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LETTER

FROM HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

St. Michael's Palace, Toronto, 29th Dec., 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have singular pleasure indeed in saying God speed to your intended journal, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW. The Church, contradicted on all sides as her Divine Founder was, hails with peculiar pleasure the assistance of her lay children in dispelling ignorance and prejudice. They can do this nobly by public journalism, and as the press now appears to be an universal instructor for either good or evil, and since it is frequently used for evil in disseminating false doctrines and attributing them to the Catholic Church, your journal will do a very great service to Truth and Religion by its publication.

Wishing you all success and many blessings on your enterprise,

I am, faithfully yours,

† JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

A LETTER from the Pope to the Archbishop of Cologne, enjoining Centrists to vote for the Prussian Ecclesiastical bill as passed by the Oberhaus, will be published presently.

PRINCE Frederick Charles of Prussia, at the desire of Emperor William, is about to visit the Pope to thank him for sending Mgr. Galimberti to Berlin on the occasion of the Emperor's birthday anniversary.

THE Pope has instructed the bishops of Strasburg and Metz to direct the clergy of their dioceses to take no part in the anti-German agitation, and to abstain from fostering the sentiments displayed during the recent election for members of the Reichstag.

THE funeral services over the remains of the late Vicar-General Quinn, so well known in connection with the Archdiocese of New York, who died a few days ago in Paris, while on his way to Rome, were held on Monday in the Church of the Madeline.

A DESPATCH from Rome says the Pope approves of the course of Cardinal Gibbons, and encourages him in his action with reference to the Knights of Labour. Cardinal Gibbons has secured the adherence of Cardinal Manning, and will appeal, it is said, to other bishops for support.

THE scenes which followed the resumption of the debate in the House of Commons on Friday, and ended in the suspension of Mr. Healy, were of the most unfortunate and regrettable character. Sir William Harcourt opening the debate in opposition to the Coercion Bill was followed by Col. Saunderson,

who opened out by declaring that the National League was supported mainly by criminals, dynamiters, and murderers in America, and that the Nationalist members of Parliament were the associates of men whom they knew to be murderers, and privy to, if not accomplices in, the Phoenix Park assassinations. He was given the lie, first by Mr. Healy, and, repeating the assertion, subsequently by Mr. Sexton. Col. Saunderson refusing to apologise, Mr. Healy declined to withdraw the expression, and was as a consequence suspended, the Speaker in naming him feeling forced to admit that the incident was the result of extreme provocation. On the re-assembling of the House, Mr. Sexton again called upon Col. Saunderson to withdraw the assertions regarding Mr. Healy, which had exasperated him into making the response for which he was suspended. Col. Saunderson remaining silent, Mr. Gladstone arose and again put the question, to which the Orange leader replied he had not alluded directly to Mr. Healy, and was unable to substantiate the charges so as to bring conviction to the minds of members of the House. He was answered by Mr. Sexton in a stinging speech. The amendment to the Crimes Bill to the effect that the Bill, if passed, would increase the disorder in Ireland, endanger the Union and Empire, and should therefore be rejected, was defeated on Saturday by a vote of 370 to 269, and the second reading of the Crimes Bill agreed to without division. The debate was conducted by Messrs. Gladstone, Balfour, Sexton, and Lord Hartington; Mr. Parnell, on rising, repudiating as a vile and infamous forgery the letter printed in the Times, resorted to obviously for no other purpose than to influence the division, and to fasten on him the suspicion of being in sympathy with assassination. The letter of the Times is looked upon as a deliberate invention designed to slander the Irish leader, and influence English opinion; not only the Globe and Pall Mall Gazette, but ultra-Tory journals of the stamp even of the St. James' Gazette, refusing to discuss or regard it as genuine until its authenticity shall have been absolutely established.