LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF conscience sake, we regard, however as THE GREAT GERMAN COLONY

To the Hon. A. J. Adamson, M. P.,

Dominlon of Canada are about to be any interference or molestation. We erected into Provinces and there appears | can perceive no reason why this fair and to be a disputed question as to whether just principle should now not be safethe principle of granting separate schools | guarded by adopting it in the autonomy should be embodied in the constitutions | bill. It would thus be secured to the of the new Provinces to be formed. I, new Provinces in perpetuity. If the as the head and representative of St. solution of the school question should be Peter's Colony, numbering about three left to the legislatures of the future Prothousand souls, located in Humbolt vinces, it will likely always remain a district, Saskatchewan, petition you as bone of contention, the cause of strife the representative of our district, Sas- and animosity between the friends and katchewan to vote and use your influ- enemies of the separate schools. ence to secure for our new Provinces the Constitutional right of establishing schools in the constitution of the new separate schools.

something more than mere cultivation but guaranteed forever their vested of the intellectual faculties, more than rights. In districts where Catholics may mere instruction in the branches of be in the majority, Protestants can worldly knowledge. We believe that avail themselves of the right of estabeducation should include also instruc- lishing their separate schools. Should tion in religion, inculcation of morals, they, however, not wish to take advanand the formation of the heart. We tage of this right, they would certainly regard the teaching of morals and relig- have no valid reason to object to ion and the training of the heart as the Catholics making use of their right of spirit and essence of all education. erecting and supporting their denomina-Without religious instruction and moral tional schools, though not contributing training, we are convinced our children to the support of the public schools to will not gain their temporal and eternal which they cannot conscientiously send destiny, will not become worthy citizens their children. of the Dominion of Canada, or ultimately citizens of the kingdom of Heaven.

not based on Christian and moral prin- establishing separate schools, whereby ciples. The assertion that sufficient equal rights would be permanently guarcalled Sunday schools appears to us education. absurd. We believe that Sunday schools although good in themselves, are entirely inadequate. It cannot be expected that in one hour's Sunday school instruction as much can be accomplished as in five days' attendance at school during the week. Sunday schools may, at best, impart a smattering of religious knowledge. By attending one hour's religious instruction in a week, children cannot possibly acquire a thorough and practical and most instructive sermon sufficient knowledge of their duties was given to quite a large congregation towards God. their neighbour, and by Rev. Father Suaff, O.M.I. In the

this new country, few and far between. the senior pupils, and the scholars of tances from church, and are not able to in the Principal's room. In the evening attend Sunday school, especially during a very successful concert under the the cold winter season. Unless provision auspices of the Women's Altar Society is made to impart to these children was given in the City Hall. The numreligious instruction in school, they will bers were all well selected and well be deprived of all religious instruction and grow up more library with the selected and well rendered. We cannot refrain, however, and grow up more like pagans than from special mention of a few. Mrs. Rim-Christians.

propose as a substitute for religious in- most agreeable personality makes her a religion to children at home by their tainment or function. Her pianoforte parents. Although it is a natural duty duet with Miss Seymour was highly apmoral and religious welfare of their mour and Mr. Leubach was simply that this threefold welfare of the child musician, and Miss Seymour certainly should be attended to only under the knows how to handle her violin bow parental roof, and not in school. However solicitous parents may be to im- instructors. Miss Seymour's stage appart to their children religious instruc- pearance was very prepossessing, and met hearts and consciences at home, they teacher in school. Their home instructions can at any rate never be a suffi- netted a good sum to assist in the buildmorals and religion at school. But charge of the Concert may well take only too many parents are not compected to themselves, Mrs. C. J. Mctent to impart religious instruction, do Cusker, the prime worker on the Comnot possess the necessary knowledge, mittee was indefatigable in her efforts time, tact and patience to teach their and spared no pains to make it a success. children the lessons of Christian doctrine and religious practices. Unless the children of such parents receive their religious instruction and moral dance is very large. training at school, they must grow up wild like the trees in the forest.

But Christian training, inculcation of morals, which are essential elements of education, cannot be introduced into our public schools on account of the different religious convictions of our mixed populations. Hence the importance and necessity of granting separate schools to such religious denominations as wish to bring up their children in the doctrines and practices of their church, as are solicitous to impart to their children a Christian education.

Unless the Canadian Government will grant such separate schools, our Catholic asthma. Complete outfit \$1.00; trial people shall be compelled, through conscientious motives, to erect and maintain private schools, at their own expense, as they have been doing for a porting the speech of a celebrated poligreat number of years in the United tician, intended to add as comment, States, and at the same time bear their | "And the masses believed him"; instead share of the taxation imposed for the of which, by a typographical error, the support of the public schools. Such addition read as, "Them asses believed Men's Tailoring - Ladies' Tailoring. double taxation for school purposes, for him.'

raank of injustice.

The Government of the Northwest Territories has thus far granted to Pro-Muenster, Sask., March 16, '05, testants as well as to Catholics the right of establishing separate schools. For House of Commons, Ottawa. the past thirty years this right has been As the Northwest Territories of the enjoyed by both denominations without

By embodying the principle of separate Provinces, no injury is committed. Both We hold that education embraces Protestants and Catholics are thereby

In the name of your Catholic constituents of Humbolt district, therefore I We cannot therefore approve of a respectfully request you to do what lies system of education which ignores God, in your power to secure for our new which is divorced from religion, which is Provinces the constitutional right of religious instruction and moral culture anteed to Protestants as well as to can be imparted to children in our so- Catholics in the matter of Christian

Yours very sincerely, ALFRED MEYER, O.S.B. Prior St. Peter's Monastery.

### Regina Notes.

St. Patrick's Day was duly celebrated by High Mass at ten o'clock, when a afternoon the pupils of Gratton School Churches are, moreover, especially in gave an entertainment. It was given by Very many children reside at great dis- all classes with their teachers attended mer, as pianist, and in a solo, won the Nor can we agree with those who praise of all who heard her. Mrs. Rimmer's English struction in school the teaching of very desirable acquisition to any enter- Manufacturer of parents to look after the physical, preciated. The violin solo by Miss Seychildren, yet it is preposterous to assert grand. Mr. Leubach is a professional Gold Pon with grace and credit to herself and her tion and to fashion their characters, with many laudatory comments from the audience-"Kathleen Mavourneen" will, as a rule, not achieve great results, by Miss Seymour with violin obligato unless their efforts are seconded by the was given with much effect and received well deserved encore. The ladies cient substitute for the teaching of ing of the Church. The Committee in

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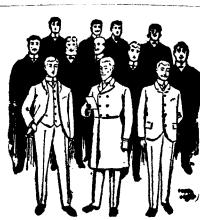
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