

nothing special to be said against Mr. McShane's administration. If he would "leave well enough alone," he might retire amidst the applause of the entire city; but if he persists in his candidature for a third term he shall certainly retire—either this year or next—with the honor of having struck the severest blow that a man could strike at the interests of his fellow-countrymen and co-religionists. He will have acted towards the men who elevated him as did the one who kicked the ladder from under his feet as soon as he had no further use for it.

In any case, whether Mr. McShane is elected or not—provided he persists in remaining in the field—we wish, in the name of the Irish Catholics of Montreal, to enter a protest against his course and to disclaim all responsibility, present or future, for the breach of tacit agreement that he will thus have perpetrated. We address ourselves particularly to our French-Canadian and English-speaking Protestant fellow-citizens. We feel that, were we to allow this occasion to pass by without raising our voice on behalf of our Irish Catholic citizens and in the name of their honor and fair fame, we would be recreant to our duty and should forfeit every mark of confidence that we have heretofore received.

Before closing, we appeal to Mr. McShane to allow his calmer judgment to overcome his momentary and ambitious enthusiasm, to look the future in the face, and to spare his fellow-countrymen the discredit of having it said that they cannot stand by the very rules that they have already invoked. If Mr. McShane cannot see his way to retire then let the burden fall upon his shoulders, the Irish Catholics are no longer responsible.

CHURCH AND STATE.

It is wonderful what an amount of importance some very narrow-minded people attach to the most simple act. If it in any way threatens to clash with their ideas of what should take place, or with their hopes of what they would like to see occur, they are at once up in arms. The slightest word or the merest act of ordinary politeness at once becomes a cloud upon the horizon, a lit match on the prairies, a herald of an approaching earthquake. At once they behold that "Coming events cast their shadows before."

Take for example the excitement of *The Witness* and the oracular perturbation of *The Mail* when it was flashed along the wires that the State, the Constitution and Her Majesty the Queen "her crown and her dignity" were in peril on account of the fearfully-significant and significantly-fearful act of Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau. The representative of Majesty in the Province of Quebec had the audacity to use his liberty of a citizen and to exercise his right as a gentleman, in calling upon his personal friend and the spiritual head, in this Province, of the church to which he belongs. The Toronto organ sees some great danger to the stability of the British Empire in this act of Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau. If the head of the State in Quebec performed a disloyal act in going, in person, to pay a New Year's call, to the head of his own church, then what are we to think of England's greatest diplomatist and Canada's most popular governor—Lord Dufferin? He, a still more immediate representative of the Queen, acted in a similar manner with regard to the late Mgr. Conroy, a direct delegate and representative of the Pope.

It is deplorable to see men, who are supposed to be the teachers of the public and the moulders of popular thought,

mentally so very shallow and so very narrow. The *Witness* thinks that Hon. Mr. Chapleau should counterbalance that New Year's call by visits to the heads of the Presbyterian, Methodist and other churches in Quebec. Perhaps it never struck our contemporaries that the Lieutenant-Governor, is probably not personally acquainted with any of these revered gentlemen. Were he to walk from one to the other, it would necessitate a still further list of persons to whom he should pay his respects: on the same principle he would have to go down to the Salvation Army Barracks, and also order his secretary to find out the names and addresses of all new ministers or heads of new-fangled creeds—that he might go and impose his personal acquaintance upon them.

If our fair-minded readers—we don't speak of the *Witness* and *Mail*—would just reflect upon the words and policy of Leo XIII. they will find that "the foreign Potentate" is in perfect harmony with the existing constitution of every country in the world—Canada included. There is not the slightest danger to the State from the contact of the Church; rather the contrary. And the representative of the State that claims respect and honor for the great organization he represents must begin by respecting and honoring the vast body from which he expects such concessions. But our rabid anti-Catholic organs need not fear the Pope, nor the Cardinal, nor the Lieutenant-Governor. Leo XII. will never hear of the *Witness* and *Mail*, so they need not fear his strength. The Church and State will go on as ever in perfect harmony.

Once more we call the attention of our readers to the fact that the pamphlet, *Chiniquy versus Chiniquy*, which appeared in the columns of the *True Witness* some weeks ago, is now ready for sale. The price is ten cents, but for large quantities a reasonable reduction will be given. They may be had at the different Booksellers and at this office, 761 Craig street. The principal interest that attaches to the pamphlet is the fact that Mr. Chiniquy prepared and revised it, in person, some forty odd years ago. The very lines of argument followed out by Chiniquy to-day, in his attacks upon the Church he abandoned, are the same as those of the Mr. Roussy whom Father Chiniquy of that day so completely routed. However, we advise our readers all to secure copies of the little work; it contains that which would never have been brought to light except by an accident.

Of all the freaks of Protestantism, perhaps the most unexpected and eccentric is that of a High Church Presbyterian movement in Scotland. "The Scottish Church Society" has been founded in the Presbyterian Establishment of Scotland. Its object is to secure a "closer return to ancient principles." Their motto is: "Ask for the old paths and walk them." And the purpose of the society is: "To defend and advance the Catholic doctrine, as set forth in the ancient creeds and embodied in Standards of the Church of Scotland, and generally to assert the Scriptural principles in all matters relating to church order and policy, Christian work and spiritual life throughout Scotland." This seems very much like the creature of Ezekiel's vision, "wheel within wheel and glistening with eyes." There seems to be a reformation in a reformation. Does it not sound strange to hear the followers of John Knox proclaiming their desire to "defend and advance Catholic doctrine?" It is difficult to say what the ultimate result of all

this back-sliding towards the old faith may be. One thing is certain, that north of the Cheviots Calvinism is receiving some rude shocks of late. Moreover, the Scottish Catholic hierarchy has risen to an importance in the country that has not been known since the days before the Reformation. All ways certainly lead to Rome, and eventually all men shall walk those ways.

WE LEARN that another Bishop has been appointed by Rome. The Rev. Mr. Decelles, for many years past parish priest of Sorel, has been chosen as coadjutor to Mgr. Moreau, Bishop of St. Hyacinthe. The *Courrier de St. Hyacinthe* says: "Le *Moniteur de Rome* some days since announced that M. l'Abbe Decelles had been named coadjutor to His Lordship of St. Hyacinthe. As we have already said, His Lordship's health is not good unfortunately, and Monseigneur has deemed it wise for the good administration of his diocese to share with an enlightened priest like the Abbe Decelles the heavy task of the Episcopacy. The appointment is not officially known, but a cablegram from Rome from a friendly source confirms the news. The new prelate is not a stranger among us; after going through a brilliant course of studies at the Seminary of this town he was appointed secretary of the Bishopric. Later he became *cure d'office* at the Oathedral. Some years after, Mgr. of St. Hyacinthe, appointed him *cure* of Sorel and it is from there that he is called upon to assist our Bishop in the discharge of his high functions. This appointment will be popular among the clergy and will be hailed with delight by the town and the entire diocese. Monseigneur Decelles, whose appointment as coadjutor we hail with delight, will please accept the homage of our profound respect and our warmest congratulations. His Lordship of St. Hyacinthe will also permit us to share in the joy which he must feel at the appointment of a prelate so distinguished and so eminent, and whose appointment he had so strongly recommended to the Holy See." The appointment of Mgr. Decelles is creating some comment in political circles, as a story has been current for some time that one of the objects, if not the main object of Mr. Mercier's hurried trip to Rome, was to urge the appointment of the Rev. J. A. Gravel, Vicar-General of St. Hyacinthe, to the new position. Mr. Mercier is known to have been on the best of relations with this esteemed clergyman for many years. If the story is true the appointment of Mgr. Decelles is a victory for Mgr. Moreau, whose nominee he was. Some claim that the abrupt return of the ex-Premier was partly due to the fact that on his arrival in Rome he learned of the appointment of Mgr. Decelles and, therefore, concluded that there was no further use of his staying there."

ROMAN NEWS.

(Gleaned from Different Sources.)

Among those lately received by the Pope were the Grand Master of the Sovereign Order of Malta and the Knights composing the Sacred Council.

Mgr. Stonor, Archbishop of Trebizond, pontificated at the Mass of St. Silvester on the *fete* day of the canonized in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite at Rome. Benediction was imparted by Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, titular of the church.

The Holy Father has received the New Year congratulations of the Diplomatic Body, and is, Heaven be praised in the enjoyment of excellent health, notwithstanding the severe cold.

The Holy Father has appointed Cardinal Rampolla Protector of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Buenos Ayres, and Cardinal Mazzella Protector of the Poor Handmaidens of the Mother of God.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites met in the Vatican on Tuesday for the second examination of the miracles attributed to the intercession of the venerable P. Diegne, of Oudix, and in the presence of the Holy Father then proceeded to the definite voting concerning the beatification of the following servants of God: Peter Sanz, Francis Ferraro, Joaquin Rayo, Jean Alcobar, and Francis Diaz, of the Order of Friars Preachers,

who suffered martyrdom in China; also of the Jesuit Fathers who were martyred in India, and whose names are as follows: Venerables R. Aquiviva, Alphonse Pacheco, Antony Francisco, Peter Berro, and Francis Arana. It is thought that all these beatifications will be carried out during the jubilee fetes.

"William, Emperor and King," has sent a telegram from the palace at Potsdam to Father Placide, Superior of the Benedictines at Strasburg, to the effect that it was with great joy he ceded the Abbey Church of Maria-Laach to the branch of his congregation which is about to establish itself there. The building is one of the most noble Roman monuments in the Rhine district. It became national property at the disposal of the State in 1794, hence the royal authorization to enter it was required. It is near Bonn, and the new tenants are the Benedictines of the Strict Observance from Beveron.

The success of the Irish national pilgrimage to Rome on the occasion of the episcopal jubilee of the Holy Father would seem to be already assured. The Bishops of the old country have taken up the idea most warmly, and have urged as many members of their flocks as conveniently can to proceed to the Eternal City and offer their congratulations to the successor of St. Peter. "I regard it," writes His Lordship the Bishop of Limerick, alluding to the pilgrimage, "as a work of religion which will necessarily be fraught with blessings for our people, drawing their hearts more closely to the living centre of the Catholic Church."

These are striking words, weighty and true. No people have ever been more unalterably loyal to the see of Peter than the Irish, and in that good report, in evil report, in prosperity and adversity.

SIFTINGS.

According to opticians, the eyesight is seriously affected by the fumes arising from the wood pavement.

The atmosphere is so clear in Zululand that, it is said, objects can be seen by starlight at a distance of seven miles.

At Quito, the only city in the world on the line of the equator, the sun rises and sets at six o'clock all the year round.

A trial of speed between English and American locomotives will be an interesting and novel feature of the World's Fair.

Mr. James Murphy, the well-known Irish novelist, is just completing a History of Ireland, in ten volumes.

In England private soldiers are to be provided with pocket-handkerchiefs, upon which will be printed the drill regulations.

An American nun has just died in a convent at Jerusalem who was certified by the registers of the community to which she belonged to have attained the age of 115 years.

In the streets of Paris there are 87,655 trees, each tree representing a cost to the city of \$35. This makes, in round numbers, \$3,000,000 worth of trees in the streets.

The latest whim for the owners of dogs is to make them wear shoes in the house for the purpose of protecting the polished floor. They are made of chamois with leather soles.

The wealth of the civilized world is estimated at three hundred thousand million dollars, of which the United States possesses sixty thousand million dollars, England fifty thousand million, and France forty thousand millions.

The number of drug stores in the United States is said to be 81,000, of which 10,649 are in the Eastern States. This makes about one drug store to every three doctors, and one to 1,700 inhabitants.

Female physicians are scarce everywhere except in the United States. There were only 70 in London, five in Edinburgh, two in Dublin, 35 in Paris, one in Algiers, and two thousand in the United States.

JUST READY, and got up in first class style, the celebrated pamphlet entitled: *Father Chiniquy vs. Minister Chiniquy*. Copies, at 10 cents, for sale at the *True Witness* office and all the city book-sellers. All Seminary families and clergymen should have a copy on hand.

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