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October, 1878. Sunday, 27. -- Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost. Feast of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Double Major. Epistle [Leviticus, XXI, 1-14]; Gospel [Luk. X, 42-43]. Monday, 28. -- Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. Tuesday, 29. -- Office of the Feria.

A Lily.

[The following exquisite lines were originally written for a young girl's album by a Canadian Nun.] A maiden said to a lily, "I go to the dance to-night; Will thou tucke among my tresses, O lily, so pure and white? But the lily answered: "'O, maiden, I should droop in the heat and glare, And die in the shining ringlets; Place the glowing carnation there."

PROSPECTUS OF THE CATHOLIC RECORD: A NEW WEEKLY NEWSPAPER.

Many of the Catholics of the large and prosperous Diocese of London have long felt the want of an ably conducted newspaper, the principal object of which would be to defend Catholic doctrine and interests. In a Protestant country like this, where the Catholic Church and her doctrines are so often misrepresented, and where any facts affecting Catholic interests are so frequently distorted, it is necessary for the good of religion and of the Catholic public, that such misrepresentations should be corrected. This need was so strongly felt by our late Holy Father, the glorious and saintly Pope Pius IX., that he frequently encouraged and blessed with all his heart those who devoted themselves to the diffusion of Catholic reading, in which the people would have an antidote against the impiety and perverseness of those who attack the church and her doctrines, or circulate immoral literature. Our own much beloved Bishop, likewise, in a Pastoral letter addressed to the clergy and laity of the Diocese of London, A. D. 1872, says: "Our people should take good Catholic newspapers which will bring them into more direct relationship with the Catholic world, which will tell them what their brethren in this and other lands are doing for the triumph of truth and promotion of Catholic interests, and will thus make them take a lively interest in the work and labours and trials of the world-wide church of which they are members and which, in fine, will take them as it were out of their isolation and solitude in the remote townships and backwoods of the country, and make them partake of the great current of Catholic life. The Catholic press has a great and glorious mission to fulfill in this country, and it should be encouraged and fostered by all who have the sacred interests of the church at heart."

It is for these reasons that the proprietor of the CATHOLIC RECORD proposes to issue a weekly newspaper devoted entirely to Catholic interests, and he hopes to meet such encouragement from the public as will enable him to carry out the work with efficiency. He trusts that all who have the interests of truth and of the Catholic Church at heart will, by subscribing for this journal, as soon as possible, render us that assistance which alone can bring our efforts to a successful issue. The CATHOLIC RECORD will be a 40-column (wide measure) newspaper of eight pages, printed from new type, on superior paper, and will be issued every Friday. Having succeeded in obtaining some of the most able and educated gentlemen of the country, to assist as contributors to its columns, and the Literary Department being controlled by an Editor of acknowledged ability, we can guarantee a paper of surpassing excellence. Each issue will contain one or more chapters of a serial story by a first-class author; or one or two religious articles specially directed to the enunciation of Catholic truths; editorials on current topics of the day, with a general synopsis of occurrences both religious and secular, not only of the Diocese of London but of the world. Attention will be paid specially to the furnishing of such reading matter as will make it a welcome companion in every household, and both young and old shall herald its appearance each week with gladness.

In politics it will be independent: still it will jealously guard Catholic interests whenever these are neglected or outraged by any political party whether in or out of power.

His Lordship, the Rt. Rev. Bishop of London, has kindly favored us with the following recommendatory letter, which we trust will be a sufficient guarantee to the clergy and laity of the Province that we will carry out the promises which we make in this prospectus. We hope, therefore, that they will aid us in every way to increase our subscription list.

We shall always be happy to receive communications of interests from all parts, and particularly the local news from the different parishes. The Weekly Record will appear on the first Friday in October, being the 4th day of that month. The subscription price will be \$2.00 per annum, payable in advance. Communications to be addressed to the Publisher, at the office of the CATHOLIC RECORD, 288 Richmond Street, opposite City Hall, London, Ontario, and to whom all money orders must be made payable.

October 4th, 1878. WALTER LOCKE. LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE RIGHT REV. DR. WALSH, BISHOP OF LONDON. ST. PETER'S PALACE, London, Ontario, Sept. 22, 78. WALTER LOCKE, Esq.— DEAR SIR: Having been informed that you intend to publish a Catholic newspaper in this city, I beg to say that I approve of the project, and earnestly commend it to the encouragement and patronage of the clergy and laity of this diocese. Although we have no reason to complain of the secular press of this city, which as a rule treats Catholic affairs in a just and friendly spirit; still we are convinced that there is room in our midst for a good Catholic Weekly, and if conducted as it ought to be in an efficient manner and in accordance with Catholic principles, it could not fail to be productive of much good throughout the diocese. Of course whilst giving a general approbation to the contemplated journal, we must not be understood as even implying that we should hold ourselves responsible for its utterances and views, much less that it should be considered as our official organ. Indeed we do not believe in church organs unless when conducted by clergymen under the immediate supervision of the Bishop. But apart from this, reasonable and necessary reserve, we accord a hearty sympathy and wish a God Speed to your laudable undertaking.

Believe me dear Sir, Sincerely yours, JOHN WALSH, Bishop of London.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MINERALOGY.

The rush for gain and the ignorance of the people were probably never better illustrated than during the years of 1862-63, the period of the petroleum fever. Numerous corporations sprang up pretending to own valuable lands where petroleum was sure to be found. Prominent business men figured as trustees or directors of these corporations; they invited the public to subscribe to their stock, to which they responded with an ardor truly astonishing. Hardly was there one in a thousand who ever visited the property in which he had invested—the confidence of the men at the head of the enterprise appeared to them as a certain guarantee. For a while all was well, until after a grand and expensive experiment it was found that petroleum was either not found at all, or if found, generally in unpayable quantities. Ruin followed. We know of merchants who invested all they possessed in expectation of sudden, of immense, wealth. It was a terrible lesson all around; it taught the merchant and the general public the truth of the old maxim that "ignorance is the mother of folly." For most of these ventures were undertaken under erroneous presumptions. The first great error was to suppose that oil was certain to be found in the vicinity of oil wells, or in regions where the configuration of the earth appeared to be that of Venango county; the second error was to suppose large reservoirs of oil in the carboniferous limestone, these rocks being remarkable for emitting a bituminous smell, owing to the abundance of oily and bituminous matter disseminated through it. Other mining enterprises in coal, lead, gold, and silver sprang up like mushrooms during the above-named period and proved in most instances equally disastrous. A knowledge of mineralogy would not only have saved many from ruin, but would have been the source of great wealth. For this country is rich in mineral resources, richer than any other; discoveries are constantly made, and quite recently rich deposits of copper are reported near Waynesboro, Pa. The road to wealth is open to all; every avenue to it should therefore be carefully studied. Mineralogy, a science the most valuable and interesting, offers a field which, to pursue, is in the reach of all, without detriment to daily occupations. A few hours of leisure applied to its study will enable any one after a reasonable time to master it. But without a collection of minerals the study cannot be pursued to advantage; therefore the Naturalist's Agency in Philadelphia must be pointed out as an institution where splendid collections can be obtained at a cost to suit the purses of the students. A collection of one hundred specimens was recently noticed costing not more than six dollars, which comprised the leading types required in the study. A new era of prosperity is dawning upon the country; new industries will spring up, new mines will be opened, and lucky he who in time prepared himself for the great changes in the near future.

Intelligence from Lourdes, under date of September 26th, is to the effect that pilgrimages are pouring in without interruption. Five thousand pilgrims from Italy, and from the dioceses of Angers, Quimper, Auch, Besancon, Langres, Autun, Dijon, and all the grotto on that day. Every week is marked by new cures.

THE SOLDIER-SAINT OF THE CROSS.

A DOMINICAN'S TRIBUTE TO THE JESUITS.

FATHER BURKE IN GALWAY.

From the Dublin Freeman, September 28. On Sunday morning, September 23, the new altar for the Jesuit Church at St. Ignatius was solemnly consecrated by the Most Rev. Dr. McEvilly, Lord Bishop of Galway, and after the High Mass, celebrated at 12 o'clock, Father Burke preached. Before alluding to the ceremonies of the day, it is right to give, as well as the space at our disposal will permit, some idea of the character of the altar which has drawn from the thousands who came to see it expressions of the deepest admiration, and which may indeed be said to form the most perfectly beautiful specimen of its class of work to be found in this country. It was designed by Mr. William Hague, F. R. I. A., the last, but certainly not the least distinguished, pupil of the late eminent Sir Charles Barry, well known as the architect of the House of Parliament. Many of the most beautiful churches throughout the country attest the skill of Mr. Hague, and the new altar of St. Ignatius may be regarded as indicating traces of genius of which he may well be proud. The whole superstructure of the altar is composed of marble of varied colors, all the Irish marbles available being introduced. The design embraces the altar proper, with flanking wings, recesses and canopied arching, tabernacle, expository, and tall spire in two compartments, and terminating in a floral cross. The general structure is of white Italian marble, with deeply-moulded and recessed panels and niches, enriched with foliation and carved and sculptured figures of saints. The front panel of the altar contains the subject of the "Pietà," admirably sculptured in stately marble on a large scale. The plinth and mouldings are of colored marble, and the front panels and niches are crowned with tall and tapering carved and crocketed spirelets, and the great spire of the tabernacle is richly grained beneath and carried up in two stages, elaborately carved, and having bold crockets on the angles. The carving is enriched with scrolls, and admirably executed in natural, polished, and inlaid marbles, and the front panels, adorns the frontispiece and returns, and serve to divide the various compartments of the design, forming the framework of the panels, and enclosing the groups and figures. Handsome colored bulks of spar and alabaster are introduced in appropriate positions, and admirably executed in natural, polished, and inlaid marbles, and the front panels, adorns the frontispiece and returns, and serve to divide the various compartments of the design, forming the framework of the panels, and enclosing the groups and figures. 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