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"Christianus mihi nomen est, Catholicus vero Cognomen." — "Christian is my Name, but Catholic my Surname." — St. Paeian, 4th Century.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Ottawa Evening Journal, a Meredithite and Devil's Thirteen organ, wants to have the confederation compact reorganised. Ontario, it contends, got the worst of the bargain, and, as a good loyal son of that Province, the editor is looking for better terms. Here is the brilliant fashion in which he illustrates his case:

"There are circumstances under which no contract can be observed. Two men may contract to form a travelling partnership for a certain time. Before the expiry of that time the one may attempt to cut the other's throat; we presume the traveller will part without further consideration of the contract."

Upon reading this sentence we felt very sad, for we took it that what was meant was that two men, one a Catholic, the other a Protestant, went into business, and that the Catholic entertained unfriendly designs against the throat of his Protestant companion. On reading a little further, however, our dear friend's canvas was moved a little more to windward:

"In the case of the provincial contract regarding the Separate schools, if the defenders of these schools can prove that they are not cutting the throat of our national peace, let them do so. So far they have not attempted to do so."

We are really sorry we cannot oblige our estimable confederer. We are very busy at present, and have not the time; besides, the inclination is missing. Were we so minded, however, it would not take an expenditure of much brain power to prove that the throat of our national peace is bleeding, not from a Separate school razor, but from an incision made by an instrument imported from the north of Ireland.

ONTARIO is a very rich Province, and it possesses some valuable timber limits. It also has a snug little surplus of its own in the treasury. We fear the "throat of our national peace" will continue to "bleed" until the "glorious, pious and immortal memories" assume the reins of power. They fancy they have a divine right to rule. It is a falling with them, and they become very noisy and violent when they are disappointed. As a sample of this we may mention that, in the editorial columns of the Ottawa Journal appeared last week a sentence in which the editor suggested that "some one should hit the editor of the Free Press on the nose with an axe." *Fie! Fie! Journal.* And this, too, from a "Truth and Righteousnessite."

To Mr. David Creighton, of the *Empire*, belongs the glory of having thrown to the breeze the most able-bodied falsehood of the present electoral contest. It says that "it is reported that the Roman Catholic Church has subscribed \$100,000 to help to defeat the Meredith nominees throughout the Province." We would not be surprised now to hear that the Jesuits had something to do with the scarcity of the ice crop in the western part of Ontario.

MR. RODEN enjoys the proud distinction of being a Public School Trustee in the city of Toronto. We need scarcely ask Mr. Roden if he is an Orangeman, because that is a qualification demanded of almost everyone who holds a public position in Toronto the Good. Mr. Roden, we may claim, is a beloved brother of James L. Hughes, who is contesting the election for the local house in Peel. Mr. Roden, the trustee, and Mr. Hughes, the Inspector of Schools, being brothers, will have a fond regard for each other's interests. Some of the trustees did not think that it was altogether proper that James L. Hughes should hold the position of Inspector, and receive a large salary therefor, while he was engaged in parading the country in "Buffalo Bill" fashion in the interest of the famished Meredithite place-and-power hunters; but Brother Roden mounted his gray mare, drew his sword from the scabbard, flashed his eyes like an electric light and shouted: "It'll become a body representing the Protestant sentiment of the city to represent such a man as Mr. Hughes." Mr. Roden has in this sentence made havoc with the claims of the hypocrites who howl at the heels of Mr. Meredith. What they mean is simply this: "We have a grand public school system. Everybody's child will receive education in these schools. Catholics will be permitted to pay their taxes and send their children to them, but the management must remain in the hands of those who dislike the Pope with a red-hot Orange hatred." Disguise it as they may, the public schools, particularly in towns and cities, are in great part managed by trustees who are bigots, inspected by bigots, and taught by

bigots. Exceptions there are, we will admit, but they are few and far between. Of course James L. will keep on in the even tenor of his way in the county of Peel and receive his pay from Toronto's treasury.

It is only under Russian despotism that we can find a parallel to the proposals of Messrs. Meredith, Craig, Creighton & Co., to forbid French children from speaking their native tongue. The Finns have just been prohibited by the Czar from using Finnish language.

It is stated that at the Conservative Convention in Lindsay, held on the 3rd inst., Mr. H. E. Clarke, of Toronto, who was Mr. Meredith's chief lieutenant at the Toronto Pavilion meeting, declared that the Conservative party "do not want any Catholic votes." Such a declaration may help to secure the warm support of Sam Hughes of the Lindsay Ward, and those whom Sam indoctrinates, but it is more likely to disgust than to please all honorable and fair-minded Protestants in the Province, who will discover in such language the true character of the agitators who have "Equal Rights" constantly on their lips while their hearts are full of hatred and the desire to oppress their Catholic fellow-citizens.

It is one of the outrageous provisions of the Manitoba School Act that wherever there exists a Protestant School Board, it is made the Public School Board. The new Public School Board of Winnipeg thus constituted were much troubled to prepare for the large accession of Catholic children who were expected to troop into the Protestant schools on May 1st, the day when the new school law came into operation—but the children did not put in an appearance, and the preparations made went for nothing. On the contrary, within ten days from the date when the new school law came into force, thirty children were added to the Catholic school roll, and the Catholic schools are holding their ground as if there were no new law blotting them out of existence.

THE SWISS Government have a horror for Jesuits quite equal to that entertained for this magnificent and zealous religious order by Mr. J. L. Hughes and the Rev. Professors Austin and Carman. Their zeal in bringing souls to Christ makes them odious to all who are enemies to the cross of Christ, whether in Canada or Switzerland, but that zeal cannot be repressed by persecution. Immense indignation has been expressed by the Swiss Equal Rights because some Austrian Jesuits entered the canton of Schwyz, and conducted devotional exercises for clerical students in the canton. The Federal Council has demanded an explanation from the Cantonal Government of Schwyz for this dreadful violation of Swiss ideas of liberty, which prohibit Jesuits to enter on Swiss soil. Fanaticism is about the same the world over. "Those who cross the sea, change their climate, indeed, but not their sentiments."

At a meeting held in Windsor a few days ago, Mr. Sol. White declared that he intends to run for North Essex as an Independent candidate. He said that he is opposed to Mr. Meredith's platform as regards the Separate school question, but that he is also opposed to Mr. Mowat's course on the same question. We all know that those who call themselves Independents are the least reliable among the members of the House, and there is good reason to fear that this would be the case with Mr. White also. There is little doubt that Mr. White would be found favoring Mr. Meredith's claims to the Premiership of Ontario, were he to be elected, and that this would be the case is evident from the class of men who are supporting Mr. White. His supporters are the Meredithites. We hope the Catholics of North Essex will support the Reform candidate to a man. The Reformers have declared in favor of a truly Equal Rights policy, as distinct from Mr. Meredith's policy of petty persecution, and they deserve the undivided support of all who favor good and equitable government. Let not the Catholics of North Essex fall into Mr. White's trap, which has been so cunningly baited. Such false pretences are more dangerous than open hostility, and we hope none will be deceived by them.

THE reference to a flag which has been hoisted on Mr. Gibson's headquarters in Hamilton, the *Empire* of Saturday states that it fell down, and that it has been reported that "an order has come that the streamer must not be conspicuously displayed, because the expression 'Equal Rights' might offend Roman Catholic electors." The motto "Equal Rights for all" appears on the streamer referred

to. It is needless to say that this item of news is on a par with much else which the *Empire* has recently given as news, as for example its statements concerning interference by the Right Rev. Bishop Dowling, and Rev. Father Brohmann in the political campaign. There is no fear that Catholics will be offended at the display of the motto "Equal Rights for all." It is those who have Equal Rights always at their tongues' end who desire to inflict gross wrongs while prating thus hypocritically. Catholics wish for Equal Rights; and as Protestants give their children the kind of religious education they prefer, which seems to be an education almost without religious teaching, Catholics wish to preserve the right to give the kind of education they prefer, which is a religious education. This is the true Equal Rights platform.

Two more Hamilton Equal Rightists have withdrawn from the Association, making three prominent members who have had their names struck out since the meeting of Tuesday night, 6th inst. Rev. S. Lyle, Rev. Dr. Fraser and Dr. Macdonald. The Rev. Dr. Laidlaw also declines to take any active part during the present campaign. Mr. Colquhoun, who was offered the nomination to contest the election on behalf of the electors, has declined to accept, and the contest will be between the Reform and Conservative candidates.

Mr. J. J. Hawkins, of Bradford, in advocating Mr. T. L. Jones' election there the other day, said: " . . . Mowat and Hardy and the rest of them were endeavoring to make political capital by stirring up feeling, but there was really no cause for any. He did not blame Mr. Meredith, and he did not think any Catholic should blame him, for trying to throw down something which existed to the detriment of them, and their children."—Reported in the *Free Press* of 16th May.

About this language there can be no mistake. Mr. Hawkins understands Mr. Meredith's object, to throw down something which existed to the detriment of Catholics and their children; that is to say, to abolish Catholic schools; and Mr. Hawkins approves of Mr. Meredith's course. It is consolatory that the Catholic people of Ontario will not be led astray by charlatans in their own camp, who, like Mr. Hawkins, advise them to adopt anti-Catholic principles for Mr. Meredith's sake.

THE Boston correspondent of the *Christian Union* declares that the recent manifesto of the Committee of One Hundred, who profess to direct Protestant opinion, has fallen flat on the people of Boston. This Committee proposes to disfranchise Irish Catholics, but they have a herculean task before them if they wish to effect such a purpose. The correspondent referred to says the Committee of One Hundred do not even make their names known, but conduct all their proceedings in secret caucus. True Americans will not be moved by this un-American method of procedure.

THE Presbyterian General Assembly of the United States met last week at Saratoga, N. Y.:

"Rev. Jan T. Smith, D. D., of Baltimore, reported for the Committee on Church Unity that four meetings have been held by the committee and a cordial response has been made to the overture of the House of Bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The committee believed that all Presbyterians would accept the first three propositions, viz., the supremacy of the Holy Scriptures as a supreme rule of faith, the Nicene Creed as a true though not exhaustive statement of Christian doctrine, and the two sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper duly administered. As to the fourth, the historic episcopate, the Presbyterian Church has always considered that its presbytery are true bishops. The hope is expressed that the two great bodies may secure a more close ultimate unity."

The matter seems very simple. Let the Episcopalian ministers all call themselves Bishops too, and they will be on a par with the Presbyterian ministers. It is an easy matter now to become a Bishop when a minister has only to consider himself so; and any man can be a minister, and ultimately a Bishop, simply by having "the gift of the gab very glibly," as Samivel Veller would say.

THE complaints of the fanatics in Ontario, that Catholics seek complete control over the Government of the Province, had their counterpart recently in the proceedings of the Municipal Council of Ghent, Belgium. Ghent is for the most part a Catholic city, but there are Protestants, freethinkers, etc., in considerable number, and a fair share of the Council are of the latter shades of belief. One of the Freemason members, Mijneer Heynderyckx, made the following complaint at a recent meeting of the Council:

"Would it be believed that even a great public charity of which we people of Ghent have good reason to be proud is being turned into an instrument of political warfare? The priests and their minions, who want to have their fingers in every pie, have contrived to make even the almshouses subservient to their sordid ends. Is it, or is it not, true that the pensioners of the almshouses have been enjoined to recite prayers for the success of the Catholic candidates at the forthcoming general elections? I pause for a reply."

The complaining Councillor had not long to wait for a reply. Several Catholic and Protestant members assured him that there was no truth in the statement, and that he had been the victim of a hoax. Mijneer Heynderyckx's motion for a committee of enquiry into the matter was thrown out by an almost unanimous vote.

The people of Italy under the present regime are so crushed with the burden of taxation that national bankruptcy and insurrection against their rulers is feared at any moment. The army and navy are altogether beyond what the country is able to endure, and the foreign policy and the policy of extending the territory of Italy along the Red Sea are every day adding new burdens. The Municipality of Rome is unable to meet its obligations and has actually become bankrupt, so that the Municipal Council have resigned, the Government refusing to come to the aid of the city in its emergency. The people freely contrast the present state of affairs with that which existed under the Pope, when their taxes were light and the cost of Government small. The contrast does not increase their willingness to endure the House of Savoy.

MR. GLADSTONE has been sharply criticised for voting for the disestablishment of the Scotch Kirk, because he formerly sustained the established Churches of the three kingdoms. But already, as far back as 1868, the Grand Old Man acknowledged that he saw the fallacy of his former opinions, and it was a mark of true courage to change them. In reference to Scotch disestablishment he had said that when the body of the Scotch people made up their mind to disestablishment in Scotland he would be with them. This is the case now, and not only in Scotland, but in Wales also the established Churches include but a minority of the people.

MR. SPURGEON, the sensationalist preacher, recently declared at a Baptist meeting that he had been called "a Pope." This he said was unjust, as he was never a Pope nor did he wish to be one. He has little cause for alarm on this subject, for there is no danger of his being appointed to so sacred an office.

IN Worcestershire, England, the people's churchwarden has declared publicly that he is not a Christian. He has made this statement because he was objected to by the vicar, but he adds that the vicar was aware at the time he was appointed that such was his position. The vicar said that it was proper his own churchwarden should be a Christian, but it did not matter so much about the people's churchwarden, so he was appointed to the office by the people. The case is now before the Archbishop of the diocese to decide whether it be necessary for a churchwarden to be a Christian. As the churchwardens have full control over the temporalities of the Church, and considerable control over its spiritualities, the decision will be looked for with interest, as on it may depend the nature of the doctrines which are to be taught in future in a Worcestershire church.

AN item in the *Free Press* of Tuesday, the 13th inst., states that at the beginning of this century the Protestants of the world numbered 40,000,000, and the "Romanists" 150,000,000, but that at the present time Protestants number 120,000,000, and Catholics 180,000,000, and that at the same rate of increase Protestants will outnumber Catholics by the end of this century. It adds that in the English-speaking world there are 90,000,000 Protestants and 11,500,000 "Romanists." Altogether apart from the insult conveyed by giving to the Catholic Church a name which is not the name of the Church, but was given to her by outsiders as a term of reproach, the statistics are altogether imaginary.

The official returns of the Catholic Bishops of the world in 1888 showed that there were known to be 225,000,000 of Catholics, and the returns are below the actual number. The 90,000,000 English-speaking Protestants are purely imaginary, even if the Bob-Ingersollites, the Mormons and Jews, are to be included; but Protestants usually repudiate these; and the number of English-speaking Catholics is far below the mark. There are in Canada and the United States

alone as many Catholics as the item attributes to the English speaking Catholic Church throughout the world. We may add that *Whittaker's Almanac*, a work which is well known to be of high reputation, and compiled from carefully prepared statistics, states that there are in the world 91,150,000 English speaking persons, and that of these 14,600,000 are Roman Catholics, and 10,000,000 are of no religion in particular. Whittaker states further that the English speaking Protestants number 21,305,000, so that the figures of the *Free Press* are certainly sadly astray.

M. DE MARCERE, who was the first Home Secretary of France when the Republic was instituted, has given, in strong terms, his opinion of the conduct of the late Municipal Council of Paris which turned the Sisters out of the hospitals and substituted lay nurses in their stead. Many of the new nurses have turned out to be of the "Society Gamp" style, and though M. de Marcere is a Republican he denounces the Republican Council for its iniquitous proceeding, as a torture inflicted on the poor inmates of the hospitals, for the mere pleasure of torturing them. He says:

"It is only necessary to ask the patients themselves, and the doctors who attend them. All bear witness to the superiority of the Sisters, in comparison with lay nurses. It is not to be inferred that we must underrate the work of the latter, but there is very great difference between a religious vocation and a mere trade. We cannot expect that those who work merely for their own benefit will show as much spirit of self-sacrifice as those who work for the sake of a heavenly reward. Do not tell me that lay nurses can bind up wounds as well as the Sisters of Mercy, and that a male attendant can minister to the wounds of the soul and console the dying as well as a priest. They who make such assertions either do not know what they are talking about or they tell lies knowing them to be such."

It is expected that the new Municipal Council of the city will have a fair contingent of good Catholic members, but the apathy shown generally by the true Catholics of the city at the elections does not permit us to hope that the large majority will be anything else than what they have been hitherto, rampant infidels, but even infidels might well weigh M. de Marcere's words, and learn from them a useful lesson. The Conservative members of the late Council joined in a protest against the action of the majority, and in a petition to the Minister of the Interior said: "We ask you to restore the Sisters to the Parisian hospitals. These admirable servants of the poor were driven from them without attention being paid to the complaints of the patients or the protests of the physicians in attendance. The Conservative candidates at the recent elections made it part of their platform to restore the Sisters, but out of eighty seats, there must be a new election in eighty-nine—only twenty-one seats have been filled."

ON a recent Sunday in New York, several distinguished Protestant clergymen spoke in warm and highly eulogistic terms of Pope Leo's liberality, and of the interest he manifests in favor of the working classes. In Canada, the little lights among the parsons continue to abuse him as anti-Christ, and say that he is endeavoring to gain governing power and to destroy the country and its institutions.

It is stated on the best of authority that the statue of Bruno which has been erected in Rome has been greatly disfigured already by Bruno's admirers, who have stolen large pieces of the metal of the monument as memorials of that Apostle of Aethiopia. Some admirers of Bob Ingersoll have also procured pieces of the monument with which buttons or some other dress-decoration are to be made for the Colonel. It is understood, however, that the Colonel's portions have been obtained honestly, having been given for the purposes by the custodians of the monument.

THE *College Echo*, published in the interest of the students of St. Edward's College, Austin, Texas, publishes in its last issue a "free advertisement" of a book recently issued with illustrations by Thomas Nast, under the title "Conspiracy Against our Public Schools—an Eye Opener." Nast is the same bigot who for many years made the abominable caricatures ridiculing everything sacred in the Catholic Church, and which were wont to appear in *Harper's Magazine*, and with the intention to create anew the spirit of Know-Nothingism in the United States. The advertisement is accompanied by a disgraceful cut, which is supposed to be the representation of a Catholic Bishop. It is needless to say that no Catholic author would offer, and no Catholic publisher would issue, such a

caricature against any Protestant ecclesiastic. Yet this scandalous book is issued with the approval of, and an introduction written by, Bishop C. H. Fowler, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and the writer is a prominent clergyman, Rev. Dr. R. Hascourt. The publication of such a work is a disgrace to Protestantism, and especially to the denomination to which these men belong. It is scarcely necessary to state that the book is full of lies, and is intended to make the people of the United States believe that the Catholic hierarchy and priesthood are endeavoring to subvert education in the United States. Fanaticism in the United States is characterized by the same spirit of hatred which exists against the Catholic Church in Canada, and the lies told by the enemies of the Church are very much of the same kind. The Catholic Church has always encouraged education, and it certainly has no desire to see the school system subverted; but Catholics do insist upon their right to educate their own children religiously. Catholics, equally with Protestants, are taxpayers, and as such they have the same right which Protestants claim, to have their convictions respected. We have yet to learn that Catholics have made any attempt to force Protestants, either in the United States or Canada, to adopt their views on education, but we have the same right to insist that our conscientious convictions shall be respected. The effort to impose upon others what is obnoxious to them has hitherto been made altogether by Protestants in both countries. It would therefore have been much more in keeping with the facts of the case if those who were parties to the publication of the book in question, had issued an eye-opening work on "The Conspiracy of the Secular Against Catholic Education."

The following extract from the Kansas City Sun, a Protestant paper, will be read with interest, as it has reference to Miss O'Gorman, who lately lectured in Toronto. The Kansas City people, it would appear, are not as hospitable and kindly disposed towards show people of this class as are the Canadians. While in that city a small audience went to hear Edith, a very large one received her in Toronto with open arms. There was great enthusiasm, much Belfast laughter, and the Mail's "Kit" went into ecstasies over her. She said her say, put away her money, packed her trunk, joined the Equal Rights party and left, and doubtless will come around again another season, perhaps in an aggregation comprising Widows, Chiniquy, Fulton and the rest of the unclean birds. The Kansas paper says:

The Sun last Sunday gave a few points in the career of Edith O'Gorman. It is not necessary to follow it up or extenuate. Much more could have been said, but there was sufficient to show the character of the woman who essays to traduce a denomination of Christian people, the most subject of whom would be high above retaliation in kind. Her lectures were given at the Y. M. C. A. building. They should have been called "Opening of a Chestnut Barr," so old and hackney are the allegations she makes. They are not only chestnuts, but the nuts are wormy and the worms have hair on them, gray with antiquity. Edith has an admirable faculty of oneness of purpose—to make money, and sameness of subject and matter. There is no chance about Edith. She is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. The same pliant, the same questionable humor, the same ostentatious solemnity with the same side-betrayal of her inmost character. The Sun commends the business end of Edith. She is on the make. But it is exceeding strange that the Young Men's Christian Association, born and nurtured in charity, should permit itself to be duped into letting its hall to a character like Edith O'Gorman to slander, vilify and malign a collateral Christian society, though of a different creed.

It appears that the same spirit which animates the pretended Equal Rights of Ontario is to be found among the officials of the Transvaal. Two situations were vacant in the telegraph service, and two Brussels operators, who were thoroughly competent, offered themselves for the positions. Their applications were accepted, but when it was discovered that they were Belgians, they were informed that none but Protestants could be appointed. The *Bien Publicque* states the result as follows: "This intelligence totally destroyed the hopes of the applicants as if they were a house of cards. They were not practical Catholics, but like all Belgians, were thought to be attached to the Church of Rome. But the berths offered being very good ones, they thought that a religion to which they attached no importance ought not to stand in the way of their bettering their position in life. *En homines d'electricite*—that is to say, in less than no time—they took themselves to a pastor, who, after treating them to an address, declared that they were Protestants."

At the next Consistory three Bishops will receive Cardinals' hats. Mgr. Sarthon, Vicar Apostolic of Western Chilly, will be transferred to Peking in a similar capacity.