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JAN. 3, 1885.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

- By an earthquake in the Southern Provinces of Spain one thousand lives have been lost.

usually prevalent.

- It is stated that Mr. W. H. O'Brien, M. P. for Mallow and editor of United Ireland, will contest the county of Clare at the next general election.

- We are much pleased to know that the Rev. Father Walsh, who has been for some days quite ill, is now rapidly recovering his wonted health.

The Montreal Times very properly holds that royal scandals are becoming too common. Better examples of domestic relations should be given by crowned heads and those related to them.

- We are happy to learn that Mr. John M. O'Mara, of this city, is now improving. His friends will be glad to hear of his early and complete restora. ion to health.

- The Redemptorist Fathers Miller and Kautz will, on the invitation of the good pastor Father Flannery, open a mission of ten days in St. Thomas, beginning on the 18th inst. - "Bishop" MacNamara, of the Inde-

pendent Reformed Catholic Church, has gone over to the Baptists, and the "Independent" Catholic Church is no more. It consisted of MacNamara and the woman who calls herself his wife.

- His Lordship Bishop Cleary is announced to bless a bell at Trenton, in three weeks' time. We also learn with pleasure that there is to be a convent, with six sisters for a beginning, established in that flourishing town.

- We direct special attention to the Most Rev. Dr. Cleary's able and exhaustive rejoinder to Principal Grant. The latter is an able and well read gentleman, but powerless in polemics in the presence of the profound scholarship of the Bishop of Kingston.

- It will, no doubt, interest our readers to know how Mr. Gladstone's redistribution bill will affect the Parliamentary representatives of Ireland. The bill distributes the seats as follows :---

butes the sents as follows:--Boroughs-Dublin, 4 members; Bel-fast, 4; Cork, 2; Limerick, 1; Waterford, 1; Kilkenny, 1; Londonderry, 1; Gal-way, 1; Newry, 1; University, 2. Coun-ties-Antrim, 4; Down, 4; Armagh, 3; Fermanagh, 2; Monaghan, 2; Cavan, 2; Tyrone, 4; Londonderry, 2; Donegal, 4; Louth, 2; Meath, 2; Westmenth, 2; Loungford, 2; King's county, 2; Queen's county, 2; Kikkenny, 2; Kildare, 2; Wexford, 2; Wieklow, 2; Carlow, 1; Dublin, 2; Clare, 2; Limerick, 2; Tip-perary, 4; Cork, 7; Kerry, 4; Waterford, 2; Galway, 4; Mayo, 4; Sligo, 2; Lei-trim, 2; Hoscommon, 2. Total, 103. - The N. Y. Freeman's Journal strikes the nail on the head when it says: "At

the nail on the head when it says : "At 3 this time, it is the fashion to give with more generosity than justice. Some peoplewill put off the payments of small whom nothing is due. If everybody made a point of paying his small bill at

law and gratitude. M. Despres is not a Catholic. He has the misfortune of being a free thinker, but, less intolerant than the majority of his colleagues, he has always defended the Sisters in order to defend the sick against the incapacity of nurses recruited at random and without sufficient training. Why, he asked, is it not proposed

to secularize the hospitals of Senegal. - Reports from various portions of Might it be because yellow fever deminthe country indicate that contagious ishes enthusiasm for the sick and that a sufdiseases are this winter more than un. ficient number of lay nurses could not be found ?

- We read in L'Echo de Fourvieres of the death of Vice-Admiral Fourichon, senator for life, which sad event occurred suddenly. The deceased was one of the most distinguished officers of the French marine. On the 4th of September, 1870. he accepted through patriotic motives a place on the delegation sent by the government of national defence to Tours. In that city, as at Bordeaux, he represented those ideas of wisdom which the omnipotent influence of Gambetta set at naught. Elected to the National Assembly in

1871, he took his seat in the centre. Subsequently elected senator for life, he sat in the cabinets of M. Dufaure and M. Jules Simon with the portfolio of Marine. Since the accession to power of the radicals, Admiral Fourichon invariably voted with the Right. Amiable and charitable, the deceased officer was a strict Catholic, following scrupulously all the offices of his parish church. His obsequies took place on the 25th of November in the church of Ste Clotilde. There was marked absence of all military display at the funeral. In his will the brave admiral declared his desire to be buried without military honors, that the troops might be spared the humiliation of being forbidden entry to the House of God in accordance with an order of a radical minister of war. Thus a brave commander, who had faced the enemy, was at his funeral deprived of military honors. This scandal is worthy a radical government.

TO DELINQUENTS.

Mr. M. J. Hoyles, who owes for the RECORD since Feby. 14th, 1883, writes from Cincinnati, Ohio, to say "Don't send any more. M. J. H." Well, M. J. H., we leave our readers to judge what manner of man you must be. We may add that we will give the benefit of a cheap advertisement to all such characters. We have no fault to find with any of our patrons who desire to withdraw their names from our list. This is their own concern. But when an honest man desires to cease taking a paper, his first duty is to enquire whether or not he has paid up in full till the time at which he wishes his name removed from its books. If he finds himself indebted to the paper, he at once forwards the amount.

There, then, can be no unpleasantness in complying with his desire. But it requires something of canal horse brass, and very loose notions of mine and thine to cry out, "send no more," and refuse to bills in order to present gifts to persons to pay for what has been sent. We intend to be even with criminal delinquents of this class.

you believe that he could commit such a deed as that described by his ungrateful daughter and grandchild without some great provocation ? This, at least, must palliate the deed, if it does not obliterate great provocation ? This, at least, must palliate the deed, if it does not obliterate the crime entirely. 'Tis not my trade to ask for mercy, I seek justice for my clients, but now, on the eve of the great festival when the Saviour of man came in his mercy to redeem us all, at this season when gladness and joy surround every fireside, shall it be the lot of the poor old man tottering over the grave, the victim of his own child's base evidence; shall it be his dire lot to be excluded from this universal jubilee; the lot of his aged wife to mourn in anxiety his pending fate; the lot of his friends to anticipate the approach of an unjust execution.' At the conclu-sion of Mr. Foran's address every person was sensibly touched. The prisoner bent his head and went, while his agn in lar was sensibly touched. The prisoner bent his head and wept, while his son in law, Latour, shed copious tears and left the court.

After the speech of the crown prosecu-

Correspondence of the Catholic Record, BRANTFORD NOTES.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. BASIL'S.

Before six o'clock on Christmas morning people were on their way to St. Basil's church to attend the early mass. Again at seven o'clock, and at eight, others were coming, and the church was filled until nine o'clock. High mass was filled until nine o'clock. High mass was celebrated at half-past ten by Rev. Father Crinnon, at which Rev. Father Lennon preached a short but impressive sermon on the Nativity of Christ. The preacher referred to the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, the noor carpenter and the humple the poor carpenter and the humble virgin coming to Bethlehem to be en-rolled according to Cæsar's decree; how the inns were shut to them because of the inns were snut to them because of their poverty; their wanderings to the outside of the city until they found refuge in a rude stable where the Re-deemer was born and laid in a manger. The message to the wise men and their incurney to Bathlaham were toughingly inclusion of the wise men and their journey to Bethlehem were touchingly alluded to. The application was that Christ came to shew us the way to gain salvation. As pride, luxury and sensual pleasures were the great obstacles to man's salvation, he personated the opposite virtues to show us that in order to gain heaven we must be humble to gain heaven we must be humble, poor in spirit, and self denying. Though short, the sermon was most appropriate to the occasion.

The music at high mass and vespers was grand and the different parts well rendered by the choir. Millard's Mass in G was sung. In "Kyrie" Miss Johnston took the soprano solo, Mr. Klinkhamer the bass, and Mr. Schuler the tenor. In the "Gloria" Miss Dunn sang an alto solo nicely, and Mr. Schuler a tenor solo ; the solo "Qui tollis" by Miss Johnson was exceedingly well rendered, and the quartette "Quoniam" by Misses Lannon quartette "Quoniam" by Misses Lannon and O'Leary and Messrs Saurbier and Klinkhamer was admirably performed. At other parts of the same piece Mr. Geo. Fleming, Prof. Zioger, Mr. Saur-bier and Mr. Klinkhamer took solo parts. The "Agnus Dei" was faultlessly ren-dered by Miss Lannon, assisted by the full choir. full choir. At vespers the church was crowded,

At vespers the church was crowded, the main altar was magnificently decora-ted and lighted with wax tapers arranged in beautiful form. On the side altars were two new statues just put in place, one of the Blessed Virgin and one of St. Joseph, about life size, the former repre-senting the Immaculate Conception and

On Tuesday evening an event of a very pleasing character took place in St. Mary's. The young people of the parish requested their esteemed pastor, Rev. P. J. Brennan, to step into the school house at about 7:30, where they had assembled to present him with some very handto present him with some very hand-some gifts. One of the committee stepped forward and read the following

address: To the Rev. P. J. Brennan, P. P., St. Mary's: REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER: --On

behalf of the young people of your parish, we ask your acceptance of this Christ-mas present as a token of our good wishes for you. Be assured that we all feel deeply

After the speech of the crown prosecu-tor and the judge's charge, the jury re-tired at ten minutes after six p. m., and at seven o'clock informed the judge that they had come to a decision. The fore-man pronounced the verdict : "Not guilty of murder, but of aggravated man-slaughter." All seemed relieved, the prisoner smiled, and Mr. Foran's hand was shaken nervously. Be assured that we all feel deeply grateful to you for your kindly interest in our welfare and that we ap-reciate your services on our behalf. You have gained not only our respect for the quiet and unostentatious manner in which you have discharged the duties but also an affection for yourself. You have always been so genial and bright, so kindly and sympathetic, how could we withhold the tribute of esteem and love i

love! It is a source of sorrow to us all that your bealth has been so indifferent in the year now almost ended, and we trust that this season of joy and pleasure may bring you the rest your labors so well merit, and that the New Year will ind you restored to vigrams health

In wishing you earth's best blessings, we feel sure that they will minister, not to selfish enjoyment but to earnest en-

to selfish enjoyment but to earnest en-deavour for the best interests of your parishioners, and the advancement of the Catholic Faith. Our desire, too, is that we may long enjoy your ministrations, your counsel in times of difficulty, your sympathy in our days of sorrow, your rejoicing with us in our joys, and that the blessed and holy offices of the Church of Christ may be long received by us from your hands. And now, our beloved father, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new

And now, our beloved father, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year, with many returns of this day. Signed on behalf of the young people of the parish :--M. E. Ford, M. Talon, L. Wheilhan, Annie Currie. At a single glance it was plainly vis-ible that the look of astonishment on the reverend gentleman's face was genuine, and after recovering somewhat from the surprise, he acknowledged in a few choice words the kindness and affection of his whole congregation, but particuchoice words the kindness and affection of his whole congregation, but particu-larly, the younger members. The re-mainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in music and song, in which the rich deep tones of the pastor were prom-inently heard.

MONTREAL COLLEGE.

THE PROPOSED CONVENTION OF THE OLD PUPILS OF THE COLLEGE.

FUPLLS OF THE COLLEGE. The idea of a general convention of the old puplls of the Montreal seminaries of St. Sulpice was first suggested at the re-union of the members of the class of St. Sulpice was first suggested at the reunion of the members of the class of 1850, held on the 2nd and 3rd July last, at the residences of Mr. Girouard, M. P., at Dorval, and at Mr. Jarouard, S. Beauharnois. On the 4th of that month the assembled friends wrote to the Superior of the Seminary a letter which is given below, and, to which, we are pleased to learn, Mr. Girouard has just received a favorable reply. A con-ventum of old pupils will therefore be held next summer, and there is every

Montreal, July 4th, 1884.

ligibly to human comprehension through the medium of a woman's tenderness.— Hawthorne. Correspondence of the Catholic Record. FROM ST. MARYS

Canadian and American papers are requested to publish the above corres-pondence, or to make mention of the matter in some way.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record, GALT ITEMS.

The Christmas Tree, held in the Town Hall here on Friday and Saturday, of which mention was made in your last issue, was a great success and a credit in avour way to the ladies under more issue, was a great success and a credit in every way to the ladies under whose auspices it was gotten up and carried out. A beautiful natural evergreen, 18 feet high, was erected in the centre of the Hall, and around it, in triangular form, three tables representing the three branches. Both tree and tables were heavily laden with fruit of all varieties, arranged in the most fascinating and tempting form. There were whistles for the small boy and candies for the small girl, whilst for the older and grown up children there were portraits of notable personages, alarm-clocks, butter-coolers. children there were portraits of notable personages, alarm-clocks, butter-coolers, china tea sets, silver cake baskets, card-receivers, ladies' muffs, counterpanes, lrish chains, comfortables and warm woolen biankets for the weather that is in it. Music, instrumental and vocal, was supplied by the Misses Main, Jaffray, Keith, Mr. Keith and Miss McKenna, the talented organist of the Church. The talented organist of the Church. The 39th Battalion band enlivened the pro The ceedings, both evenings, by some ad-mirable selections. This band, though only a few months in existence, under leadership of Mr. Hindmarsh, would do honor to any of our larger cities.

We must not omit to mention that the success which has attended this entertain-ment is, as on former occasions, largely due to the liberality of our fellow-towns-people who are ever to the front when an appeal of this kind is made to their poc-kets. Mr. E. J. Wilkins, deputy Reeve of the town, and Mr. Edward Radigan pre-eided can ally own the drawing of prizes. success which has attended this entertainsided genially over the drawing of prizes, and gave entire satisfaction. The net and gave entire satisfaction. The net proceeds will realize, it is expected, some-thing over \$400.

Below is a list of prizes (on which were tickets and chances) with the winners. Branch 1, blankets, 177, Mrs. Bodkin, Galt; butter cooler, 108, Mr. Disb; painted cushion, 10, Miss Sarah Lavin; comfort-able, 47, James Skimmins; knitted skirt, 118, Mrs. Kingfarmer; counterpage, 100 able, 47, James Skimmins; knitted skirt, 118, Mrs. Kingfarmer; counterpane, 100, May Collins; doll, 43, Lizzie Gorman; lace handkerchief, Mrs. Shea, Palmerston. Branch 2, china sett, 136, Mrs. Lewis, Galt; card receiver, 21, Mrs. Heinhold; silver cake basket, 158, Mr. J. Mattell, Berlin; seal muff, 9, D. Caldwell; pillow shams, 281. Catherine Humer pin cushion. Berlin ; seal muff, 9, D. Caldwell ; pillow shams, 281, Catherine Hume; pin cushion, 63, Lottie Johnstone; lamp 80, James K. Wilson. Branch 3, portrait of Bishop Carbery, 1, Mr. P. Scanlon, Toronto; counterpane, 11, Miss Sarah Lavin; quilt, (Irish chain), 3, Miss Maggie Walton, Hes-peler ; box of cigars, 179, Kate Kelleher; silver cream ewer and sugar bowl, 97, Lizzie McKay; pickle cruet, 45, Miss S. Cowan; clock, 113, Patrick White; picture of new church, 13, Mrs. Owen Sullivan; glass dish, 13, D. Callaghan : toilet set, 21, Miss Maggie Heinhold; silver cruet stand, 3, Mrs. J. Sheehy. 3, Mrs. J. Sheehy.

FROM CARLETON PLACE.

It is with great pleasure we publish the following letter from a respected resident of Carleton Place : Carleton Place, Dec. 26th, 1884.

To THE EDITOR :-SIR,-Knowing that you and your readers will be glad to hear of the advancement of the Church, I make no apology for sending you the following :--Although this place has been settled

OBITUARIES.

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BLANCHE MARY GRAVES.

BLANCHE MARY GRAVES, On the 27th of December last this bean-tiful child, the eldest daughter of Otto B. and Louisa Graves, of this city, passed peacefully away, after a few days illness. She was indeed a child of rare promise. The comembrane of her loving and loveable disposition, and her possession of all those qualities that render childhood a charm around which fondly encircles the love of parents, brothers and sisters, friends and playmates, will leave a feeling of sadness in the hearts of many, even outside that home where is now a vacant chair and aching hearts. She had made her first commu-nion and the innocence of childhood still was hers. That she is at this holy season among the angelic choir in Heaven will be a balm of comfort to her sorrow-stricken parents. We offer them our heartfelt condolence in their hour of sorrow. MISS MARY ANN ROONEY.

MISS MARY ANN ROONEY.

It is with unfeigned sorrow and regret It is with unfeigned sorrow and regret that we have to announce the death of Miss Mary Ann Rooney, daughter of John and Mary Rooney, occasioned by that fatal destroyer consumption, the progress of which she bore with Christian resignation. She died on the 22nd ult, fortified with all the rites of Holy Church. She was buried on the 24th, on which day her remains were conveyed from her father's residence, West River street, Paris, to the Catholic Church, where a solemn High Mass was celebrawhere a solemn High Mass was celebra-ted for the repose of her soul by the Very Rev. Father Dowling, V. G. The funeral cortege thence proceeded to the cemetery.—R. I. P.

MR. THOMAS M'EVOY.

MR. THOMAS M EVOL. The village of West Osgoode lost one of its oldest residents in the person of Mr. Thomas McEvoy, whose death occurred on Monday afternoon last at the advanced The decased age of seventy-two years. The deceased had been a respected citizen of the above named place, and commanded the respect and esteem of all with whom he became acquainted. His faneral, which was a acquainted. His faneral, which was a very large one, took place on Wednesday morning at the village church, where Father McGeoy celebrated a grand requiem mass for the repose of his soul. He leaves a wife and a large family to mourn his loss. They have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.— Ottawa Sup. Dec. 27 Ottawa Sun, Dec. 27.

ALMONTE SEPARATE SCHOOL.

The Christmas examination of this school took place on Monday. The ex-amination of the Junior Department, under Miss Raleigh, was conducted in the forenoon, the pupils passing the review creditably alike to teacher and them-selves. Miss Raleigh has been very success-ful in her efforts to raise the standard of this department, and will no doubt con-tinue thoroughly to fit those under her charge for the more advanced classes of the school. Those of the Senior Depart-ment were noticeably improved in discip-line, and while there was a marked ad-vancement in the various studies, special attention scens to have been given His-tory Beading and Arithmetic The Sci attention seems to have been given His-tory, Reading and Arithmetic. The Senior tory, Reading and Arithmetic. The Senior Geography class were quite at home in all parts of the world. The head master, W. A. Smith, has done much in two years and a half for the Separate School, and it is to be regretted that he is now severing his connection with it. A few special prizes were presented by Messrs. Doherty, J Dowdall, Dr. Lynch and R. J. Dowdall, as follows: Orthography, S. Doherty; Reading, D. Stafford and I. Letang (equal); Geography, L. Letang ; Arithmetic, L. Donchue. The teachers were encouraged by the presence of Rev. Father Foley and quite a number of trustees, parents and quite a number of trustees, parents and others. During the afternoon Mr. Smith was handed a magnificent Writing Box as a souvenir from the pupils.—Almonte Gazatta Dag 26

Gazette, Dec. 26. DIED-On Monday another old and very uch rest of Pakenham ownship-Mr. John Gorman-entered his eternal rest, after a long and painful illness, which was borne with the greatest resignation. He was 87 years old .- Almonte Gazette, Dec. 26.

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this season, the sum of contentment among the workers of the world would be sensibly increased. So many costly and often useless gifts might not pass from hand to hand, but honest men would have their own, and brows wrinkled on Christmas Days through the 'generosity' of givers, but not payers, would be smoothed. The rich might not have more blessings from the mouths of their creditors, but they would get fewer curses."

- From a respected priest of this Province we have received a letter under date Dec. 26th, in which he says : "I received the last number of the RECORD and hasten to congratulate you on the able manner in which you demolished the 'anonymous scribblers,' and confounded the 'nameless sheet.' No transaction is sacred from the inroads of such a motley and undisciplined faction, emerging from its low resorts to violate the boundaries of respectable journalism and make Vandal incursions on the sacred domain of truth. They expect, I presume, some favors from the government. But surely " in vain the net is spread in sight of any bird." You have burnt their funeral pile and if they should try, like the bird of fable, to rise from its stenching ashes, I hope a second death more painful than the first may be in store for them. Verily, the last condition of the 'man in the gap' is worse than the first."

- The municipal council of Paris, at its session of November 24th last, discussed the question of the secularization of the hospitals demanded by several members and voted a resolution ordering the prompt execution of that measure. Dr. Despres defended the Sisters. He showed how many Protestant countries, even Turkey itself, had confided to these good religious charge of such institutions. He protested against the praises lavished on the lay nurses at the expense of the religi-ous, and clearly demonstrated that the working classes did not at all desire the secularization of the hospitals: that the

AN ABLE SPEECH.

At the close of the Osborne murder trial held at Aylmer, Que., before Mr. Justice Macdougall, Mr. T. P. Foran delivered a most eloquent address on behalf of the prisoner Osborne, charged with the murder, some months ago, of his son-in-law, one French.

The trial excited the greatest interest in the Ottawa district, Mr. Foran's speech creating a profound sensation. We can but give the imperfect condensation of the local press :---

"Mr. Foran, for the prisoner, delivered his address to the jury in an eloquent and vigorous manner. He said that although it was the sixth time he had been called upon to act as counsel in milder cases, yet he considered himself as only commencing, owing to the unparalleled im-portance of the present case; he regretted that he was somewhat indisposed; nev-ertheless, he was convinced that the facts in favor of the prisoner and his claim for justice would counterbalance those iefects. He asked the jury to consider the true value of life, as if the prisoner were a father or a brother ; to remember that the prisoner's life was as valuable as the life of the deceased; that the law did not seek a victim, but desired a decision as to whether the prosecution had proved that the prisoner had committed the murder; was the wound the positive cause of death, and if the prisoner had not com-mitted the deed under the influence of prolonged provocation. Up to the time of French's introduction into the Osborne

of French's introduction into the Osborne family, there had been peace, prosperity and contentment, but after that event everything was bellicose, and Osborne, the man who had befriended French, now feared for his very life and the life of his aged wife. The deceased was a strong, quarrelsome, dissipated and lazy individ-ual, as testified by even his own wife and all the witnesses for the crown. The prisoner sought the protec-tion of the law and that was refused; he was consequently obliged to defend him-self. After an able argument in defence of his client, the learned counsel made a pathetic appeal to the jury on the part of

ting the Immaculate Conception and ary, Montreal

the latter from an oriental model, St. Joseph holding the hand of the infant Jesus and each with a hand on the lily, the emblem of invisiti the emblem of virginity. Both statues are remarkably fine, and it is expected that Bishop Carbery will dedicate them in a few weeks. The crib with the infant is erected on the left hand side infant is erected on the left hand side of the church, near the entrance, and was visited by young and old through the day. The crib and altar decorations are the work of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Est's Musical Vespers was Joseph. Est's Musical Vespers was sung by the full choir. Pastora's Christ-mas Hymn followed: the soprano solo by Miss Lannon, quartette by Misses O'Leary and Lannon and Messrs, Schuler and Klinkhamer. Mr. Klinkhamer sang Stern's "O Salutaris" in a rich bass voice, the highest paths

voice, the highest notes seeming always to be easily within his compass, and admirably rendered. The "Tantum Ergo" by Miss Lannon and the full choir concluded the musical service. Prof. Zinger presided at the organ, and Mr. Schuler acted as musical director, and both should feel happy at the success of

both should teel happy at the success of their endeavors. OBITUARY. Maggie Quinlan, youngest daughter of Joseph Quinlan, J. P., died on Friday evening last, and was buried on Sunday afternoon. She was apparently in fair health up to a little more than three weeks before her death and very few knew of her illness. Her age was only 15 years and 10 months, and she will be deeply grieved for by many sincere friends. When the remains were taken to the church the members of the sodal-ity, to which she belonged, were in their places, and a number of them, with lighted candles, stood at each side of the coffin while the funeral service was being count while the function service was being read and accompanied the funeral to the church. The choir sang "Vital Spark" as the funeral moved into the church. The large number who attended the funeral showed the general sympathy that was telt for the family.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE is in progress, and it is thought probable that it will be as great a success as any previous one, if not greater.

I have always envied the Catholics their faith in that sweet, sacred Virgin Mother, who stands between them and the Deity, intercepting something of His awful splendor, but permitting His love to stream upon the worshipper more intel-

Rev. F. L. Colin, Superior of the Semin-DEAR SIR, —At the conventum of the old classical course of 1850, in the Little

Seminary, a unanimous wish was exwhich we take the liberty of now pressed. Why not call a *conventum* of all the old scholars who have studied at the Seminaries (both great and little) ? How large and influential a gathering this would be and how excellent an opportunity it would furnish to do honor to our religion and our fatherland? Allow us, dear sir,

and our fatherland? Allow us, dear sir, to express the respect and devotion with which we remain faithfully yours. D. Girouard, M. P., F. X. Trepanier, P. P., Mr. Jasmin, P. P., F. A. Laborge, P. P., Hugh McMillan, M. P., A. Valois, M.D., J. B. Duverger, Joseph Leclerc, P.P., Joseph Royal, M. P., B. Globensky, L. H. Trudeau, W. Leers, P. P., Francis Benoit Benoit. REPLY

Messrs. D. Girouard, M.P., Joseph Le-clerc, F. X. Trepanier, Hon. Joseph Royal, M.P., Mr. Jasmin, etc., etc. Gentlemen,—At the close of a reunion of old classmates held some months

since, where the influence of old college associations was blended with affection for your Alma Mator and with religious feeling, you expressed to us by a collec-tive letter a desire to organize a con-

twe letter a desire to organize a con-ventum of all former pupils who, like yourselves, have studied in our college, or our Grand Seminary. This cordial disposition towards St. Sul-pice has deeply touched us and we are glad to take this opportunity of express-ing our gratitude to you all. Your project has its difficulties; if, however, you think that in consider.

however, you think that, in considera-tion of the advantages it offers, you should undertake the execution, you have our heartiest wishes for its success and we trust that the happy assembly and the mutual joy of scholars and teachers will redound to the welfare of our country and the glory of God. With sincere respect and esteem, I remain,

gentlemen Your very humble servant,

L. COLIN, Supt. Montreal, Seminary of St. Sulpice, Nov. 21st, 1884.

Nov. 21st, 1884. A preliminary meeting of old pupils to organize the fete will be held in one of the rooms of the Seminary of Mon-treal on Notre Dame street sometime during the first fortnight of January. It should be understood that not only the

for over half a century, we had no Catholic Church within eight miles, and our parish church was twenty one miles distant. Twenty years ago there were only three Catholic families here, but they have increased to about fifty at present. Under these circumstances our beloved

Bishop Cleary, on his late pastoral visit through the Diocese, with his ever watchful care, saw that a church and were needed here, and immediately sent us a priest. And as an evidence of what can be done where priest and people work together I would say: Just three months ago our priest arrived here, acquainted with none of his parishioners, and on the 12th of October we commenced to build a church (36 by 70 feet inside) and on Christmas Day (yesterday) at six a. m. we had in it the first Mass ever celebrated in Carleton Place on Christmas Day. The ladies had the church tastefully decorated with ever-greens and flowers, and we also had a choir of our young people who never sang a note in public before, but who, after a few evenings' practice with one of our ladies, rendered a few hymns very well. Of course our church is not finished, but is so that we can use it for the winter, and in spring we will get at it again, and have it finished and dedicated next

summer. Our Priest is energetic and painstaking, respected by our Protestant fellow-citi-zens, and reverenced and loved by his parishioners. He also attends to the mission of Ferguson's Falls (12 miles dis-tant) where (after saying Masses here at six and eight o'clock) he had Mass at 11.30 and received a Christmas Box of \$80, and was met on his return here with \$128 more from Carleton Place, making in all \$208. It is almost unnecessary to say he is the Reverend M. Donohoe. Long may he remain with us. Yours truly, G. A. C.

FROM INGERSOLL.

Christmas day in Ingersoll was cele-brated with becoming solemnity. At 6 a. m. Solemn High Mass was celebra-At ted by the Rev. Father Molphy, who likewise preached an effective sermon. At 10.30 another High Mass was sung by the pastor, who once more preached on the great festival that day solemnized by the Church. The musical renditions by the choir were all skilluly executed, Miss Keating presiding with her accus-tomed success at the organ. FROM BATTLEFORD, N. W. T.

Battleford, 11th Dec., 1884. DEAR SIR,-I enclose with pleasure my subscription to the CATHOLIC RECORD for 1885. Battleford has increased a for 1885. Battleford has increased a great deal since last Christmas. Our Catholics are getting numerous, and our chapel, 50x30, which we used for the first time last Christmas, will before long be too small. be too small. The congregation is com-posed of French, Irish, half-breeds and Indians. In spite of our poverty we got last summer a bell of 400 lbs. and an harmonium. Thanks be to God our holy religion is in honor in this far North-West. We have too a Catholic school attended by quite a number of children. Former or setting error children. Farmers are settling around Battleford and there is no doubt that this place is going to become very im-portant. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fruly yours, H. H. BIGONESSE, Pt., O. M. I.

THE BAZAAR.

The Bazaar in aid of St. Peter's Cath-edral opened in the City Hall on Mon-day evening, the 29th ult. The nomination of candidates for the mayoralty took place in the morning, and the Hall remained in possession of the "free and independent" till after midday, when the ladies began their work of organiza-tion. At a comparatively early hour in the evening the tables were all in order and looked charmingly. There are, besides the refreshment table in elegran of the the refreshment table, in charge of the Young Ladies' Sodality, three others, St. Peter's, St. Mary's and that of the Children of Mary. All are glittering and resplendent with gifts and prizes of every character, useful and ornamental.

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We trust that the good ladies who have the bazaar in hand will be rewarded by the generous attendance of our fellow-citizens. The Catholic citizens of London should especially make it a duty to give every encouragement in their indertaking organized for the benefit of their Cathedral Church. Tickets for the Bazaar are returnable till January 8th, 1885.