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HIS LORDSHIP THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

His Lordship the Right Rev. John Walsh, Bishop of London, was able on Sunday last to appear in the cathedral for the purpose of administering the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation to a large number of children.

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It was a source of deep affliction to the faithful people of the diocese, that the accident which happened to His Lordship after his arrival in New York, on his return from Rome, prevented his active work up to the present time.

RETURN OF THE BISHOP OF KINGSTON.

In another column will be found an account of the grand reception accorded to the Right Reverend James Vincent Cleary, Bishop of Kingston, on his return from Rome to the diocese which he has so ably governed during the last seven years.

During the seven years of his occupancy of the See of Kingston, the Rt. Reverend Bishop Cleary has earned the respect of the people of that city both by the ability with which he has discharged the duties of his high office, and by his eminent scholarship, but he has besides endeared himself to his flock by his affability, and by the affection in which he holds the people committed to his pastoral care.

the people of Kingston have given to him the magnificent reception, the account of which will be scanned by our readers with great interest, but it is rather because of his sacred office as their pastor and spiritual father, that the good Catholic people of Kingston have desired to manifest their reverence and affection for their Bishop.

THE JESUIT ESTATES.

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However, several Canadian journals have been laboring very hard to prove that neither the Jesuits or the Church has any right to claim remuneration for the loss of the "Estates," and to sustain this view all manner of arguments has been used.

As a matter of fact it was under French law, and by patent from the French king, that the Estates were held, and under French law the title was undisputed.

In 1571 the Jesuits were already a widely extended order, under the full approbation of the Holy See. In 1556 they had one hundred houses and 1,000 members. It was then only sixteen years in approved existence, and it is a low estimate if we say that they had, in 1571, 200 houses with 2,000 members.

The truth of the matter is this: The estates were given to the Jesuits for the purpose of providing for the religious education of the youth of Canada. Their part of the compact was strictly fulfilled, and it was the Government that failed in its duty by seizing the estates.

The Toronto Globe argues against the restoration of the estates to the Jesuits as earnestly as the Mail, yet it is remarkable that it gives a complete refutation of this argument of the Mail.

cannot have any weight on one side or the other. Be it so.

Then in spite of the suppression of the order by the Pope, the rights of the Jesuits should remain in all their vigor.

But if the Pope's jurisdiction is to be acknowledged in the premises, then we must look to the Pope's Bull for the naming of the legitimate successors to the Jesuits' title to the property.

A rather amusing mode of reasoning has been adopted by one journal to prove that Mr. Mercier should not make this compensation to the Jesuits. If they are entitled to anything, they are entitled to the full value of their estates, and if they are not entitled to the full value, they are entitled to nothing.

THE IRISH PRESBYTERIAN CLERGY.

The insanely intolerant declaration of the Presbyterian clergy of Ireland, wherein they have deliberately declared against Home Rule on the plea that it would give too much power into the hands of the Romanists, makes manifest the intense bigotry and hate which animate these opponents of Home Rule.

Henry Chaplin (Conservative) said he did not wonder that Mr. O'Brien hated to hear about the disgusting incidents that had attended the League's oppression of the people. Who were now more responsible for the sufferings of the people under the League than certain English politicians, who only a few years ago were the worst foes of the League?

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The result of the Ardara election has given great hope to the Gladstonians that they may gain the Isle of Thanet seat, King, vacant by the death of Col. King-Harman. This division is thoroughly Tory in a most Tory County.

A grand gathering of American citizens was held in Philadelphia to declare the sympathy of the people of the United States with Ireland in her struggle for Home Rule, and to give substantial aid in a crisis wherein it is so much needed.

King Kalakaua of the Sandwich Islands among the monarchs who have congratulated the Holy Father on his jubilee. He states in a letter to the Pope that he wishes to maintain friendly relations with the Holy See, and to associate himself with the many millions who honor and venerate His Holiness.

Protestant gentleman, points to the same moral; and there are several other constituencies in precisely similar situations.

However, even if the minority would suffer, would their sufferings be worse than the majority are now enduring under the present system of oppression? Certainly not, and unless the object of good government is to enable the minority to be happy at the expense of the majority, the present system must give way.

COERCION STILL.

The debate on Mr. Morley's motion condemning the course of the Government in its administration of the Crimes Act was concluded on the 26th ult. The Government were sustained, as was expected, by 366 to 273.

LATEST PHASES OF THE IRISH QUESTION.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

As the Right Rev. Bishop O'Mahony, Administrator of the Diocese of Hamilton, will be absent from home for a few weeks, the priests of the diocese on official business will communicate with the Rev. Father Heenan or the Rev. Father Keough, Dundas.

Signor Alfredo Occorardo, a Waldensian Protestant minister who was laboring zealously to propagate Protestantism in Sicily, having become convinced of the truth of the Catholic religion, was received into the Church on Pentecost Sunday.

The Pope has issued an encyclical on Liberalism. He classifies Liberalism under two heads, ancient and modern. The modern theory of Liberalism, which consists in opposition to religion, is strongly condemned.

Among the gifts to Dr. Windthorst, the leader of the Catholic party in the German Parliament, on the occasion of his golden wedding, was a magnificent High Altar from the Pope, and £5,000 from the German Catholic press.

The Catholics of Austria have decided to hold a congress of the Catholics of the empire next November. That date has been chosen because in November next the Emperor will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his accession, and all the bishops will then be assembled in Vienna.

The Very Rev. Dean Gauthier, of Brockville, received a formal welcome in Victoria Hall on the evening of the 29th ult., he having just returned from Rome with Rt. Rev. Bishop Cleary.

The election for the Isle of Thanet division of Kent took place on the 29th ult. The Conservative candidate was elected by a majority of 638, the figures being Mr. Jas. Lowther 3547, Mr. Knatchwell-Hugheson, 2859.

In the celebrated case of Ayer vs. the Canadian Customs authorities, for illegal seizure of goods, the patent medicine firm has come off victorious. Chief Justice Ritchie exonerated them from the charge of attempting to smuggle goods into the Dominion, and referred to their dealings with the customs authorities in the most complimentary terms.

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FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION IN ST. PETER'S CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday last, the solemnization of the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, the patronal feast of this parish, there was a specially imposing and devotional celebration in St. Peter's Cathedral.

The Rev. Fathers M. J. Tiernan, rector of the cathedral, Rev. James Walsh and Rev. Joseph Kennedy were indefatigable in instructing their parishioners during the period of preparation, and they were well rewarded for their labors by finding this large number of children, chiefly from ten to fourteen years of age, admirably instructed in their religion.

The boys were tastefully dressed in black, with rosettes and beautiful bouquets of natural flowers, and the girls were dressed in white and wore veils and wreaths. They also carried bouquets, as a token of the innocence which should characterize the soul when approaching the sacred table of our Lord, and of the gladness with which these graces are received from His hands.

The Confirmation took place at High Mass at 10:30 o'clock, by His Lordship the Rt. Rev. J. Walsh, Bishop of the diocese. High Mass was sung by Rev. George B. Northgraves, editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD.

A committee representing the congregation then approached the sanctuary and Mr. Jas. Egan read the following address: To His Lordship Right Rev. John Walsh, D. D., Bishop of London, Ont.

MY LORD—On the occasion of your first and official appearance in the Cathedral since your return from your visit to the Holy See, we, your spiritual children, desire to approach and extend their most sincere and hearty congratulations on your safe arrival once more in the bosom of your native land.

The people of Great Britain and the Government of Great Britain wish to stand well with the people of this country. They desire to have our good opinion and friendly feeling. They may as well know, and we tell them in plain words, that they never will secure this good opinion and friendly feeling as long as they refuse Home Rule to Ireland, and persist in treating the people of Ireland as a subjugated race.

LIFE OF BISHOP MACDONELL.—From the press of Williamson & Co., Toronto, we have received a very neat little volume entitled "Reminiscences of the late Hon. and Right Rev. Alexander Macdonell, first Catholic Bishop of Upper Canada, and (incidentally) of other old residents of the Province."

years, and we feel that on your amongst us the reflection that we never again behold the venerable that noble and saintly priest who your heart, as it has already to lings of grief and pain intense a sincere. We assure you, My caused us much grief and anxiety we were informed of the un- accident which befell you on your home, while it is indeed an cause for joy and thankfulness to God that you now behold you in good health in the midst of voted priests and people.

In conclusion, My Lord, we assure you that in the past we will do our to aid in every way we can work you have in hand, and give us great pleasure to see efforts to one who is so utmost confidence, one whom to admire.

Be good enough to accept, My slight testimonial your spiritual of London hereby tender you. is not commensurate with the admiration in which we but it is the gift of loving and Catholic hearts. We ask your ship's blessing for ourselves and families.

Signed on behalf of the com- M. Mas- Chairman of com- His Lordship replied substance follows:

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND BRE- cannot sufficiently thank you dattering address and generous- accompaniment. I indeed need this fresh proof of your good will and kindness towards have had many convincing proof in the past.

It was to me a source of the regret that I was not able to the time I had intended, and was thus prevented from grat- by being the recipient of the reception you had prepared for regret arose, I assure you, much from the disappointment sorrow which it caused to my people. I am now, thank God, well, and shall soon, with His be able to resume the active my sacred duty.

You refer in the language of tion, which esteem and affection- prone to use, to the great pro- holy faith in this city and dioc- my episcopate and to the institutions and churches that- rated to the glory of God as purposes of religion. Its under- body of Christ, and by the in this city and diocese during twenty years. Numerous good- our priests have been ordained- prosecute their mission among- ful. The daughters of the dioc- considerable numbers consecra- selves to God in religious life, might serve Christ in His pas- train youth in virtue, and by might be to others the good- Christ unto salvation. Catho- have been established when- sible, to impart the ble- Christian education to the generation, and to make them- as well as virtuous citizens.

more than fifty, have been by- worship of God and the sacri- souls, and, in a word, all the- the Church have been employ- to plant the holy faith in the- to care and nurture it that- into a mighty tree overshadow- whole land. Now all these- blessed results are, under the- blessings of God, due to the- operation of the priests and peo- their close union with their- Bishop of the diocese. Each- the Church of God in ministr- our Blessed Lord created His- living body, all of whose mem- each in its own sphere co-ope- perfect action of the whole. St- "For as the body is one, and- members; and all the membe- body, whereas they are many, y- body; so also is Christ. For in- we all baptized into- whether Jews, or Gentiles, were- or free; and in one Spirit we- been made to drink. For the- not one member, but many. I- should say, because I am not th- am not of the body; is it there- the body? And if the ear is- because I am not the eye, I am- body; is it therefore not of the- the whole body were the eye- would be the hearing? If the- hearing, where would be the- But now God hath set the mem- one of them in the body as it- him. And if they all were on- where would be the body?- there are many members indee- body. And the eye cannot- hand: I need not thy help;- the head to the feet; I have- you. But God hath tempered- together, giving to that which- more abundant honour. That- be no schism in the body, but- might be mutually careful one- And I have mentioned that the- members suffer with it; or, if- her glory, all the members rejoice (I Cor., 12:26).

Now this is a picture of what- cess should be. It should be as- body, all of whose members- operate in unity and harmony- for the common good, the bless- and people working together for- ions welfare of all, for the build- the body of Christ amongst- subordinated to each according- appointment in regular order, the- clergy and these in turn- bishop. This is the union of- minds that brings all the forces- to bear on the promotion of- objects, and that ensures succe- the union that secures the abun- dants of heaven, because it is- and with the will of our- Saviour Jesus Christ. This is- that blesses and sanctifies- people. This is the secret of- measure of success which- achieved for the cause of- Church in this diocese. I- thank God, been united- Church's work. Priests a- have worked with the bishop in