shone on its pages only for a few days, and I have as yet not seen a copy. I am well aware that a general feeling prevailed as to the necessity of revising and correcting the Version authorized by King James I. of England and in common use amongst English-speaking Protestants for the past two hundred and seventy-four years. Dr. Elliott, Episcopal Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol, gave voice to that feeling in his preface to the Pastoral Epistles. Writing of the errors in the King James version, he says: "It is in vain to cheat our souls with the thought that these errors are either insignificant or imaginary. There are errors, there are inaccuracies, there are misconceptions, there are obscurities, and that man who, after being in every degree satisfied of this permits himself to lean to counsels of a timid or popular obstructiveness, will have to sustain the tremendous charge of having dealt deceitfully with the inviolate Word of God." A conviction of the truth of the statement of the Right Reverend Prelate inspired two companies of the ablest biblical scholars and Hebraists in England and the United States to undertake the work of revision, at which they have diligently laboured for fourteen years. Opinion is divided as to the success of their commendable enterprise. It will be to me

a cause of joy to find that the Word of God is presented in a purer form than hitherto to the English-speaking public. What reception may be given to the new work it is hard to say. The opinion of Dr. Strang of the Drew Theological Seminary, one of the leading members of the American Committee of Revision, may be nearest the truth as any. He says:—"I am confident that nobody will be perfectly satisfied, and no one will bestow upon the revisioner unstinted commendation. Nor will that be strange, for no member of the committee is entirely satisfied himself. A large number of changes have been made which were wholly unnecessary, but to which the American revisioners did not object, simply because the meaning of the passages not having been changed there was no reason for dispute concerning them. Many passages have not been changed which will be displeasing to the American public, but although our committee begged the British to incorporate them, they would not listen, and so they have been compelled to be satisfied to have them appear in the appendix."

Yours very truly,
K. A. CAMPBELL.

Correspondence of the Record.

FROM WALLACEBURG.

On Sunday last took place the first communion of the children, some fifty in number, previous to the beginning of mass, which was celebrated at 10.30 by the pastor, Rev. Father Ryan. The children were publicly examined in the Catechism and showed their thorough knowledge of Christian doctrine. Their behaviour during the service was most commendable, and they seemed to realize the importance and solemnity of the occasion. The girls were dressed in spotless white, and the boys were neatly and tastefully attired.

The C. M. B. A. is making rapid strides here. There are, we believe, upwards of fifty members. They have a fine hall on the main street, and have the initials, C. M. B. A. in prominent letters on the windows. The members are evidently of the right stamp, and as there is good material in the parish, we doubt not but that the membership will be doubled in a short time.

A Fond One's Funeral.

It is very sad for parents to lose their eldest child. No parent can feel the bitter truth of this remark more than Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Petley, whose daughter has been carried away by the angel of death just as she was verging upon her twelfth year. The funeral took place from her father's residence on Duke street yesterday afternoon. Hundreds of friends and acquaintances were present. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful, testifying to the love and affection held for the deceased by her parents' many friends. The cortege to St. Michael's cemetery was very large. Mr. and Mrs. Petley have the deepest sympathy of the community in their irreparable loss.—*Toronto World*, May 30.

If common with their many friends in London we also extend to the bereaved parents our heartfelt condolence in the loss of their beautiful child.

OFFA SEPARATE SCHOOL.

On Tuesday, May 19th, Inspector Donovan, accompanied by Rev. Father Kelly, visited the Offa Separate School, and after a very searching examination, expressed himself as highly pleased with the progress of the children since his last visit.

During the past year the results have been most gratifying; several have passed the Entrance, one the Intermediate, and one the Civil Service Examination. At present there is a large class preparing for the entrance in July, and an intermediate class of five.

The following is an extract from Inspector Donovan's report:

Teacher, Miss Annie Conlon.—Total number of pupils, 73; present, 51. Proficiency of classes examined—Arithmetic, including book-keeping, excellent; grammar, good; geography, very good; history, good; composition, good; reading, spelling, good; literature, good; geometry, good; writing, good and middling; drawing, fair; elementary science, good; calisthenics, fair; singing, good; catechism, excellent. Accommodations—New frame building, with large room well-lighted and ventilated. Large yard well fenced, good pump and well, some tree-planting. Organization, good.

The state of order, discipline and management in this school is excellent. Regarding the standing of the pupils, it has no superior in any district.

CORNELIUS DONOVAN, Inspector.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

FROM BOURGET, P. Q.

ST. VIATOR'S LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY, BOURGET COLLEGE, RIGAUD, P. Q.

This flourishing society was founded by the English students of the superior and senior classes, Bourget College Commercial Course, and based on the virtuous principles of Truth, Faith, Hope and Charity. The object of this society is to enlighten the mind by uniting the intellectual faculties, and by impressing the everlasting mark of Faith and education more deeply into their heart, mind and soul with the dye of good works and sound education. It is also to propagate the religious unity which exists in every society formed under Catholic principles and by Catholic communities. The society, therefore, was formed not only for the special advancement of its intelligent members but also for their benefit, that they may combine their minds and open to them the golden portal of knowledge, surrounded by the portico of virtue and entirely supported by the strong foundation of Faith. The motto is, "God first, Education next."

The first meeting was held April 25th, 1885, when a debate entitled, "The Cow is superior to the Horse," was resolved; a lively argument ensued which bade fair to prove the success of the society. The debate lasted three hours and resulted in favor of the cow. The next meeting was held May 14th, 1885, when a grand open-

ing took place. At this meeting the election of officers took place and came off with the following results:

President.....Mr. Wm. Allison
Vice Pres.....Mr. F. O'Hagan
Rec. Sec.....Mr. Joe Doyle
Treasurer.....Mr. Joe Harkin
Rev. C. E. Derocchie, C. S. V., our moderator and head professor, was unanimously elected chairman, and the meeting adjourned until the opening of the '85 and '86 scholastic year.

At this meeting a debate came off entitled, "Resolved, that a Commercial Life is superior to a Farming Life," and decision postponed until the next term.

Welfare and prosperity in virtue and right to the S. V. L. and D. Society is the hope of all interested.

Bourget College, Rigaud, P. Q., June 12th.

Correspondence of the Catholic Church.

FROM CHATHAM.

CEREMONIES AT THE URSULINE CONVENT.

The triple ceremony of profession, reception and first communion was witnessed at the Ursuline convent on Wednesday, the 10th inst. Miss Kinkhamer, in religion Sister Mary Conception, pronounced her vows, and Miss Gettings received the veil from the hands of the Superior, Rev. Dean Wagner.

Rev. Father William, O. S. F. P. P., sang the High Mass, assisted by Rev. Dean Wagner, who delivered an eloquent and fervent sermon on the imperative necessity of obeying the call of God.

To the first communicants he addressed some touching and devout remarks, congratulating them on their happiness, and earnestly imploring them not to forget life's happiest day "The Day of First Communion."

Owing to the new wing which is being added to the convent, also the alterations and improvements making, the ladies are compelled to hold their distribution privately, and deny themselves the pleasure of receiving invitations to their friends as formerly.

NOTRE DAME INSTITUTE.

A COMMENDABLE WORK NOW IN PROGRESS ON BOND STREET.

To the Editor of the Catholic Record.

Toronto, May 14, 1885.

Sir—Among the various cities of the Dominion, Toronto merits special mention for her charitable and other laudable institutions, maintained by grants and the free-will offerings of her people; and while the orphan infant is well cared for, the aged, infirm and incurable are not neglected.

Of all the Catholic Charities of this city the most noteworthy by far is the House of Providence, under the care of the Community of St. Joseph. The mere recollection of the name is sufficient, as the results of the good work done therein are well-known, and highly appreciated by the public.

But there is another institution working quietly and unobtrusively for some years past, doing a most meritorious duty, and which has not been regarded heretofore as favorably as the object in view deserves. I refer to "Notre Dame Institute," now under the care and direction of Mother Mary Bernard, one of the first four Sisters of the Order of St. Joseph that came to this city about forty years ago—and now the only one of that original four living.

This institution was called into existence by His Grace the Archbishop for the purpose of providing homes for young women who work in stores or other establishments, and who are at a distance from their parents or relations; and for the important work of preparing young girls for domestic service and of instructing them in any business for which they may have a special ability or inclination.

It is a well known fact that many of these young women find themselves without sufficient funds to meet their requirements; but to such, a home and helping hand are extended to tide them over their difficulty for the time being in all worthy cases, until suitable employment can be obtained—and this entails on Notre Dame Institute an item of expense which, during the year, amounts to a considerable sum.

The Archbishop, ever watchful for the care of his flock—especially the young—and anxious to extend the good works of this house, has kindly granted to Mother Bernard the building and grounds on Bond street known as St. John's Hall, and which is now undergoing extensive improvements to meet the necessities of the Institution. In this new building, when completed, will be found all the modern arrangements for cooking, heating, laundrying, &c., together with the necessary bedrooms, parlors, sewing rooms, visitors' library and recreation rooms, &c., &c.; and being situated in the centre of the business portion of the city, it will be found most convenient for those young women who desire a quiet and secure home after the labors of the day are finished.

In other places efforts have been put forth to establish houses or homes such as this, and appeals have been made for assistance for that purpose; but up to the present Notre Dame has been trying, on her own resources, to carry on the much-needed work, which, only for the untiring zeal and devotion of the good Sisters in charge (laboring as they are without pay for the welfare of the people) could not possibly be sustained. To transform the old building to what Mother Bernard requires for the proper working of Notre Dame Institute will cost a large sum of money—part of which, no doubt, with strict economy, she will be able to pay; but she hopes at the same time that her old-time friends will—even with ever so little—give a helping hand to this much-needed and laudable work.

The above few remarks were hastily

put together on reading a communication in the *Irish Canadian* from the "Nun of Kenmare," asking for donations to establish a home such as this in a city of the United States, and a much richer place than ours. So I thought, Mr. Editor, that as the principle of "Charity beginning at home," it would seem as if we should attend to our own case first—and especially when, among the good works of this fair city, Notre Dame is so justly entitled to a prominent place. To this end presents and donations in money will be gratefully received by Mother Bernard, directed to "Notre Dame," Jarvis street. And as in an institution such as this healthful and innocent recreation is recommendable, as also a small library of useful, instructive and entertaining books, friends giving material for this purpose will confer a favor.

A FRIEND OF NOTRE DAME.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ELLEN BURNS.

On Monday, June 1st, this good lady breathed her last at the residence of her son-in-law, Donat Crowe, Esq., 245 Brunswick avenue, Toronto. She was the relict of the late Mr. Wm. Burns, of the Irish settlement, near Oswego, New York, where she resided for more than half a century. She was born in Macroom, County Cork, Ireland, and died in the 90th year of her age. She was indeed a most exemplary Christian lady, kind, generous and humble. She has seen many of her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Among the latter are the two Rev. Fathers Crowe, of Illinois. May her soul rest in peace.

MR. GEORGE MURPHY, GALT.

Much regret is felt in this community over the death of Mr. George Murphy, which melancholy event occurred on Friday morning, June 5th, at the hospital of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Guelph, in the thirty-first year of his age. For some time past he had been suffering from an affection of the heart, and notwithstanding all that the best care and medical skill could do, it ended fatally. Mr. Murphy had been a resident of Galt for seven years and during the past two or three was engaged extensively in the stove, tin and hardware business, succeeding in that line his uncle, Mr. James McTague. His genial and affable disposition made him a general favorite with all classes of our townsmen. The funeral, which took place in Guelph on Sunday afternoon, was largely attended by his Galt fellow-citizens, as well as by his numerous relations and acquaintances in his native Guelph, thus giving evidence of the respect and esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. A generous supporter of the Church, a thorough and practical Catholic always, he left behind him an example which many of our young men would do well to follow.

His sorrow-stricken father and mother and his sister, Mother Frances, of Loretto convent, Stratford, have our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Represented in pace.

MISSION OF CENTRAL AFRICA.

It affords us much sincere pleasure to announce that the desolate Mission of Central Africa has found an able and eloquent advocate in the person of the great American orator, Rev. Patrick Toner, of Plymouth, Pennsylvania, who has been for several years in Europe, seeking the restoration of his health. With the approbation and blessing of his Eminence, the Most Rev. and illustrious Cardinal Archbishop of Naples, he has delivered a number of very beautiful charity sermons in the Church della Vittoria a Chiava, with much pecuniary success for the desolate Mission in question, and with much edification and delight for all who had the happiness of being present.

Those who are charitably disposed towards this most sorrowful Mission, can send an alms to Father Toner at the above named Church. There is really no more deserving, or more exalted charity than to help the brave Missionary Fathers, who are toiling so hard in that wild and barbarous country, with such martyr-like zeal and Godlike charity, to enlighten those much-to-be-pitied pagan savages, who are sitting in darkness and the shadow of death; and it is very kind and generous on the part of this learned and pious American priest, in poor health, to devote his time, and talent, and marvellous eloquence for the benefit of this truly sorrowful Mission.

Separate Schools.

The following are Inspector Donovan's reports of the standing of Separate Schools in the pastoral charge of Rev. Father Hodgkinson, on May 2nd:

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 6, RALEIGH.

GENTLEMEN.—In accordance with the regulations of the Education Department, I have the honor to report upon your school in the following particulars:

I. AS TO SCHOOL HOUSE.—1. State of repair of building, its windows, walls and ceilings, and cleanliness: Generally in good state of repair and clean. 2. Condition of desks, seats, blackboards, lighting, heating, ventilation: In good condition. 3. State of school-yard, fences, closets or privies, out-houses, well or other water supply, drainage, tree-planting, and other incidentals: Yard large, well fenced, clean and tastefully kept; trees planted. 4. Whether the extent of the accommodation is adequate for the number of pupils: It is.

II. AS TO PUPILS.—1. Standing of pupils examined: Creditable. 2. State of discipline, order and management in school: Excellent. 3. Whether the school is making satisfactory progress or not: It is. Your obedient servant.

CORNELIUS DONOVAN, M. A., Inspector.

To the Trustees of S. S. No. 6, Raleigh.

SCHOOL SECTION NO. 4, RALEIGH.

I. AS TO SCHOOL HOUSE.—1. State of repair of building, its windows, walls and ceilings, and cleanliness: In very good state and clean. 2. Condition of desks, seats, blackboards, lighting, heating and ventilation: Generally good. 3. State of school-yard, fences, closets or privies, out-houses, well or other water supply, drainage, tree-planting, and other incidentals: Yard large and well fenced, clean and tastefully kept; trees planted. 4. Whether the extent of the accommodation is adequate for the number of pupils: It is.

II. AS TO PUPILS.—1. Standing of pupils examined: Creditable. 2. State of discipline, order and management in school: Good. 3. Whether the school is making satisfactory progress or not: It is, as to others, I am not prepared to state until next visit.

Your obedient servant.

CORNELIUS DONOVAN, M. A., Inspector.

To the Trustees of S. S. No. 4, Raleigh.