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A Doomed Church
 (From the Catholic Times.)

On the eve of the rising of the Chamber, the French Government, in accordance with a vote of the House, commissioned M. Briand to draw up a scheme for the future relations between Church and State. That gentleman has completed his task, and each Deputy is now possessed of a copy of his proposals, which, at an early date—that is, as soon as the Military and Secondary School Bills are passed—will become the subject of Parliamentary debate. How fierce that debate is likely to be a perusal of M. Briand's scheme shows in a glance. He proposes the freedom of the Church from the State in order that the State may more quietly and securely destroy the Church; her death is to be a euthanasia! The programme is as simple as it is effective. The Republic will permit all creeds, but recognize none more than another. It will pay not a penny in support of any religion, and from the date of these proposals becoming law all agreements to the contrary lapse. The embassy at the Vatican will cease. From the first day of January subsequent to the promulgation of the law, no minister of religion in France shall be paid any subvention from public funds. From that date, too, the use of all churches, cathedrals, presbyteries, episcopal palaces, seminaries, etc., shall be no longer gratuitous and free; the buildings shall belong to the State as of right. With regard to such property as the Faithful, at their own cost, have provided, the committees in each locality who are to have charge of matters of worship shall divide it among them, to be applied to purposes of religion. All ministers of religion who have, for twenty years at least, received salaries from the State, and are aged forty-five years or more, are to have a pension, proportioned to their years of service, not falling below \$24, nor rising above \$48! How men are to live on this miserable subvention M. Briand does not say to explain. If his proposals pass, they will clearly inflict great hardship upon dispossessed Bishops and priests in France.

All ecclesiastical buildings, then, revert to the State, which, indeed, already claims the ownership of them. However, such edifices, as may be shown to have been erected since the Concordat, at private monies, i.e., without State funds, may be reclaimed, and will, on proof, be given to the "civil committees" in charge of public worship in each locality. And the "civil committees" may hire, for a period of ten years, the parish churches, etc., on payment of a rent out of their annual revenue for religious purposes, the committees in every case finding the funds for the hire a great part in M. Briand's programme they receive the collections, etc., and may form unions with their neighbors, and work under a central control; that is, they are to take the place of the hierarchy as at present established in France, or, in other words, the Church is to become a department of the State. And in that department the police are supreme. A congregation of worshippers is put under the police regulations as completely as a gathering of politicians. Quite a number of offences, with fines, is drawn up. Speaking of politics in the church; constraining persons to support or be present at religious services, or to observe holidays; causing disorder thereat; these and similar offences are punishable by fine or imprisonment. If a minister of religion reads in church a pastoral, or himself delivers a sermon, offensive to any member of the Government, or deputy of Parliament, he shall be fined or put in goal; and should he incite people to resist any act of the Government, he may be imprisoned for three years. And, furthermore, the Government, for any such offence, may deprive the congregation of the building in which it has been permitted to worship. This is not all. No external manifestation of religion, in the way of processions, etc., shall take place without permission from the mayor of the Commune. The municipality alone regulates henceforth the ringing of church bells. Nor may a religious emblem be erected or affixed

anywhere outside churches or cemeteries, and such as now exist will be removed, unless reasons of art or history lead the State to permit them to remain. Nay, the very cemeteries are taken over, and put under police supervision, and the blessing or consecrating of the whole or a part of one is forbidden. The emblems and inscriptions on the tombs are to be regulated by the civil authorities, and no distinction henceforth shall be lawful between suicides, unbaptized and others, or between any forms of creed, in the burial of the dead.

But enough of all this. One's mind runs back to the Thugs. Was there ever such a manifest plot to strangle a Church as this scheme of M. Briand sets forth? And it is no mere idle and academic proposal. The Government, and above all, its chief Minister, M. Combes, mean business. The French Church is on the edge of a razor, as the old Greeks would say. Its condition at the moment, its prospects in the future, afford no ground of hope. Amid a population largely hostile and more largely indifferent, it can look for no loophole of escape from its perplexities, can expect no support in its struggles. Like Sion, it is immured inside the lines of its foes. Break out it cannot, and only starvation faces it within. Its Bishops are powerless, its clergy dispirited, its laity apathetic, or, where zealous, unused to fight. Mole ruit sua; perhaps no other words sum up its fate and the cause of it. Leaning for ever on the State, fearful to walk in its own strength; its limbs have atrophied, it has grown hide-bound, it has ceased to be organic; a mere mass, it has tumbled on the ground. Now even its friends hope to be able to set it up again. With no unity, no programme, no leaders, it is dragged like a victim to the slaughter, and neither David nor Sisyphus can prophesy its deliverance. Meanwhile its enemies exult. They gather round it like birds of prey. They wait the dawn of the morn when they shall, by their decree, hand it over to death and destruction. For, be it clearly borne in mind, and what we have said above is proof sufficient, they have no intention of setting it free from the State in order that it may die. The French Church lived by its submission to the Holy See; it will die by its subjection to the "civil committees" which are to rule it henceforth. And then, once more, men will see how dangerous it is for religion to rely on the State, for the priest to be fed by the prince.

Cardinal Newman was right: "The very moment the State enters into the Church, it shows its nature and its propensities, and takes up a position which it has never changed, and never will. Kings and statesmen may be, and have been, saints; but in being such they have acted against the interests and traditions of kingcraft and statesmanship. Constantine did not, but his line of policy continued." His policy has destroyed the French Church, and, while kings are Christians no more, it will destroy yet other Churches in their turn.

Budget of Ottawa News

Rev. Mr. Franks George Gray, 146 Slater street, will be ordained to the priesthood next Sunday by His Grace Archbishop Gauthier, of Kingston, in St. Patrick's church. On account of the extra ceremonies the early mass, at which the ordination takes place, will begin at 7 a.m. instead of 7.30, the usual hour. The candidate for holy orders is a native of the archdiocese. It will be the first ordination ever held in St. Patrick's Church.

The new Blessed Virgin's altar in St. Patrick's church will shortly be ready. The total amount required is \$2,344.20, and the amount subscribed totals \$1,811.88.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Steckel are making a present of a beautiful statue of "Our Lady" which is valued at \$50.

The Ottawa Separate School Teachers' Association held its regular monthly meeting Friday evening, with the president Miss O'Meara, in the chair. This meeting was the most successful held yet and too much cannot be said for the programme committee, consisting of the teachers of St. Patrick's school, whose efforts produced such happy results.

Mr. White, principal of the Ottawa normal school, was present on the invitation of the committee, and treated the subject of composition in his usual masterly style, impressing on the minds of his listeners the need of making their treatment on this subject practical above all else. His every sentence revealed an accurate knowledge of the material to be worked on.

Miss Hickey opened a discussion on supplementary reading, pointing out the advantages to be derived by pupils from extended reading courses.

Mr. W. Bourke, principal of St. Bridget's school, gave a practical talk on school discipline, its meaning, how to attain it, and the good results following a wise system of government.

Mr. W. J. Lee, principal of St. Joseph's school, talked to the teachers on the matter of punctuation and

requested an expression of opinion as to the ground that should be gone over and the methods likely to produce the best results. The aims of the study of literature and the method of presenting it to a class were handled by Miss O'Connell in a very clever and masterly manner and was much appreciated by the teachers.

The election of officers for the following term resulted as follows:—President, Miss Delaney, Vice-President, Miss De Waele, Secretary, Miss McMahon; Press Reporter, Mr. Burke.

It was moved by Miss Nash, seconded by Miss McMahon that a resolution of condolence be tendered Miss Cunningham on the death of her mother and that the same be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

After an illness of almost three years the death occurred early Sunday morning of William Neville, for the past twenty-five years one of the most trustworthy and best known captains of the Ottawa River, and lately captain of the steamer Archie Stewart, owned by the Ottawa Transportation Co. He leaves a widow and six children, John P., pianist at the Grand Opera House, Leonard, Lorretto, Norma and William B. Neville. He also is survived by his father, John Neville, contractor, and four brothers, James J., contractor; Charles and John of this city; Christopher S., of Chicago, and one sister Mrs. Muldoon, Waverly street. He was for the past number of years a member of Emerald Court, 218 C. O. F., and the members of the court attended the funeral in a body. The funeral left his late residence, 81 Waverly street, Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, to St. Patrick's Church, and thence to Notre Dame Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Powers was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from her late residence, 250 Lyon street, to St. Patrick's Church, where obsequies for the dead were conducted by Rev. Father Fitzgerald. Interment was made in Notre Dame Cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives attended the funeral.

The many friends of Chevalier John Heney, who has been seriously ill, will be glad to hear that he is doing very well, and on the high road to vigor again. He had an excellent night last night, and was so well to-day that his family hope he will be about as usual in a couple of weeks. At Mr. Heney's age, 82, some apprehensions were entertained, but his pluck and vitality had to be reckoned with, and he is likely to attain restoration of his usual strong health.

An extra fine programme was presented at Tuesday evening's meeting of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association. Prof. F. C. E. Cramer, organizer of the Sacred Heart Church, presided at the piano and the following well-known singers took part: J. J. O'Connor, P. Connolly, J. Bergrin, H. O'Connor, J. A. Casey, T. Stringer, J. P. Lyons, D. P. Braecland, P. Diskin.

SCHOOLS

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL.
 Boys who obtained the highest number of notes in the monthly competition for October:
 Fourth Form, Senior Division—Joseph Clarke, Wm. Overend, John Witmer.
 Fourth Form, Junior Division—Joseph Bauer, Wilfrid Bourdon, Michael Moad.
 Third Form, Senior—Newman Mackintosh, William Ayers, Norman Kelly.
 Third Form, Junior—Thomas Shannon, Louis Murphy, Gerard Moore.
 Second Form—John Murphy, Fred White, Edward McCool.
 Boys who received testimonials of merit for excellent deportment and application during the month of October:
 Form IV, Senior—Joseph Clarke, Vincent Varley, John Witmer. Wm. Overend, Wm. Maloney, Patrick Delaney, good, Harold Campbell, George Ryan, Wm. Massey.
 Form IV, Junior—Excellent, Joseph Bauer, Charles McCurdy, Michael Moad, John McClean, Thomas O'Brien, James Glynn; good, John McCague, Percy Corbett, Eugene Landreville, Owen Lynch.
 Form III, Senior—Excellent, Newman Mackintosh, Wm. Ayers, Norman Kelly, John McCrohan, John Byrnes, Inzie Milne, Francis Sicking, good, John Skain, Howard Terry, Ed. Lane, Jas. Nicholson, William Gibbs, Francis O'Brien, Thos. O'Brien, Jas. Matthews, Ed. Curtis, Chas. Corcoran, Romeo Grossi.
 Form III, Junior—Excellent, Thos. Shannon, Louis Murphy, Harold Landreville, Owen Byrne, Arthur Gavin, John Lane, good, John Cronin, Joseph Deferari, Fred Fensom, Gerard Moore, John Ryan, Thomas Scollon, Joseph Skain, Patrick Spelman, Arthur Vonzeben, John Wigglesworth, Albert Massey, Peter Halley.
 Form II—Excellent, Edward McCool, Wm. Thompson, Francis Shanahan, Garden Fensom, good, Willie Hind, Hugh McEvoy, Francis Corcoran, Francis Acroy, James Nicholson, Wm. Ingoldsbay, Justin Reil, Willie Waggoner, Henry Doyle.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EXAMINATION.

Fourth Form—C. Heck, C. Higgins, J. Mohan, J. Murray, F. Guay, E. Horley.
 Testimonials—Excellent, C. Heck, C. Higgins, J. Mohan, J. Murray, F. Guay, E. Horley, A. Keeler, J. Burns, N. Moore, J. Brownrigg, J. Fletcher, C. O'Leary, E. Roach, W. Menton, J. Mulrooney, good, T. Fox, L. Cleary.
 Third Form—Seniors, R. Newton, J. LaBraico, A. Lynch, Juniors, C. O'Leary, J. Boomer, A. Guay.
 Testimonials—Excellent, E. McAuliffe, J. O'Hearn, A. Guay, J. Hogan, C. Zyrd, S. Hogan, C. O'Leary, E. Vandever, M. Buras, J. Boomer, R. O'Donoghue, good, J. LaBraico, A. Castrucci, A. LaBraico, J. Downey, W. Dumar, F. O'Donoghue.

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Second Form—Seniors, J. Glionna, J. Muto, J. C. Coney, Juniors, N. Perugini, D. Curnery, J. Keeler.
 Testimonials—Excellent, E. Dixon, F. Harper, A. Heck, R. Mullins, L. Coughlin, J. Muto, I. Roach, D. Curnery, A. Dubois; good, J. McKenzie, J. Glionna, J. Coughlin, J. Malloy, W. Wheeler, R. Kenny, J. Keeler.

ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL — BOYS.
 Monthly Examination—Jun. IV, V. Corbett, Wm. Kelly and H. Weaver. Sen. III.—Wm. Carroll, S. Jampison and A. Gentle.
 Jun. III.—H. Harkins, R. Halligan, S. Byrnes.
 Sen. II.—Wm. Hennessy, F. Kelly and M. Turano.
 Testimonials—Junior IV., excellent, J. Barrett, good, W. Kelly and F. Byron.
 Sen. III.—Excellent, W. Carroll, A. Gentle, S. Jamieson, F. McGinn, F. Bero and F. Carey; good, Wm. Kirk.
 Jun. III.—Excellent, F. Glynn, L. Lambriek, J. Finley and R. Halligan; good, L. Ryan, H. Harkins, T. O'Brien, Wm. Rutledge, G. Atkinson and J. Britton.
 Sen. II., excellent, Wm. Hennessy, F. Bartello and J. Wright; good, L. O'Leary, F. Ginegas, J. Brennan, W. Sahill, E. Broderick, W. Fogarty, J. Jamieson, J. Conroy, W. Kennedy, F. Kelly, B. Yonder, E. Prince and F. Durand.

ST. HELEN'S SCHOOL.

Senior Fourth—Excellent, George Fayle, Gerald Kirby, Harry Belsise; good, William Mulhall, Joseph Francis Tracey; honorable mention, Francis McAleer, Edmund Mottrom; general proficiency, George Fayle, W. Mulhall, Harry Belsise.
 Junior Fourth—Excellent, Robert Clarkson, Wilbert Henderson, Wilfrid Galvin, Joseph Foley, Weldon Markle, Fred Wallace; good, Fred Boland, Francis Riordan, Edward Creary, W. Atkins, Frances Hartnett, Willie Holland; honorable mention, Basil Hartnett, Telesphon Dault, James Gilroy; general proficiency, Robert Clarkson, Weldon Markle, Fred Wallace.
 Form III.—Excellent, F. Heffron, J. Keaney, V. Kirby, T. Colgan, V. Pegg, F. Newton, F. Doyle, W. Kerry; good, H. Goodwin, C. O'Connor, C. King, H. Tracy, A. Eayle, P. Doyle, C. Bishop, Al. Moloney.
 Monthly Examination—Sen. Div. B. Kearns, F. Wilson, P. Colgan and F. Heffron (equal).
 Jun. Div.—M. McDonald, J. Travers, W. Kelly.

EXHIBIT FOR SPORTSMEN'S SHOW.

The Grand Trunk Railway System have shipped their extensive exhibit that will be installed in the International Sportsmen's Show, which is to be held in the Coliseum, at Chicago, November 7th to 28th. The exhibit will comprise, in addition to a series of the best pictures depicting scenes along their lines in Canada, including the many districts in the "Highlands of Ontario," one of the most comprehensive and complete collections of fish native to Canadian waters. In this will be some of the best specimens that have ever been taken of the maskinonge, small-mouth bass, wall-eyed pike, brook trout, ouananiche, land-locked salmon, etc. This fish exhibit is one that the Grand Trunk has been collecting for the past three or four years, and it is, without doubt, the finest in America, not only as to the sizes and varieties of fishes, but in their unique way of having them mounted. Many anglers have seen this exhibit and speak in the highest terms of the collection.

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Pope Pius X. and Fire Protection

Rome, Nov. 2.—The rumors of incendiarism in regard to the fire at the Hall of Inscriptions in the Vatican are altogether unfounded. Monsignor Merry Del Val, Papal Secretary of State, acting under the personal instruction of the Pope, has written a letter to the commander of the Italian firemen, thanking him for the work done in extinguishing the fire, and enclosing a contribution to the firemen's mutual assistance league. The damage caused by the fire has not yet been precisely estimated, but it is supposed that it will not exceed \$50,000. The Pope has ordered an increased force of firemen at the Vatican, in order to be able to face any situation of the kind in the future, and protect the Vatican treasures.

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