

## REMARKS.

Now that everybody is execrating the memory of Richard Pigott how few there are who will stop to consider who or what it was that created such a character. What was it that allured this Irishman to turn on the cause of his own country, to live for so many years in the guise and with the seared conscience of a spy, to weave out a web for the ensnaring of honourable men, and finally to find himself by the tyranny of circumstances with no further prospect before him than to take his life by his own hand? Surely when on the great Accounting Day the British nation will have its account taken, there will be few blacker deeds to be exhibited than the temptation, the encouragement, and the end of this unhappy man. The *Times* and others may say that none other than an Irishman could be got for such a purpose, but the worst enemies are those of one's own household. If the world wants to attack the Church does it not beguile and encourage the fallen priest or the misguided nun to do its work? Are not our deadliest enemies from within and have they not always been so? None but an Irishman could have served the turn of the *Times*, and it has been served. The False Witnesses were Jews.

It is a curious instance of the irony of fate that the *Times* should have helped Home Rule against its will, more than it ever could have injured it by pursuing its usual course. Nothing that could have happened in Ireland or in the House of Commons would have given the same impetus to the Irish cause as the defeat of the arch-defamer. The cause has progressed by the retreat of its enemies and the Irish people must now be more sanguine than ever. There has not been a year within the last decade but that priests and politicians have told us that it was only a matter of months until Home Rule would be secured; and not a few from having their hopes deferred were beginning to faint under the new obstacles that were put before them. Success has been by a slow advance against a motionless adamant enemy, but within the last six months the enemy has been put back, badly shaken, and badly discredited. The one source of weakness ever with Ireland was the race of Pigotts, and they are not all dead yet.

Some one has been comparing the *Times* to our own and only *Mail*, but the comparison is unjust to the English paper. The *Times* has been largely the organ of what may be called the beef-thought of England, the *Mail* lives on the vinegar diet of disappointment in Canada. If we had no French Catholics, nor Separate Schools, nor Jesuits, nor Ultramontanes, we would have no *Mail*; and because it is disappointed over the existence and unseemly increase of all these it seeks to make a reputation for itself, and an excuse for its appearance. Doubtless the *Mail* also hates Frenchmen because French judges and juries will endeavour to protect slandered individuals, and because Sir John Macdonald has a number of able Frenchmen in his Cabinet. Because Sir John did not smash Confederation and appeal to the French Republic to abrogate the Treaty of Paris as to Catholics, the *Mail* is mad and disappointed; and indeed it is likely that it will not be satisfied until the Frenchmen are done away with, the Separate Schools abolished, the Jesuits expelled, and the Catholics cut off from the Pope. The *Mail* is likely to have material for double-headed articles as long as it lives; it would be unreasonable to expect anything pleasant from it for a long time to come. The service of the writ by the Jesuits the other day was certainly a black Friday for the *Mail* in the first week in Lent.

The Jesuit discussion—if it could be called discussion—is about dead so far as Toronto is concerned. We may expect shortly, when some violent preacher shall have delivered himself to an unusual degree that the papers will say that this subject has been sufficiently ventilated and that they must now close their columns over the controversy. I am well pleased that Father Whelan did not descend to notice a man here who lives and fattens on notoriety and whose legitimate subject is the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel. Nobody minds him and no one could get any credit for defeating him in any of his polemical ethnological whims.

The bad spirit that has shown itself against everything Catholic in Toronto was exemplified the other day by an unimportant newspaper here in an attack against the Notre Dame Institute on Bond street. That establishment is one of the most comfortable places for lady boarders in the city and the result is that it is well patronized by ladies of all denominations. There were about thirty Protestants, the great majority of whom, subsequent to the attack mentioned, signed a protest against the lies published in the newspaper. However, as has been said, a lie goes round the world before truth gets its boots on. The same paper has made an attack on another body, in the hopes, no doubt, that its circulation may be increased. Another symptom of bad feeling is the attack on the French schools in Prescott and Russell, in which the children are taught their mother tongue. This ought to be offset by the columns of Gaelic that appear every week in the *Mail*, but if not I should like Mr. Craig or Mr. Meredith to point out wherein under our constitution the English language takes precedence over the French. Is not each of these equally the language of the Senate and of the Commons at Ottawa? Are not the Bills and motions put in both tongues—the statutes printed in French as in English? and where did the Fathers of Confederation insist on one language for the Canadian people? Why, as Mr. Ross hinted, but seemed to be afraid to say, the French is the language of Canada, was its language before any emigrant from Great Britain appeared here to talk of two peoples and his language for both. There are places in Western Ontario where Gaelic is the language of the people and if it were taught in the schools I don't think that Mr. Craig or his leader would trouble themselves much about it. However, I admire Mr. Meredith for adhering even to the stake for his principles. It was the boast of the late Mr. Cameron when in the same place that on one occasion he voted without a single follower and stood up alone in the House. That was heroic, but it was bad for the party. When the one man in the pit of the theatre stood up alone, there being no other spectator in the house, and applauded the performance, the manager was heard to remark that "the house stood up too much like one man." And that is the case with Mr. Meredith. As it is he stands up too much like one man.

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## FATHER HAND ON THE JESUIT QUESTION.

SERMON AT ST. MICHAEL'S CATHEDRAL ON SUNDAY LAST.

*History of the Society and Cause of its Suppression.*

Father Hand preached on the Jesuit question in St. Michael's Cathedral again last Sunday evening to an immense audience. He took the text, "With Christ I am nailed to the cross and I live now not I, but Christ liveth in me; I live in the faith of the Son who loved me and delivered himself for me."—Gal. 2: 19-20.

He began by saying that Christianity is not a mere speculative and theoretical science; nor is it a sequence from material premises, nor conclusion from historic fact or experimental exploration. It is personified, embodied, portrayed and illustrated in Jesus Christ. From the perfection of interior and invisible life came forth the blossom and the fruit, which were at once the qualities, the visible ornaments of the Master and the disciple—poverty, chastity and obedience. These were the three qualities or characteristics in the life of Jesus, upon which were constructed the constitutions of the Society of Jesus. Christ inveighed against the wealthy, classifying them with the hypocrite and the infidel. When a man of fortune and fame applied for a passport to the heavenly Jerusalem, he was told that if perfection was his aim to go and dispose of his possessions and distribute their proceeds to the poor. There was still a greater depth of self abnegation upon which Christ insisted. Kinship and family