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Ottawa, Canada, March (14, 1806).
The Editor of THE CATHOLIC RECORD
London, Ont.:
Dear Sir: For some time past I have read
your estimable paper, THE CATHOLIC RECORD, and congratulate you upon the manner in which it is published.
Its matter and form are both good; and a
truly Catholic spirit pervades the whole.
Therefore, with pleasure, I can recommend
it to the faithful.
Blessing you, and wishing you success, sing you, and wishing you success,

elieve me, to remain, Yours faithfully in Jesus Christ, +D. FALCONIO, Arch. of Larissa, Apost. Deleg.

London, Saturday, October, 6, 1900.

THEIR CONDITION IMPROVING.

A writer in a recent issue of the Nineteenth Century Review gives a gratifying account of the improvement he has noticed in the condition of the Irish people during the last half century. He says that the standard of living which now prevails in the cabins of the peasantry is much higher, as the food is more substantial and more varied than it was in the middle of the century. The potato is still the staple article of food, but there are adjuncts which at that time were rarely in use, such as butter, eggs and American bacon. Tea is used in every cabin, however humble it may be, and is used three or four times a day, and baker's bread, griddle cakes and similar luxuries are also found everywhere. The bill of fare is more varied, but the writer doubts whether it is more whelesome than it was formerly.

A GREAT EDUCATIONIST.

We offer our hearty congratulations to Prof. J. A. MacCabe, LL. D., Principal of the Ostawa Normal School, on the attainment of his silver jubilee as head of that institution. We entirely agree with the many complimentary references made to the gentleman on the occasion of the celebraion of the twenty fifth anniversary of the establishment of the school, an account of which we publish elsewhere. In the broad Dominion there cannot, we feel assured, be found a more successful and more distinguished Principal connected with our educational system. And not only as a scholar and an industrious and painstaking teacher is he admired-an life. To know him is to admire him. Wou'd we had many more men of the same sterling character. He is a flected honor.

That he may live to celebrate the golden jubilee of his connection with the O.tawa Normal School is the sincere wish of the publisher of the CATH OLIC RECORD

ANOTHER INSTANCE OF HU. MAN FICKLENESS.

United States papers inform us that the Dewey naval arch, concerning whose beauty we heard so much, and which it was proposed to reproduce in marble to be a perpetual memorial of chiefly of New York city, toward the conqueror of the Spanish fleet at Manila is, after all, probably not to be constructed, because of the want of public spirit and patriotism of the people of that city. The Chicago Interocean says that

"Alas for the fickleness of human worship—for the sordidness of Gotham wealth—not only has the necessary sum not been raised for the reproduction of the arch in marble; there is, on the contrary, a loud, persistent, and even resentful demand that the structure be torthwith demolished. Alas for American public spirit, as it slumbers and only fitfully awakes, and briefly in the breast of the money capital of the Republic! The noble arch served a selfish purpose for a long period m bringing tens of thousands to New York City to enrich its tills. This object accomplished, the intrinsic merit of the work, the lofty ideals it was intended to promote are equally despised. Un-American New York City."

This is the reward reserved for the quondam hero of the American peopleand all because the great Admiral an amiable Catholic lady!

I: thou desire to be wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue. - Lavater.

CATHOLIC APPOINTMENTS.

We publish in another column a communication from an "Ontario Catholic " on the subject which forms the heading to this article.

Our design in pointing out the short. omings of the Government in regard to Catholic appointments was to make it aware that it was pursuing a course which if persisted in would ultimately alienate its Catholic supporters. This. if heeded, instead of weakening the Government, would add materially to its strength.

It was the want of this independent action on the part of the Catholic press which in former times enabled Sir John Macdonald and the Tory party to utterly ignore the Irish Catholic element in Ontario in the distribution of the patronage, although the vast majority of the Catholics had for several decades fought shoulder to shoulder with his Protestant supporters, and thus achieved many notable victories for the Conservative cause. He was able to retain the adherence of the Irish Catholics to his party by pointing to the fanatical and intolerant utterances of George Brown and his followers against the Catholic Church. By this means the Catholics were for many years prevented from seeking any new alliance. So that when they were following in the one beaten track of what was then the Orange ascend ancy party, Sir John when an election was over, and he was safe for five years, treated his Catholic supporters slaves, to the number of thirty nine with indifference.

Such a condition can never again exist. The Catholics of Ontario will treat the parties seeking their support on their merits. And where a party, or individual representing any party. is considered unworthy the confidence of subsidized press of any party will have no influence on the Catholic electors in this day of widespread newspaper literature. The journal that is independent and fearless in its denunci. ation of wrong-doing by any party will always be upheld by, and receive the support of those for whom it professes to be an exponent—the desire to see true Liberalism flourish and expand. But the RECORD will never be the upholder of, nor the apologist for "Illiberal Liberalism," no matter under what guise it may appear. And he who as a member of a Government for. gets to apply true Liberal principles in his conduct to any portion of the electorate will soon find that portion of the electorate in undivided antagon-

We could not point out individual cases where injustice has been done, as clamation because he believed it suggested by our correspondent. No one desires to have his name paraded before the public as one who is disappointed in his ambitions. It would make him a target for gibes and icers as a disappointed office-seeker.

In the case of Catholics the office selgreatest reluctance, apparently, that office is bestowed upon him. With the professors of any other creed, or even Catholic, an Irishman, and a Canadian he who is without creed or Christian vacancy occurs and it is filled at once. But when a Catholic is an applicant there is fear and trembling because Protestant prejudice must be considered; and if the appointment is bestowed upon a Catholic it is so grudgingly given that all merit of the gift is lost in the manner of its bestowal.

That is not the way in which the Protestant minority in Quebec is treated. What is given there is given freely and in no niggardly spirit. When a Catholic is fitted for an office let the Government rocognize his merit by cheerfully making the ap the gratitude of a nation, or rather pointment. But if Protestant prejudice is such a sensitive plant that it must be considered whenever a Catholic is thought of, it, and the manner of coping with it, had better be considered before Catholic speakers are requested to appear on a platform, and before Catholic electors are asked to support the party upon whose behalf

In England the question of a man's creed is now hardly thought of. When Lord Gormanstown-a Catholic-was some years ago sent as Governor General to New South Wales the question of his creed was not considered by a Tory Government; and when a few weeks ago Lord Morris and Sir Peter O'Brien, the Chief Justice of Ireland, were raised to the Peerage, the Government did not pause to consider whether there was any Protestant preused his American freedom to marry judice which should be allayed before the honors were conferred. So when

appeals are being made.

taching the Great Seal of the United Kingdom to his commission because he is a Catholic or because Protestant in Great Britain to force the Govern be allayed before the Government conferred the distinguished honor. We referred in former issues to the appointment of the late Lord Russell of Killowen to the Chief Justiceship of England and of Sir Charles J. Mathew and Sir J. D. Day as judges of the Court of Queen's Bench. And although the Catholics formed only one thirtieth the population of England, and they filled one-tenth of the highest judicial offices, there was no complaint because of their great preponderance

in office. In England the office seeks the man. In Ontario it is far otherwise, and in some of the States of the American Union the ostracisin of Catholics has federation of all the Catholic societies is being advocated so as to put an end, if possible, to the discrimination now existing. It is deplorable the necessity for such a course should exist. But as it does exist a remedy must be sought if Catholics are not to be debarred from the political, official and social life of the country.

SLAYERY IN PUERTO RICO AND THE UNITED STATES.

It is not generally known that in Rico spontaneously manumitted its housand, without tumult. bloodshed or or disturbance. The consent of the Spanish Cortes was obtained to this measure on motion of a Paurto Rican thus effected in a single moment, this the Catholic electorate, support need of the local Government. The Puerto not be expected from that source. The Rican Government paid \$7,800,000 to the slave owners out of its own revenues for the freedom of the slaves, and from the day of their liberation the freedmen continued to work for the same masters under whom they had previously worked as slaves, the only difference being that from thenceforth they received wages for their labor.

The freedom of the slaves of the United States was indeed accomplished a few years earlier, but only after rivers of blood had been poured out and it is well known that the purpose of the civil war was not to free the slaves, which was done merely as a war measure tending to maintain the union. President Lincoln declared in effect that if the tightening of the bonds would have helped to preserve union, he would have tightened them, but he issued the emancipation prowould help to bring about the triumph of the North.

THE IMPERIAL ELECTIONS. Roberts leaves.

There is little doubt that the Salisvery decisive majority at the elec tions which are in progress and which will end within a few days.

The elections will turn chiefly upon the war in South Africa, which was by adoption, and upon all he has re faith, it is different. In such a case a popular in England from the outset, and notwithstanding that there have been so many evidences of the complete unpreparedness of the Government for so serious a campaign, the public are inclined to overlook all this in view of the thoroughness of the success achieved by General Lord Roberts. which counterbalances in their mind the defeats inflicted on Generals Methuen and Buller toward the beginning of the hostilities, and the inchanged ail with the aid of the irresist-

people that the fruits of victory will not to lose the fruit so hardly gained, by putting into power a Government whose policy in regard to South Africa will be halting and uncertain.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's address to his constitutents is a most diploa few weeks since letters were found tive party? in Pretoria, addressed by several Liberal members of Parliament to Presi-

the Liberals would be strong enough gain more than a corporal's guard of dependence.

There can be no doubt that these representations encouraged Kruger and the burghers to be in less compromising mood than they would other wise have been.

The event has proved that these Liberals underestimated the strong determination of the British people to be supreme in Africa, and to retain their hold especially upon the Transvaal, without which the whole of Great Britain's acquisitions on that continent would have been imperilled from Egypt to Cape Colony, or rather almost surely lost within a definite time. And the danger would not even ecome so marked that in New York a be confined to these limits, but would almost certainly extend to the whole colonial empire of Great Britain, gradually, perhaps, but none the less surely.

All this gave Mr. Chamberlain a Imperial and patriotic spirit of his constituents and of the whole British people. Those who have attacked his conduct of the war and of the circum stances, and especially of the negotiations which preceded it and led up to it, he has dubbed "Little Englanders," and the designation is likely to stick. 1873 the little Catholic island of Puerto It will, at least, have its effect upon the British mind during the few days which are left for the election campaign.

The discovery of the letters to Paul Kruger has further given Mr. Chamberlain the opportunity to represent representative, and their freedom was his opponents as "traitors," and he has in fact done this, and they will measure being passed on the initiative have no chance during the short campaign to explain their course, so that the appeal to the electorate to save the country from being ruled by a gang of traitors at a critical moment will have its weight, and we can expect nothing else than that there will be an unmistakable verdict from the people in favor of a Government which may be relied on to tighten the bonds on the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, taking measures which will render such a war as has just ended from being ever possible again.

> Lord Roberts' immediate return to En land, which is now decided upon, will be a great electioneering agent in favor of the Government, for it will be an assurance that the war is really over, as there is no longer need of a generalissimo on the field. There may be some bands af armed burghers who will give trouble to the British garrisons scattered over a wide area, but a generalissimo is not needed to cope with such forces, and it is probable that the chief command will be again given to General Buller when Lord

The Liberal leaders, on their side, bury Government will be sustained by have admitted in their appeals to the must challenge him who so branded drew his former recommendation of electorate that it is now necessary to him, and be did so. The Marquis, Miss O'Rourke, under the pretence alterable fact, and to govern them as Crown Colonies. They, nevertheless, insist that the war might have been avoided, and everything secured for British prestige in South Africa with. out crushing the two Republics ; and thus the cost of the war in lives and money have been saved to the country. and that all this would have been done if there had been a Liberal administration.

This argument will have but little weight with the electorate, who are not apt, especially in the moment of ferior armament of the British, which triumph, to scrutinize the cost over was sadly apparent until Lord Roberts | rigidly as long as the end in view has been attained. But the Liberals ably strong force which was placed at further show that the full cost of the the clubs of which he was a member. his disposal in order to ensure success. | war will be incredibly greater than as they have all demanded his resig-The latest news to the effect that any one imagined when it was undernow every mile of railway within the taken. At least \$500,000,000 is estimtwo South African Republics is in pos- ated by Sir William Vernon Harcourt session of the British, and every town as the cost of subduing the burghers, as it amounts to this, that he can now garrisoned with a British force, is an and this amount, he says, would have assurance satisfactory to the British gone far in securing many reforms dier; and the same penalty is extendwhich would have greatly benefited not be lost, and the news comes at a the people, but these reforms must now critical moment for the Salisbury Gov- be put off for an indefinite period. ernment, the leaders of which lay stress In this presentation of the case there upon the fact, appealing to the people is much solid sense, but it will not change the verdict of the people at this moment, and five years more of the rule of Lord Salisbury and the

Tory party may be expected. A question now arises, how will the Home Rule agitation be affected by matic and telling document. It is but the expected triumph of the Conserva-

The union which has been effected between the Irish Nationalists proper, dent Kruger, even while the negotial and the Redmondites or Parnellites law forbidding duelling is not merely tions were in progress between Great appears to be cordial, and these two a law of the Church, but a divine law. the Hon. Mr. Plunkett the other day Britain and the Transvaal Republic, sections of the Irish party will go to inasmuch as it contained in the prewas sent as Her Majesty's Ambassador in which Kruger was encouraged to the polls in a united body. Under cept "Thou shalt not kill." If it were

the hope being held out to him that rant party of Healyltes can scarcely members in the coming election. We which can legalize it. The obligation prejudice (if any existed) required to ment to grant the terms asked by the hope that the Irish people will give a to obey is of a higher order than ever Transvaal, including its complete in finishing stroke to faction, and will would be that arising out of a law of return to Parliament a united body of the Church. Home Rulers, which is the only hope that Ireland will gain Home Rule in the near future.

Lord Salisbury has declared positively against Home Rule for Ireland, and nothing can be expected from a Government of which he is the head, unless the Irish Nationalist Party be so strong as to command even unwilling respect. A phalanx of eighty or eighty-six members would be able to claim great consideration even from a Government sustained by a decisive Committee. Conservative majority.

The question of Home Rule will, of course, be still paramount in the campaign in Ireland, but it will be scarcely considered at all in England or Scotland. Yet with the advance made in bringing the Irish question home to every constituency in Great Britain, we are not without hope that even splendid opportunity to appeal to the among the Conservative ranks there will be found many members of the new Parliament who will be ready to St. Michael's Cathedral, who is a memmake important concessions to a united Irish party. We hope, therefore, that the meeting of the Board that the Ireland will be true to herself in this campaign and will elect a united body of Nationalists to press Ireland's

We are pleased to note that the Hon. Eiward Blake has been again unanimously nominated for his constituency of South Longford, for which thorough ly Catholic and Nationalist riding he is sure to be triumphantly returned. Mr. Justin McCarthy was the member for the riding of North Longford during the last Parliament, but he has announced that he will not seek reelection.

DUELLING IN AUSTRIA.

A curious case has just occurred in Austria which has caused much discussion, as it demonstrates that the traditions of the army are set above both reference to the practice of duelling.

Count Ledochowski, who is a nephew of the eminent Cardinal of the same name, who was until recently the Prefect of the Roman Congregation of the Prepaganda, and the Marquis Tacoli, Lieutenant of the Sixteenth Hussars, and a Chamberlain of the Emperor, both of whom are officers of the army, have been obliged to resign their commissions under strange circumstances

A certain officer made a serious charge against a young Prince, a member of the Imperial family, in presence of the Marquis Tacoli, who was able to prove and did actually prove the charge to be false, and thereupon branded his brother officer as a liar.

As a consequence, according to the military code, the officer thus branded take the annexation of the two South however, refused to fight on the that he had made the discovery that African Republics as a fixed and un- ground that he could not be expected Miss O'Rourke does not possess the a member of the reigning family.

The matter was brought before the that the Marquis must fight. He again refused on the ground that the Catholic Church not only forbids duelling, but that it does so under the penalty of excommunication to fall upon those who take part in it. The military court refused this plea also, and demanded the retirement of the Marquis from the army, for his refusal, and the Emperor approved this decision. He has also been tabooed by all nation.

The penalty, which is a deprivation of his commission, is most severe, enter the army only as a private soled to Count Ledochowski, who was this

he decided upon taking. The barbarous custom to which the military court clings is incomprehesible in a Catholic country; but, severe science, and this will recompense them for the humiliation to which they have been subjected by a foolish and wicked reason or common sense.

It must be here remarked that the

oblige in conscience ; but being a law of God, there is no authority on earth

THE OSTRACISM OF CATHOLICS

We already made reference in our columns to the case of Miss O'Rourke, who was an applicant for a vacancy as innior teacher on the staff of Jarvis Street Collegiate Institute, Toronto, but was rejected notwithstanding the fact that she was admittedly the best qualified among all the applicants, and was recommended for the position by the School Management

It would not generally be easy for an outsider to say on what grounds a candidate for a position is rejected by those who have the appointment in their hands; but in the present instance much light has been thrown upon the matter by the discussion which took place before the Collegiate Trustees' Board, and by subsequent

The Rev. Father F. Ryan, rector of ber of the Collegiate Board, stated at School Management Committee recommended Miss O'Rourke solely because "she was pre-eminently the most worthy of all the applicants.". as evidenced "by her own merits, her testimonials, and her educational record as a student of general school work, and a most efficient teacher." She was likewise recommended for the position by Mr. Embree, Principal of the Jamleson street school.

Father Ryan has stated also that the only ground on which she could be rejected was that she is a Catholic, and he appealed to "the justice, chivalry, and liberality of the Board to appoint her," as " her religion should not be an obstacle to her appointment."

So far from her religion being made an obstacle to Miss O'Rourke's appoint. ment, it should have been a reason, as the laws of God and of the state with matters stand, why she should have obtained the position, in order to show some justice to Catholics, who number thirty thousand in the city, and who pay taxes for the support of the Collegiate Institute, equally with their Protestant fellow citizens. Catholics are, therefore, entitled to a fair representation on the teaching staff of the Collegiates, provided that otherwise their qualifications are equal to those of the Protestant applicants, and if such representation be not given, there is an unjust discrimination against them which amounts to ostracism. That ostracism is manifested in the present instance.

But the matter does not end here. Another vacancy occurred in the Jamieson street Collegiate, and Miss O'Rourke was again an applicant. Mr. Embree, the Principal, now withto engage in a duel with a convicted necessary professional certificate as a liar, and especially with one who had specialist in languages, although she brought a disgraceful charge against has the non professional certificate.' He recommended that Mr. Ferguson. or at all events a man, should be apmilitary court of honor, which decided pointed, but several members objected to this preference for a male teacher, whereas other members maintained that Mr. Enbree's recommendation should in all cases be followed, as the Principal in the best judge of what is required.

The recommendation of Mr. Embree was not followed, however, and an excellent young lady, a Miss Hillock, was chosen, whose qualifications were good. though not equal to those of Miss O'Rourke. Here again we discover the determination of the Board to ostracise the Catholic candidate on the core of her religion.

Mr. Embree has made the mistake of appealing to the public by a letter to the press, which proves only that some influence has been brought to hear upon him to defend the majority of friend and adviser in the course which the Board in their fanaticism and bigotry. He asserts also in an interview with the Toronto Star that " if there has been any bigotry in the matter whatever, I think it is entirely as the penalty is, the Marquis and the on the other side in trying to place Count have at least the consolation Miss O'Rourke on account of her religthat they have acted with a good con- ion in a position for which she is not qualified."

It has been shown that the absence of the professional certificate as a specilaw which has no justification in alist was a mere technicality, and Mr. L V. Brady mentions in a reply to Mr. Embree that the latter had so stated on the day of the Board meeting; and it was a technicality which is regularly dispensed with when the university cerdificate as a specialist] has been to Vienna there was no delay in at- hold out against the British demands, such circumstances the still recalcit- simply a law of the Church it would obtained, which was the case with Mise O'Rourke. Mr. Embree's prete therefore a mere subterfuge, as assertion that Miss O'Rourke's st ers are influenced by bigotr wanton insuit and a falsehood evident from the single fact tha one of the five members of the ity of the School Management C tee whe supported her was a Co viz., Mr. McBrady himself. the five was Mr. Fraser, editor Presbyterian Review-and a ported her because of her s qualifications.

This last rejection of Miss O'R

application is the third time t young lady's qualifications ha passed over by the Collegiate I Toronto, which proves that Catholic taxes are willingly I for the support of the Collegia tutes of that city, the rights o lics to a place on the teachi will continue to be entirely i There is, indeed, we understa Catholic teacher among the ployed, but seven would be a correct number if the ratio of lies to the whole population w sidered. The fact now est that Catholic rights to propo representation are to be total garded will be a sufficient re demand from the Governme adequate provision be made establishment of Catholic High and Collegiate Institutes Catholics are sufficiently nun maintain them, and we are that the Ontario Governme make such provision if th strongly urged to it. The arrived when this demand for rights should be made.

We notice by the Toront that the Rev. F. Ryan propos sign his position on the C Board in the face of the rece festation of bigotry. The Rev is, perhaps, the best judge should be done by him under cumstances : but in our opinio Board is a legal body respon the Education Department as public, it would be better h retain his position, if for not than to bring to light suc bigotry as that which has ju consummated. The public i such deeds be not perpetrate secrecy of a clique meeting. The Canadian Baptist of S

thus refers to the matter : The resignation of Father R the Board of the Collegiate In this city may have been t hasty, if it is true that the vo he supported for a place on t ing staff does not possess the tion of a professional certific was recommended for the va and her literary qualification ing taken the Prince of Wale ship at Toronto University first class honors in classics at matics. It is to be hoped the was rejected by the Board fo ligion; but everything does right where we find only of Institutes of the city out of thirty-nine teachers. The Catholics have been loyally st the Collegiate Institutes, an shame and an injustice if to their faith have been prose

TO CORRESPONDE

the Board simply because Roman Catholics.

M. C. enquires, 1, whether who has obtained ;a certific school teacher by passing the amination, may earn mone certificate if he or she while the examination obtained

from others, or from notes.

As the purpose of the law i that the teachers shall be for the work they have to do. the opinion that if the perso tion is really competent to duty, or if he makes himself by study after gaining the even in the manner describ correspondent, he need not qualms of conscience abou money by teaching. If he petent, he does an injust pupils and their parents by and should, therefore, not to authority of his certificate. for this opinion is that the the law is fulfilled in the posed, when the teacher is petent, and the injury whi seeks to prevent does not has no right, however, to himself the judge of his or ency, unless the matter be clear. He should, therefore the circumstances in accord the judgment of honest, di competent judges.

This answer has regard to schools wherein a certific quired. For private school