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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.

DEAR MR. COFFEY.—As you have become proprietor and publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD, I deem it my duty to announce to subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its one and principle...

LETTER FROM BISHOP CLEARY.

Bishop's Palace, Kingston, 18th Nov. 1882. DEAR SIR.—I am happy to be asked for a word of commendation to the Rev. Clergy and faithful laity of my diocese in behalf of the CATHOLIC RECORD, published in London with the warm approval of His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Walsh...

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LONDON, FRIDAY, FEB. 2, 1883.

DEATH OF BISHOP PINSONNEAULT.

We regret to announce the death of Right Rev. Bishop Pinsonneault, first Bishop of Montreal, which took place at Montreal, on the 30th of January.

PURIFICATION.

The life of the Immaculate Mother of God is intimately connected with that of our Blessed Redeemer. The mysteries of both are faithfully recorded and commemorated by the Church throughout the ecclesiastical year.

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was presented there, took him into his arms, and declared him to be the promised Messiah, the glory of Israel. At the same time the prophetess Anna, who, for a great number of years, had attended on the Lord in his temple by continual prayer and fasting, was also favored with the like grace, and made the like profession of her faith in the infant Saviour.

The sacred meeting of persons of such eminent sanctity, in the temple of God and his Blessed Mother, the Church commemorates on this solemn occasion.

In connection with the Purification of Mary, it will not be out of place to say a word about a pious practice sanctioned and encouraged by the Church—the churishing of women after child-birth. The law of purification prescribed in the Old Testament no longer applies to Christian women, because the Church has done away with Jewish ceremonies.

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While Ireland during the period extending from the parliamentary acceptance of the king's supremacy in 1537, to the death of Mary in 1558, was the theatre of the stirring events recorded in my first paper, all Europe was likewise shaken and convulsed by the tremendous religious upheaval known as the reformation.

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(5.) The disgraceful immoralities of princes and nobles reproved by holy men and condemned by pontiffs, vigorous athletes of Christ, who, even in the face of princely enmity, knew their duty to be "instruct in season and out of season," to "reprove, entreat, rebuke in all patience and doctrine." (St. Paul II., Tim. IV. 2.)

(6.) The insubordination of human passion, restless under the sweet yoke of the Saviour, who declared: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the meek, blessed are they that mourn, blessed are the clean of heart, blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." And also, "enter ye in at the narrow gate,"

"Amen, I say to you, unless you be converted and become as little children, you shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven: Matt. XVIII. 3. Be not solicitous for your life what you shall eat nor for your body what you shall put on."

And further on: "Except you do penance you shall all likewise perish." The immediate cause of the uprising against the authority of the Roman Pontiff led by Martin Luther was the preaching by the Dominican friars of the indulgences granted by Julius II. and his successor Leo X. to encourage the faithful to almsgiving in favor of St. Peter's church at Rome.

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lish people could not brook the thought of accepting the sovereignty of the rival kingdoms of France and Scotland as their ruler. The claim of Mary was, therefore, passed over, and the princess Elizabeth, in her twenty-sixth year, placed in quiet but secure possession of her father's throne and sceptre.

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Daniel therefore saw by the light of Him who holds in his hands the destinies of nations, the whole history of the world; he marked out for Cyrus and Alexander and Caesar Augustus the course which from eternity had been traced for them and these instruments of Omnipotence followed it as the glory of God required they should follow it.

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