

service dynamite or petroleum to blow up or burn the palaces of kings and courtiers, and obliterate the monuments of art, then we should hear of heroic achievements on the part of the bold sons and unsexed daughters of the "Sovereign People!" But their mission being one of peace, the politicians vow war and vengeance on them; their works being works of mercy, the journalists censor them, and the whole horde of scribes and novelists, who live by literary plunder, and by the massacre of honor, deride their works, distort their teachings, and malign their virtue. Is this the enlightened policy of progress of modern liberalism? Is this policy of proscription and exile that of the universal republic of which radicals so melliflently boast? If so, we want none of that progress, none of that enlightenment, none of that liberalism, none of that republicanism. What the world now demands is that virility, that sense of honor, that tried and trusted virtue which made nations great and humanity happy.

#### SIR JOHN MACDONALD'S VISIT TO IRELAND.

We publish, elsewhere, an article from the Dublin *Freeman's Journal* of the 10th inst., with some introductory remarks of the Ottawa *Citizen*, in reproducing it on the 25th March.

Already we have credited Sir John Macdonald with having taken the initiative in the Cabinet, regarding the relief measure, to Ireland, and with having carried it successfully through Parliament. Consequently, we can readily and cheerfully join our Ottawa confrere in complimenting the *Freeman* upon the tribute it has paid to the Premier. It is gratifying to us that one so prominent in the public affairs of Canada as Sir John Macdonald, should be appreciated by our countrymen at home, and should have merited the laudatory mention which has been made of his name by a paper so influential and widely circulated as the Dublin *Freeman's Journal*.

We cordially agree with the *Freeman* in the hope expressed that Sir John will visit Dublin, and for two reasons: First, that he may have the opportunity to know and study the character of Irishmen, on Irish ground. High though his estimate of them may be based, as it doubtless has been upon his acquaintance with our countrymen in Canada, we predict it will become greatly enhanced by meeting them "fresh and racy of the soil." Though the old Latin saw has passed into a proverb—*Culm, non animam mutant, qui trans mare currunt*—we are disposed to dispute its truth when applied to Irishmen. Beyond all question, the great majority of them change their disposition and character with the change of country. This is, of course, attributable to new surroundings and influences, and to their intercourse with people whose customs and manners are widely distinct from their own. Consequently, we are anxious that the Premier should see and judge the Irishman, at home, in order that he may be able to form a true estimate of a race so much misrepresented and traduced. He may turn such knowledge to useful account on his return to Canada.

Secondly, a visit to Ireland would, most assuredly, enable Sir John to see and confer with some of the leading public men of the country, to concert means of inducing a useful class of emigrants to seek homes in Manitoba and the Northwest. This would be mutually beneficial to our outgoing countrymen and to Canada. Great efforts were put forth by the present Minister of Agriculture to secure the Menonites—foreigners to the empire—as settlers; and substantial inducements in the shape of rich and fertile lands, were given them, to plant colonies in Manitoba. Why not hold out the same incentives to the small farmers in Ireland? Where can better settlers be found? If the visit of Sir John to Ireland, when he again crosses the ocean, would lead him, when he will have come back, to advocate the allocation of such tracts of lands as have been set apart for the Menonites, for Irish settlements in Manitoba and the Northwest, we shall feel most grateful to our esteemed Dublin contem-

porary for the wish extended that our Premier would visit the Irish metropolis.

#### RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

The relations between the Russian and German Governments are far from satisfactory. The policy of Bismarck, a policy of offensive dictatorial interference in the foreign, and occasionally the domestic affairs of various States, has provoked the hostility of several of the States—notably Russia. The Russian empire has been always in European public opinion held to be able to manage its own internal affairs, and very naturally resents the interference of a non-interested State like Germany in its policy with regard to Turkish affairs.

The language of the press in the two countries has certainly of late given the friends of peace just cause of alarm. Russia has decided on greatly strengthening her fortifications on the German frontier, and is certainly not disposed to permit aggressiveness on the part of the German Chancellor to pass unnoticed or unrebuked.

We are no admirers of the Russian Government in its foreign or domestic policy, but we infinitely prefer the absolutism of Russia, which employs none of the forms of the free government to deceive the people, to the deceptive tyranny practiced by Bismarck on the German nation in ruling in defiance of repeatedly expressed wishes of the representatives of the people in the Reichstag. In the case of Russia it is the hereditary absolutism of the Czar, in that of Germany the usurped despotism of the Chancellor. The latter had evidently determined upon subjecting every nation of Europe to his dictatorship. He had snubbed England again and again, despised her power and defied her expostulations. Lately, to better carry out his fell designs, we saw him stoop to intrigue to form an alliance with Austria; we saw him then ready to abandon that kingdom of his own making—Italy—to secure that alliance. His object was evidently to isolate France and Russia, and as head of the alliance between England, Germany and Austria, dictate terms himself to Europe. The firm attitude maintained by Prince Gortschakoff has thwarted his plans, but Russian statesmen will require the exercise of all their vigilance to prevent the revival in the near future of these same designs of reducing Russian influence in the council of nations.

#### LOCAL NEWS.

**THE EASTER OFFERING.**—The collection at the cathedral and St. Mary's Church, in this city, on Easter Sunday, amounted to the sum of \$950.

**THE NEW WAY.**—The weekly envelope system of collecting pew rent in Paris is a perfect success, and creditable to the reverend Catholic pastor who introduced it.

**NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH IN GALT.**—Galt is to have a new Catholic Church, 84 x 44 feet, with a spire 75 feet in height, at a cost of \$4,500.

**AN ADVANCE.**—The City Light and Heating Company has given notice that they will raise the price of gas to \$2.00 per thousand after the 1st of April, allowing the usual rebate for prompt payment.

**WINDSOR.**—The marble altar in process of construction for St. Alphonsus' church will not be completed until the third Sunday after Easter, although expected to be ready by the first Sunday after. The cost will be over \$1,600.

**ORDINATION.**—Rev. Mr. McKeon was raised to deaconship on Tuesday last by His Lordship the Bishop of London, at the chapel of the Sacred Heart. Mgr. Bruyere and Rev. Fathers Feron, Tiernan and Brennan were present on the occasion.

**THE SACRED HEART.**—We invite the attention of our readers to our new advertisement of the Sacred Heart Academy. Although seventy-three pupils have entered since the new year opened, others are daily going in. The last quarter of the scholastic year opens on the 15th of April.

**THE 17TH IN SANDWICH.**—The evening of the 17th was celebrated by the students of L'Assomption College, Sandwich, in a very amusing and agreeable manner. The 17th, being St. Patrick's Day, and not being willing to let it pass without notice, a number of the students prepared a programme, which was delivered to the attendants of the school and a few of their friends. The evening passed off pleasantly, all enjoying the musical and dramatic entertainment very much.—*Amherstburg Echo*.

**OMITARY.**—Word was received in London on Saturday that Mrs. Kennedy, mother of John Kennedy, one of the parties awaiting trial on the charge of murder in the Donnelly case, died suddenly on Friday. She was an elderly woman and lived in the township of Biddulph. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at the Roman Catholic cemetery at the end of the Roman Line. Her remains were followed to the grave by a very large pro-

cession. The Rev. Father Connolly celebrated mass at the church and performed the funeral ceremonies.

**BURGLARIZED.**—Some person or persons obtained admission during Saturday night into the Huron Hotel by pushing in the door of the back kitchen. The burglars made their way to the hall, and with some iron instrument pried off the lock on the bar-room door. The till in the bar was visited, and about \$4.50 abstracted in silver and coppers. A considerable quantity of whiskey, and gin, brandy and cigars was also removed.

**A CONFIDENCE MAN PUNISHED.**—On Wednesday afternoon, 24th ult., Mr. Daniel Fraser, local baggage agent of the Great Western Railroad, at Windsor, discovered a confidence man "working" the passengers on one of the ferry boats. Fraser stepped up to the fellow at the ship dock in Windsor and ordered him to quit the boats. The operator refused and showed fight, at which the athletic Daniel responded by polishing off the confidence man in handsome fashion.

**THE ONTARIO SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.**—The prosperity of this society may be calculated from a glance at the magnificent new building they have erected on the corner of the Market Lane, into which the business will shortly be removed. The Manager and Board of Directors of this company are evidently the right men in the right places. They have succeeded in giving the institution a standing second to none in the Dominion. Money to loan at the lowest rates and on the most favorable terms. Those who have any business in this line cannot do better than call on Mr. Bullen, the obliging and energetic manager.

#### HOLY WEEK.

##### THE EXERCISES AT THE CATHEDRAL.

During holy week unusually large numbers of people thronged the Cathedral. At all hours of the day and evening might be seen persons entering the Church to engage in the devotions peculiar to the time. The utmost interest was manifested in the various services held during the week. The confessionals were crowded day and night, and the priests attached to the Cathedral, as well as a number from a distance, were kept constantly employed hearing confessions. Never before in London have we seen so many devout people approaching the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. The following is a synopsis of the exercises from Wednesday to Easter Sunday:

**WEDNESDAY.**—Office of Tenebrae at 7.30 p. m. His Lordship the Bishop presiding.

**THURSDAY.**—Blessing of Holy Oils. His Lordship the Bishop celebrant. Rev. Fr. Flannery deacon of the Mass, Rev. Fr. McKeon sub-deacon, Rev. Frs. Bayard and Murphy deacons of honor, Right Rev. Monsignor Bruyere assistant priest. Several other priests assisted in the Sanctuary. The usual office of Tenebrae was held in the evening at 7.30 p. m.

**FRIDAY.**—The Mass of Good Friday commenced at 10 a. m., Father Flannery celebrant, Father Murphy deacon, Rev. Fr. McKeon sub-deacon. The passion was sung by the Rev. Celebrant and Frs. Bayard and Tiernan. In the evening the offices were held at 7.30 and the passion sermon was preached.

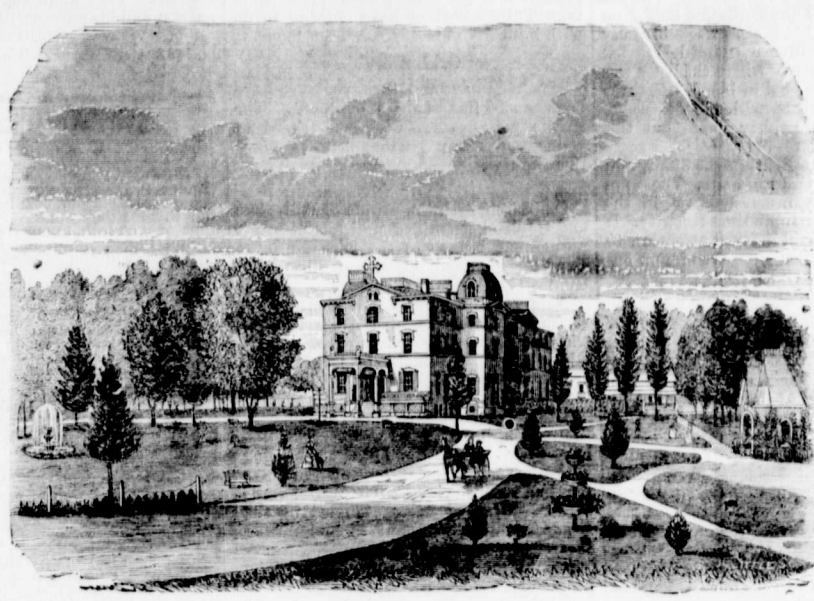
**SATURDAY.**—The blessing of the fonts took place at 7 a. m. Father Tiernan officiated, assisted by Father O'Mahony as deacon, and Rev. Mr. McKeon.

On Easter Sunday the Cathedral presented an appearance suitable to the joyous nature of the occasion. The altar was remarkable for the exceeding good taste displayed in the arrangement of the decorations.

His Lordship the Bishop celebrated the first Mass at 7 o'clock. The cathedral was crowded. Over three hundred persons approached holy communion, while nearly as many received the Sacrament at the Mass at 8.30.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated at half-past ten. His Lordship Bishop Walsh being seated on the throne, Mgr. Bruyere celebrant, with Father Tiernan and Rev. Mr. McKeon as deacon and sub-deacon. His Lordship the Bishop preached a most eloquent discourse suitable to the festival. It was one of his happiest efforts, and was listened to with the closest attention by the immense concourse of people present, many of whom were some of the most respectable intelligent and Protestants of the city.

The music on the occasion was furnished by the regular choir, with Mrs. Cruickshanks, the talented organist of the Cathedral presiding at the organ. An extra effort is usually made on Easter Sunday to furnish grand music suitable to such a festival, and this year was no exception to the rule. The Mass was read in Latin. An orchestra consisting of Messrs. B. Chadwick, Harper, McLeod, Fitzthums, Evans and G. Chadwick, contributed much to the successful rendition of the mass. Mr. J. J. Skiffington directed the whole in his usual skillful manner.



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#### A VISIT TO THE VATICAN.

MR. EDITOR,—I am happy to forward you the enclosed description as transmitted to me, of an interesting audience granted to Lord Maxborough's estimable family on the 21st of November, 1879:—

Misses Mary and Anne Saville, daughters of Lord Maxborough of Yorkshire, went to the "Villa Lante" (Convent of the Sacred Heart in Rome) to prepare for their First Communion. Two of the religious were entrusted with this important duty. Lady Maxborough, a devout Catholic, and her two children, had obtained an audience on the 22nd of November. She respectfully petitioned the Holy Father to permit the religious who prepared her daughters for the most solemn act of their lives, to assist at the Pontifical Mass. Leo XIII. graciously acquiesced.

Sunday, 28th November, was the day appointed for the ceremony, and the early hour of seven found the guests at the Vatican. The private chapel of Leo XIII. is the same as that of Pius IX. The folding doors open into a parlor in which assemble all who are privileged to attend the august Sacrifice offered by the Holy Father. The chairs were placed near those of the First Communicants, to enable all to see, to greater advantage, at least seven. His Holiness entered the chapel, genuflected and prayed for a few moments on his prie-dieu; then laying aside his crimson mantle, he repaired to the foot of the altar, where three Monsignors aided in vesting him with the sacred vestments, which on that day, (feast of the Holy Innocents), symbolized charity. His Holiness says the Mass, prays slowly and distinctly. I cannot describe the varied emotions I experienced at the consecration; every word was audible. "Hic est enim calix sanguinis novi et æterni testamenti, &c." A solemn silence reigned. Every soul appeared absorbed in prayer. What more favorable moment to obtain graces than that in which Jesus Christ offers Himself for us, by the hands of His Vicar on earth!

All our dear absent friends were most affectionately remembered. The Communion was worthy of being recorded in Heaven. The two children clad in white robes, with veils of fine illusion, knelt reverently on the step of the altar platform. A Monsignore on either side adjusted the Communion cloth, while the venerable Pontiff, holding the Sacred Host above the heads of these favored little girls, pronounced in a loud, yet tremulous voice, the beautiful words: "Behold the Lamb of God," &c.

The happy mother, deeply impressed, remained at a short distance and received Holy Communion immediately after her daughters. The three religious then advanced and were followed by all present. The Mass of His Holiness being concluded, another of thanksgiving commenced, during which the Pope knelt on his prie-dieu. The Book of the Holy Gospels and Patena were brought to him to kiss, and during the benediction the officiating priest prostrated himself before the Pontiff. After the lapse of a quarter of an hour we were ushered into the drawing room of His Holiness. On seeing us approach, he kindly advanced to meet us, and while we knelt to receive his blessing, the two children kissed him affectionately. The Holy Father bade us rise and spoke in the following terms: "Yes, mothers and children, I desire to grant you a consolation. The day of First Communion is the most memorable of all days, and it will be doubly so for you, who have come to the Vatican to receive the adorable Body of Jesus Christ from the hands of the Holy Father." The Pope reflected a moment and added, "From the hands of Saint Peter, or, at least, his unworthy successor, a Sacred Fountain has been opened for you to-day. Have recourse to it frequently. It is in the august Sacrifice of the Mass, but above all in the Eucharist, where we become identified with the Body of Jesus Christ, that we find true peace, consolation, strength and the sovereign remedy for our spiritual maladies. The Eucharist is the source of every blessing. You must receive it weekly. Why not? Good will be all that is necessary. Your pious mothers will give you the example, you will imitate her, then you will remain fervent—you must be good children." Addressing Lady Maxborough His Holiness inquired if she purposed remaining in Rome. To which question the Countess replied negatively, adding that Rome was no longer Rome for the Catholic heart. "True," responded the Holy Father, "Rome is sad, the wicked are enjoying a temporary triumph and the Vicar of Jesus Christ is imprisoned, but it is God's will and He can and will draw good from evil." His Holiness then asked one of the religious if Reverend Mother De Bouchaud and her little community were enjoying good health at the *Trinità dei Monti*. Kind inquiries were made about the Brother Zouave of Madam Gout-

tepagnon, who was present on this occasion, and addressing the third, he spoke most feelingly of the Isle of Saints, and assured us that the religious for whom he had entertained the highest esteem was an Irish Lady. So deeply do I venerate her memory that I retain all the letters which she wrote me."

His Holiness afterwards alluded to the Convent Sacred Heart at Jette St. Pierre, Brussels, where the pupils distinguished themselves by diligence and piety, and then added, "We did a great deal of good. Jette was very dear to me. I was so interested in those young children." The Holy Father now asked the name of Lady Maxborough's youngest daughter. On being told it was Anna, he replied: "That was my mother's name! Have everything that reminds me of her." When the second daughter said she was called Mary, the Pope exclaimed: "That was the name of one of my Sisters. Two sweet remembrances," and saying these words Leo XIII. pressed the hands of the little girls. "Now I must give you a souvenir of this beautiful day. Come with me." Opening a bureau drawer he took three gold medals and presented them to Lady Maxborough and her daughters. The religious he gave three silver medals and blessed a few objects of devotion. The parting hour had come only too soon, but the 28th of November shall ever remain a day of sweetest memories.

#### TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We have, as our friends will notice, said very little from time to time about those whose subscriptions are overdue. We do not, as a rule, like the system of continually dunning our friends as though we were afraid they would never pay. We will simply make the request this week that all who owe will send us the amount as soon as possible, more particularly those who have not paid for the past year. We are desirous to make the RECORD the leading Catholic weekly in Canada. If our friends will only bear in mind this request, and send us the amount as soon as possible, it will materially assist us in accomplishing this object.

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TENDERS for a second 100 miles section West of Red River will be received by the undersigned until noon on Monday, the 20th March next. The section will extend from the end of the 1st Contract—near the western boundary of Manitoba—to a point on the west side of the valley of Bird-tail Creek. Tenders must be on the printed form, which, with all other information, may be had at the Pacific Railway Engineer's Office, in Ottawa and Winnipeg, on and after the 1st day of March, next.

By Order, F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 14th Feb. 1880.

The reception of the above Tenders is postponed until noon on FRIDAY, 9th April next.

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