

## This Irish-French Catholic War.

To the Editor of The Catholic Register:

Sir:—The Irish Catholic element of Canada must be annoyed to have anything but mutual good will and the best of relations with the French people. It is pleasing to notice that you have brought this incontinent and really fraternal strife before us, and your view must be endorsed by all right-thinking people of the Irish Catholic element, that it is fortunate for us that we have two such men as the Hon. John Costigan and Archbishop Bruchési on both national sides. These representatives are really able and honest, and it may be taken for granted that they will act as true partisans in establishing a good will and confidence between men of French and Irish blood—a consummation in the opinion of the writer of this letter of inestimable moment to both the Irish and the French nations whether in Canada or in Ireland.

Mr. Durocher, of the Ottawa French National Society, has spoken very harshly, and in the interests of peace very unwisely, as is gathered from last week's Register. He was provoked to hasty utterances, that must be admitted; but we want our French Catholic compatriots to know that the "University Club" of Ottawa is not and cannot be an exponent of Irish Catholic thought and opinion. Its footing as to Irish and French history is first of all misleading, and its opinions of the trend of Irish Catholic opinion in this Spanish-American war are not warranted. The only Protestant historian who has largely discussed that part of Irish history referring to France, is the present member for Dublin University in the British House of Commons, W. H. Lecky; and his historical conclusions are that Ireland ought to love the land of Frenchmen. France in the past might have done great things for Ireland which she did not do because she could not see. But what France might have done on several occasions when bleeding Ireland called for help has been bitterly deplored in St. Helena by the very man who refused to do it.

Napoleon Bonaparte, many years after, when reviewing his career at St. Helena, spoke of this decision as one of his great errors. "On what," he said, "do the destinies of empires hang? If, instead of the expedition to Egypt, I had made that of Ireland, if I had deranged circumstances had not thrown obstacles in the way of my Bonaparte enterprise—what would England have been to-day? and the continent? and the greatest and the truest Irishman that ever Ireland produced, and the most dangerous Irishman that England ever saw, endeavored to impress Napoleon with the importance of a French expedition to aid the United Irishmen. During the whole summer of 1797 Protestant and Catholic Ireland looked in vain for the promised French aid. In never came; and as we have seen, the conqueror of nations with the manacles and chains of England surrounding him, bemoaned 'well might be his refusal to the appeals of the great and immortal Irishman. But, sir, this was no fault of the French people. Before Bonaparte commanded the destinies of France the French Directory made superfluous efforts to come to Ireland's aid. If the great French expedition of December, 1799, under Hoche, one of the bravest of the French generals, did not land in Ireland, it was not his fault or his nation's, but was due to winds and storms, and the secret service monies of Pitt had without a doubt influenced the whole expedition. It is interesting to record that the indomitable, the French line of battleship of 80 guns, which had on board Wolfe Tone, in the Bantry Bay expedition, was commanded by Captain Beaudette, a French-Canadian. Tone in his memoirs notices this fact. If the French resolve to free Ireland, misdirected one hundred years ago, Pitt's secret service money and spies were the primary cause. It must be a conclusion that some of the French leaders were bought over by large money bribes, and traitors amongst the Irish themselves had sold the pass.

It becomes the man of Irish blood to stir up strife between the French and Irish people, or to belittle the French services to Ireland. In France and in Spain the Irish in their distress found a refuge. We are told the Irish simply repaid this. History tells us they did their best to show their gratitude, but it is not Irish to estimate friendship in this way. That system of requiting friendship is too cold-blooded for the Irish, although I would not dispute or deny the allegation that the system is American and worthy of the people who call themselves Americans.

It is the Irish spirit as far as I can estimate it to regard with friendship and esteem the French and Spaniards because of their aid in dark and evil days, and the man of Irish blood outside of the United States who would not throw all his sympathies with Spain in the quarrel and war provoked by the United States not for the cause of humanity, but for conquest and ambition, is either the victim of American sophistry or mentally unfitted to judge with justice. Spain must command Irish sympathy, and as for France she does not at this writing require it, but if the occasion arise Ireland would not be true to herself, but would be recreant

to her traditions and aspirations, if she was not friendly to France wherever France may be. France is the only nation in this world whose sphere to-day that can be the Irish question and to the satisfaction of the manhood of Ireland. But let that matter stand over. Apart from all this I think will refuse to agree that it is French sympathy and co-operation that has enabled the Irish Catholics in Canada to have their present political status and influence. A friend in need is a friend indeed is a maxim not to be forgotten; and no creching of the unweakened bird at Ottawa should be permitted to stir up a national strife amongst kindred peoples who hold so much in common. Yours, etc.,

June 6th, 1898.

Confirmation at Barrie.

On Sunday last His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto gave Confirmation at St. Mary's Church, Barrie. Large crowds of people came from Barrie, Woodville and the neighboring parishes to welcome the Archbishop and assist at the imposing ceremony. Solemn High Mass was celebrated by the Very Rev. Dean Egan, P.P., Barrie. The Archbishop, after Mass, administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to over 100 children and adults. He then addressed the large congregation on the duties and responsibilities of the Christian life. The Christian life began in Baptism, but it received its completion and perfection in the Sacrament of Confirmation, by the coming of the Holy Ghost. By this Sacrament we become soldiers of the cross and enemies of the world, the flesh and the devil. An unusually large congregation, including many non-Catholics, listened with rapt attention to the fatherly instruction of the chief pastor. His Grace complimented Dean Egan, his curate, Father Sweeney, and the good Sisters of St. Joseph, on the excellent training which the young people had received. He then gave the Papal Benediction to the congregation. In the evening Solemn Vespers were chanted by the boys' choir attached to St. Mary's. The Rev. Dr. Treacy, Toronto, preached on the Holy Ghost. The Archbishop, accompanied by the clergy, left for Shelburne, where he will administer Confirmation on Tuesday. Commended by Very Rev. J. J. Egan, Barrie.

Confirmation at Flos.

His Grace the Archbishop of Toronto administered the sacrament of Confirmation to 104 children and adults in Flos parish on Sunday Tuesday 7th inst. The Rev. Father Labourene chanted the High Mass. Amongst those present in the sanctuary assisting the Archbishop were Rev. Father S. Geary, the pastor, Dean Egan, Barrie, Rev. Father Moyns, Orlia, Rev. Father McMahon, Thornhill, Rev. Ed. Kiernan, Collingwood, Rev. Father Treacy, Toronto, Rev. Father McEneaney, Flos. After the last gospel His Grace the Archbishop spoke for upwards of half an hour on the duties and obligations of the Catholic religion.

People now-a-days live as if in utter forgetfulness of the grave and onerous duties of the Catholic religion and of the awful realities of the supernatural and utter foolishness of the Catholic who despises the resources of the Church, despises the multitudinous graces which are always open to him in the Church of Christ, yet refuses to utilize these resources, co-operate with these graces and consequently loses his eternal salvation. His Grace afterwards administered the Temporal Pledge to over 60 boys and warmly complimented the pastor the Rev. Father on the high proficiency which the children of his parish had attained under his zealous direction.

A. O. H.

Sunday last was memorial day with the A.O.H. of this city. On that day the several Divisions of the Order assembled in the hall of No. 2, Red Lion Block, Yonge street, at 8 p.m., and in procession, marched to St. Michael's Cemetery, where the graves of the deceased members of the Order were previously marked by miniature flags of green, bearing the harp of Ireland. The chaplain of Division No. 2, Rev. L. Brennan, of St. Basil's, assisted by Rev. Father McEneaney, rectory of St. Donat, said the prayers for the dead, after which the brethren laid a floral tribute on each grave, beginning with that of Monsignor Rooney, so long the beloved pastor of St. Mary's. The obsequies were then read by Rev. Father Murphy, Michael O'Halloran, Matthew Sheedy, Matthew Moriarty, Martin McMahon, Michael McMahon, P. J. Woodley, Charles McCurry, T. J. Burke, John Flynn, John Grogan, C. W. McEneaney, James Dean and James Kelly.

This custom of honoring the memory of men whose love of native land was quenched only in death is touching and edifying; and by continuing the impressive ceremonies which the A.O.H. has adopted and receive the approbation of Irishmen, with hearts in the "at place."

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## I tter McDrady at St. Helen's.

On Sunday last the announcement of a sermon by the Rev. Father McDrady, and grand musical vespers by a well-sung choir, was an attraction which filled the church to overflowing.

Below is a brief summary of the eloquent discourse, which in order to appreciate it was necessary to hear. In general Father McDrady does not appeal to the emotions of his listeners, but rather to their reason, and with the just precision of the mathematician he weighs out his sentences, while with the clearest of enunciation he gives forth his words, so that they cleave the air with the flash of the clearest cut diamond.

The Rev. speaker said:—We are celebrating the great festival which commemorates the establishment of Christianity. I shall try to show you the means by which this was brought about. Our Lord Jesus Christ in order to change the face of humanity, chose that which was not in order to overthrow the thing that was. Read your scriptures and you will find that great things, great resolutions, are always effected with one man as the front and head, and then by many men. Anything with any result has been centered in one man. But one man can be ever so strong needs to be supported. He must live so to speak on a pedestal of accomplished facts with which to support himself. He must be possessed of that strange power by which men obey with stopping to ask, why? In one word we must have prestige. This is the way of men. Now what does He do in this connection? Strange to say He makes no attempt to surround Himself with glory, but he even strips Himself of the glory that must naturally fall to the wonder-worker. We see in His passion that in proportion as His cross grows high so does His glory seem to wane. His triumph on Palm Sunday is the last he will have. Nothing but scorn and contempt. He will be despised and scorned. He shall be seen bound fast, with a criminal on His left and on His right and He in the centre the grandest of the three. He consents to die while the acclamatory splendor of every scorn, tyranny and dishonor seal the stone of His tomb. What is He as He is here? A man? He is worse, a corpse, a dishonored corpse; O Master Mine! I see These rushing forth from this tomb like a flame divine. Thou art Christ the living God. And whom wilt thou choose? According to the Gospel we should have chosen Him with men of great moral power, because a reformation must begin at the top and work downwards. He ought therefore to have superior men. But where will He find them? His eyes travel downwards to the men of nothing, the nobodies. He calls to nothing. The Apostles are nothing; and nothing answers. To them He appeals to take the existing state of things and grind it to powder. In this we see one or two things, either superhuman power which declares Him to be God, or superhuman folly which declares Him to be less than a man. When man has a power he next must find a fulcrum. The old Grecian philosopher proclaimed this to be the law of the world. This fulcrum must be found in the bosom of humanity of the time in which the agitator lives. Our Lord did not find his support in his speech nor in human nature.

Now the great spring on which all agitators depend in hope, Our Lord said to his disciples, "hearken to me, you shall be despised, hated and persecuted." Persecuted! "Yes, and when hatred is not enough there is death. They will massacre you, you will meet with scorn and contempt and when man have done you to death, they will call you fool." These were the words of Christ. This was the hope He held out. O Jesus! this was too much. If the hatred hold life and death in thy hand, then couldst not hope for any other lot from such men as these.

The doctrine of Jesus Christ conquers by pleading and by suffering. The sword is brandished in the face of the Apostles. Shall they beat down with the sword? No; Mahomet shall say: "Slay the unbeliever." Christ gives his Apostles the commission to die for the unbeliever. Not the blood of others is to be given but their own. This is Christ's way. No wonder the world is amazed. Such teachers are not of the earth. This is the method of Jesus Christ. If they persecute you in one city He said to his Apostles flee to another. As when Paul and Barnabas were preaching in Antioch and the princes were zealous and amongst them were stirring up sedition against their people and they had to fly, but as they did so they flung upon that that conquered a little of the dust from their feet, and so all was not lost. Thus scorn, contumely, suffering, all are heaped upon the Apostles and still the revolution is carried out, and Christ's kingdom on earth is established not by the ways of men, but by ways that show that He is Christ the Son of the living God.

During Vespers and Benediction the music was unusually good. Many had kindly lent their services from other choirs and this added not a little to the success. Zingarelli's "Laude Pour" in which the solos were taken by Mr. Trueman and Miss Kate Clarke, was given with fine effect, and Emmerich's "Magnificat,"

colored by Messrs. Mottram and Dickenson, was given with attack and spirit. Mr. John Gilligay sang Elton's "O Salutaris" in a full, rich voice. The full choir did justice to Lambillotte's "Tantum Ergo" and during the collection "Pergrina," by Massengill, was beautifully given by Miss A. Clarke. Though just recovering from a cold Miss Clarke sang with that true appreciation and understanding of her subject which shows her in touch with the spirit of the composer. Miss Clarke is well known as one of the best, and perhaps the best, exponent of Catholic music in the city, and her beautiful voice which she uses unparagonably in the service of the Church is always a pleasure to hear.

The music was under the able direction of the organist, Miss Teresa Menzies.

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Grand Musical Vespers will be sung in St. Joseph's Church on Sunday evening next (12th inst.) under the auspices of the Catholic Order of Foresters. The combined courts, St. 1-50, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's have made special arrangements and will attend in a body. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Father Teely and the proceeds will be applied towards the liquidation of the debt on the organ.

## Father Fred's Jubilee.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock the pupils of Loretto High School held a most successful celebration in honor of the silver jubilee of Rev. Father Folger, Chancellor of St. Michael's Cathedral.

## Oak Hall.

In men's and boys' clothing the patterns are of the latest colors and the cut in the latest styles. Biko suits are now in the line of dress, and go at \$8.50 to \$7.50. The Juno suit at the Hall is invariably on the rush, and in this month the bargains, usually inviting, are more tempting still.

## Father Smyth's New Church.

The ceremony of laying the cornerstone, by His Grace the Archbishop, of the Church of St. Patrick, Merrick, will take place on Sunday, June the 12th at 4 p.m. The sermon will be delivered by the Very Rev. Dean Harris, L.L.D.

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Notification of allotments will be given to tenders on or before 20th July and payments from the persons whose tenders are accepted must be made within ten days thereafter at the office of the Provincial Treasurer in Toronto, but if from any cause, the purchase money is not paid by the 10th day of August, the purchase money have not then paid will be required to pay interest on their purchase money from that date to date of payment, at the rate of interest which the Government will yield, according to their respective tenders.

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