

who has lately betrayed sympathy with the Communists cannot be expected to hold any other sentiments towards the Society of Jesus. This body of men love their country with their whole hearts, and it would be strange, indeed, if they were not found presenting a bold front to roll back the tide of infidelity which Perry and some of his associates are endeavoring to spread in Catholic France.

In dissolving the British Parliament the Premier said that during the six years of the present Administration the improvement of Ireland and the content of our fellow-countrymen of that island have much occupied the care of the ministry. We would like to have seen the face of the noble earl while he was delivering himself of this masterpiece of sarcasm. The ministry have been much concerned for the past six years, in regard to the improvement of the condition of "our fellow-countrymen of that island," and their noble efforts have been crowned with the result of helping to bring about—starvation and misery.

The reporters are now busily engaged taking back hasty statements made concerning what they heard, and what they did not hear,—what they saw and did not see—during their experiences in Lucan. The *Globe* reporter carries off the honors as a writer of fiction. The Canadian Press Association should at once order a medal of sole leather to be cut out for him, duly inscribed and duly presented on board one of the lake steamers on their next excursion. The gentleman says he had an interview with John Kennedy, sr., at his house. Miss Nellie Kennedy writes to the *Free Press* that a reporter never came to their house. Another reporter says John Kennedy's family admitted John was one of the ringleaders in the massacre, and hoped that he would be brought to justice. The family, it appears, said they would like to see the guilty parties brought to justice. The reporter merely made a slight mistake.

The British Parliament has been dissolved. The new Parliament, it is thought, will be in working order the first week in May. The *Post* approves of the dissolution, and says it is not only in England but also in Ireland that the result of the forthcoming elections will be watched for anxiously. The *Times* says: "The time chosen for dissolution is probably the most convenient to the country that could have been selected. The dangers which threaten the Parliamentary Government of England are very urgent, and it is not clear that they may not be increased by the result of the appeal to the constituencies. It seems to be admitted on all sides that the Home Rulers will win some seats in Ireland, and that the Government will lose several in Ireland and Scotland. It remains with English constituencies to decide whether Conservatives are to have a majority which will bear down the Scottish Liberals and the Irish Home Rulers. What is chiefly to be feared is such an equal balance of power as would leave both constitutional parties dependent on the Home Rule vote."

In the House of Commons, during the discussion of Mr. Blake's Bill for the "prevention of crime," one clause of which empowered the photographing of prisoners, Mr. Banister, of British Columbia, "thought such a proceeding was highly injurious. The *Globe* had published pictures supposed to be photographs of the persons connected with the Biddulph tragedy and here were a few of them. [At this point the hon. gentleman exhibited, amidst roars of laughter, a few of the very primitive-looking works of art, in the shape of hideous caricatures of humanity, which recently appeared in the newspaper mentioned.] These, he continued, were supposed to be photographs of criminals; but it was the men whom they were made to represent were acquitted, the paper which had libelled them pictorially would certainly stand an action for damages." It would be interesting were the *Globe* to give us wood cuts of its Lucan correspondent and the correspondent's "intelligent resident." The extravagant statements of these gentlemen is the talk of thousands, and there is really an anxiety to see their pictures by "our artist."

A PHOTOGRAPHER has visited Knock, near Claremorris, and taken views of the scene of the alleged Knock apparitions and miraculous cures, which appear to be considered in that locality as completely authenticated. The Ballymore correspondent of the *Sligo Champion*, writing from that town on Wednesday, Feb. 4th, says:—"With feelings of deep pleasure I have to report that a man named Thomas Glynn, a carpenter

living in town, got paralysed some three months ago, and ever since his feet having almost lost their power of motion, he was unable to walk unless when assisted by two persons. Having heard of the miracles performed at Knock, he set out for that place on Saturday, a distance of twenty-eight miles, and had to be tied to the car on which he went. On arriving there he performed the usual station around the chapel, and prayed for some time where the apparition was seen, the result being that on Monday he came home, and walked part of the way, having got the power of his limbs."

A CORRESPONDENT on her Majesty's gunboat *Goshawk*, which is distributing meal among the Western Islands, writes from Innishark, off Galway:—"It is a terrible state of affairs. Fifty families here eke out a miserable existence. Their houses are small heaps of dirty stones. Their land is rock and soft bog. Hunger and want are everywhere visible. The people go naked and without food. Many are slowly starving to death. Such scenes of appalling destitution I never before witnessed. Every step we took brought before our view new and more fearful pictures of destitution and suffering. The more we saw the more certain did death from starvation appear the inevitable fate of nearly every man, woman and child on the island. Gaunt, thin, and pale were the faces of men who were naturally of herculean build. The features of the women and children were overspread by the ghastly pallor of hunger. In many cabins children crouched, shivering and almost naked, around the fire. When I entered they sprang behind their mother, whose single garment—a thin dress—was but the slightest protection against the wind which blew through the broken roof. On the fire was the dinner—a pot of brown green sea-weed. It is certain that unless they are well cared for, dozens will die of starvation." The same correspondent writes from Innishoblin concerning the shocking maladministration on the part of the officials there. The Government dispensary officer had no drugs, the relieving officer no food. One woman at least had died in consequence. The poor-law inspector had not visited the island for three years. If the distress lasts till August a distribution at the same rate would require £184,000.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY, the well-known editor of the *Boston Pilot*, is not only a fine poet, but an orator of rare power also. His recent lecture in aid of the Irish sufferers in the Academy of Music, New York, was just the literary treat we should expect from one of his varied accomplishments; and some idea of the numbers that greeted him there, may be formed from the fact that over one thousand dollars were realized. —*Baltimore Mirror*.

If England were not too insolently dull to blush at her own disgrace, she would flush scarlet at the vote of the Canadian Parliament that the funds voted by Canada to aid the distress should not be used to disfranchise Irishmen who have to accept relief. The English Government has lately introduced a bill in Parliament, that all those who are "officially" relieved in Ireland should be disfranchised. A more infamous advantage of poverty and weakness was never taken by man or nation. —*Pilot*.

THE Catholic mission and the Protestant revival ostensibly have the same object—the conversion of sinners and the rendering of the just man more just. How different the means taken to attain that end, and how vastly different the result! The Catholic missionary preaches penance, while the revival leader tells his hearers to find comfort in the Bible. How on earth a man, who cannot read, is to be converted, according to the Protestant plan, passes our comprehension. —*Catholic Herald*.

THE vaunted Prussian schools are declining in proportion to the duration of the Kulturkampf which deprived the country of its best teachers. According to a memorandum of the Minister of Worship and Education, lately published, there are now 9645 teachers wanted in the schools of the country. It must be remembered that in Prussia such a vacancy is considered to exist, whenever there are more than eighty children to be taught in any place by one teacher. And yet, the enlightened liberal party opposes the return of the only available competent teachers to Prussia—the exiled teaching communities of the Catholic Church. —*Buffalo Union*.

MADAME SUSANNA BOUDREAU, the mother provincial of the Sacred Heart order of religious women in the Western States, died in New

Zealand about the middle of February. She had conducted a colony of her community to New Zealand to found a school at Timaru, reaching that place about the middle of January. A letter was received from her on Tuesday last, or March 2d, written on February 2d, in which she gave an account of her arrival at Timaru, the kind reception of herself and companions by Bishop Redwood, and the very successful beginning of a school, and at the same time expressing a desire for two additional members to be sent to the new foundation from St. Louis. But in the afternoon of the same day, last Tuesday, a telegram was forwarded from Paris, signed by Bishop Redwood and Madame Sharman, superior of the house in New Zealand, announcing the death of Madame Boudreau, on Feb. 13th. —*St. Louis Watchman*.

MR. BERGH ought to 'keep an eye on New York fox-hunters. Some days ago they got up a hunt that had a most disgraceful termination. According to a reporter who was present the fox was "set upon in a corner by the whole pack of dogs and a half-a-dozen of the huntsmen, and the latter, not even having the decency to let the dogs kill him, dismounted and fell upon the little fellow with their jack-knives." One of these gallant "huntsmen," more eager than the rest, seized hold of the tail, and actually cut it off while the poor fox was still struggling in the death agony. The fox turned and bit him, though—gave him a bite that he won't forget—there's some satisfaction in that. After the biting, the other noble fellows gathered around and kicked the fox to death. "A gentleman who was present said the sight was so sickening that he had to turn his back to it." How did "a gentleman" (except the reporter) come to be present in such a crowd? But we believe all these fox-hunting snobs have some sort of idea that they are gentlemen. —*Pilot*.

THE correspondent of the *Boston Pilot* says:—"The grandest demonstration which has been held so far in this country in behalf of the cause of suffering Ireland was the meeting held on Monday night, February 23d, in the Exposition Building, at Chicago, Ill. Chicago's reception to Mr. Parnell, it is safe to say, eclipsed anything of the kind ever seen on this continent. The audience was composed not by any means entirely of the Irish-American population, but by the representatives of every nationality in that city. This immense building is capable of accommodating 30,000 persons, and, though the prices of the tickets had been placed at \$1, and 50 cents each, the effort to procure admission, and the jam that ensued is said to have been indescribable. Every available inch of room was occupied, especially noticeable being the large number of ladies present. At about a quarter before eight o'clock Gov. Collum, accompanied by other distinguished gentlemen, entered the hall, and were greeted with tremendous applause. But when, a few minutes later, Messrs. Parnell and Dillon, and Mr. Murdoch, the editor of the *Inverness Scottish Highlander* (who is engaged in endeavoring to alter the land system prevalent in Scotland), entered the hall, escorted by the 2d Illinois Infantry, the applause which greeted them was perfectly terrific, and did not cease for many minutes."

THE wonderful patience of Almighty God exhibits itself in His treatment of those Christians, so called, who carelessly and thoughtlessly attend the exercises of their religion. Of those who know no better, nothing can be expected, but for Catholics, believing in all that their faith teaches, to attend mass on Sundays without devotion, to receive the Sacraments as seldom as possible, to visit the church only when forced by precept, and to banish all thoughts of their religion during the week, God shows wonderful mercy. He is eternal and can bide His time. A day of reckoning is sure to come. We have been shocked by the conduct of some so-called Catholics, during Mass, and wonder what consciences they must have, to feel that they have fulfilled the precept of hearing Mass. We have seen them enter the church at the elevation, kneel very devoutly for a few minutes, stand up, and then leave whilst the last Gospel is being read. These people only mock Almighty God and trifle with the requirements of their faith. They do not hear Mass, and violate a precept of the Church. How can such Catholics expect the graces they stand so much in need of. —*Catholic Columbian*.

"CARDINAL NEWMAN," says the *Boston Pilot*, "recently delivered an interesting discourse at Birmingham on the growth of the Catholic Church in England. He noted the striking

contrast between the feeling toward Catholics in Cardinal Wiseman's time and that of the present time, and accounted for the improvement by showing that there is now a much better knowledge of the Catholic religion among Protestants. 'What I wish to show,' he said, 'and what I believe to be the remarkable fact, is that whereas there have been many conversions to the Catholic Church during the last thirty years, and a great deal of ill-will felt toward us in consequence, nevertheless that ill-will has been overcome, and a feeling of positive good-will has been created instead in the minds of our very enemies by means of those conversions, which they feared from their hatred of us, and I will say how.' The reason of the change was then stated thus: 'The Catholics in England, fifty years ago, were an unknown sect among us. Now there is hardly a family but has brothers or sisters, or cousins, or connections, or friends and acquaintances, or associates in business or work, of that religion, not to mention the large influx of population from the sister island; and such an interpenetration of Catholics with Protestants, especially in our great cities, could not take place without there being a gradual accumulation of experience, slow faded, but therefore the more sure, about individual Catholics, and what they really are in character, and whether or not they can be trusted in the concerns and intercourse of life; and I fancy that Protestants, spontaneously and before setting about to form a judgment, have found them to be men whom they could be drawn to like and to love quite as much as their fellow-Protestants—to be human beings in whom they could be interested, and sympathize with, and interchange good offices with before the question of religion came into consideration.'"

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Our agent will call on the city subscribers to the *RECORD* this and next week. We hope they will find it convenient to settle their accounts for the paper.

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In a few weeks we will commence a continued story of absorbing interest. Now will be a good time to subscribe to the *RECORD*, in order that the first chapters of the tale may not be missed.

TO OUR FRIENDS.

Our subscribers throughout the country who have not yet remitted their subscriptions for the year 1880 would confer a favor on us by doing so as soon as possible. If each one were only to make an effort and do this it would materially assist us in making the *CATHOLIC RECORD* hold first place among the weeklies of the Dominion. This is the object we have in view, and we trust our subscribers will kindly aid us in attaining it by paying up promptly.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT.

The Irish Benevolent Society of this city will celebrate the anniversary of Ireland's Patron Saint by a grand concert, to be held in the Mechanics' Hall, on Wednesday evening, 17th March, under the direction Mr. G. B. Sippi. The following is the programme to be rendered on the occasion:

PART I.
Overture—Abu Hassan.....Weber
Part Song—Hark Apollo.....Bishop
Song—Kerry Dance.....Molloy
Quartet—Sands of Dee.....MacFarren
Song—The Old Street Lamp.....Molloy
Duet—Trust Her Not.....Balfie
Song—If Thou Couldst know.....Balfie
Part Song—The Shamrock.....Balfie
Piano Solo—Fantasia Impromptu.....Chopin
Part Song—Peasants' Wedding March.....Soderman
Song—My Country Calls.....Watson
Part Song—The Maiden of the Fleur de Lys.....Sydenham
Song—.....Sydenham
Duet—The Wanderer's Night Song.....Rubenstein
Song—The Bailiff's Daughter.....MacFarren
Quartet—Three Fishers.....MacFarren
God Save the Queen.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. C. Hevey has been appointed to a position in the Post Office department. The selection is a good one, and we have no doubt Mr. C. will make a most excellent civil service official.

LOOK OUT FOR HIM.—A man named Scott has been representing himself in this vicinity as an agent of the *Catholic Monthly*. The proprietors of the magazine are particularly anxious to learn his whereabouts, as he has made no remittance to the office. We hope our readers will be on the look out for him, and if any of them have subscribed for their names to the office in New York, or to the office of the *CATHOLIC RECORD*, London, the book will be sent them for the period for which they have subscribed.

C. M. B. A. NOTES.

Branches and Councils of the C. M. B. A. are cordially invited to co-operate in making this column as useful and interesting as possible. All matter for this department should be addressed—Deputy Director C. M. B. A., 391 Queen's Avenue, London, Ont.

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Received of T. A. Bourke, President of Canada Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, the sum of two thousand dollars, amount of beneficiary on the death of James Devlin, member of Branch No. 1, Windsor, Ont.
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Medical certificates, applications for beneficiary certificates, and beneficiary membership reports, should come from branches direct to Grand Recorder.

All applications for blank forms of whatever kind must be made to Grand Recorder. Branches not receiving their charter, beneficiary certificates, supplies, &c., should notify the Grand Recorder in time. The death of Supreme President Barret was the cause of delay in forwarding charter and certificates, to some branches.

The second annual convention of the *Supreme Council* of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association will be held at the hall of branch No. 1, Niagara Falls, on Tuesday, 30th March, 1880. Business will commence at 9 a. m., and delegates are requested to be present at the opening of the Session.

We have lately received a great many applications from readers of this column, for copies of the C. M. B. A. constitution. It is our duty to supply branches of our association with a necessary number of copies of the constitution, but we do not purpose to supply non-members; we shall answer all C. M. B. A. questions, and give full explanations through the columns of this paper—our official organ. The requirements of our association are fully stated and explained to each person before we initiate him. We do not wish to draw persons into our society blindfolded as to what it is, or as to what it will cost them to retain membership therein, and in late issues of this paper we gave ample information on these points.

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FURTHER COLLECTIONS FOR IRISH RELIEF.

The following sums have been received by Rev. M. J. Tiernan, during the past week.

Father Connolly, (per J. Blake.)	\$ 20 00
Biddulph.....	252 00
" O'Neil, Kincora.....	100 00
" Molphy, Strathroy.....	100 00
" O'Shea, Seaford.....	190 00
" Grand, Amherstburg.....	120 00
" O'Connor, Sandwich.....	73 60
" Beausang, Ashfield.....	62 00
" J. O'Connor.....	

THE DONNELLY CASE.—No new features of any moment have been brought about so far in this case. The examination will be brought to a close this week. It is reported that some of the crown witnesses have gone to the States.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—On Saturday last, Mr. George Middlemiss, proprietor of the steam saw and grist mill at Middlemiss Station, on the Air Line of the Great Western Railway, Township of Ekfrid, was run over near Newbury, both legs being severed from the body, and other injuries being inflicted which proved fatal.

MOP WRINGER MFG. CO.—We have visited the works of the Mop Wringer Manufacturing Company, Ottawa, and find a very large business being done in the manufacture of these as well as other useful articles needed in every house. Agents need not be afraid to send money to the company, as it is a thoroughly reliable firm.

DR. HANAYAN.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Dr. Hanayan, which to-day appears in our columns. The Doctor has a wide professional experience and we have no doubt that his many good qualities will make him as popular in Stratford as he has been elsewhere.

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THE CHRISTIAN MOTHER.—A most useful little work has just been issued from the house of Beniger Bros., New York, entitled the "Christian Mother." It is from the German of Rev. W. Cramer, and consists of instructions and prayers suitable to the mother's state. The binding and general appearance of the book is most fast. It will no doubt fill a want long felt. It bears the imprimatur of his Eminence Cardinal McCloskey.

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