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over those can long be binding which is not based on mutual advantage and respect.

"Self-respect and absolute freedom from all alliances is the best way to secure the respect of others."

Attitudes on the Plebiscite

There are two camps that may keep many voters who oppose prohibition away from the polling booths. The first is indignation against the Government that appropriates a quarter of a million of the people's money for the taking of a plebiscite on one of the articles of discipline of the Methodist body.

Very nearly all the prohibitionists in Canada are Methodists; and because they have been brought up to believe in the idea, they would force it upon the rest of the population whether they believe it or not.

Another class of voters, a very large class, not one of whom spends a dollar from year's end to year's end in the liquor store, may imagine that by coming out to vote against prohibition they are coming to the assistance of the liquor trade.

Socialistic Logic

That hard-headed and caudal man, the editor of The Antigonish Gazette, has been reviewing the review of the contents of a sample copy of Citizen and Country which recently appeared in our columns from the pen of a contributor.

The Socialist weekly reproduces the entire article of the TIR REGISTER, of which the above is but a part. It flatters the vanity of some people to be noticed, even if it is only by a command to get out of the way.

We have no space to waste in a lengthy reply to the article in the TIR REGISTER. The article condemns itself. Those who read the advertisement in our issue, and who are in the direction of securing reforms, it proposes to favor.

This pitiable mental paper, who calls logic twaddle and reiterates a proposition whose fallacy has been unanswerably demonstrated to him, is the man who is to conduct "a journal of social, moral and economic reform" in Canada!

him the sacrosanct daily dollar, as it would be "twaddle" to assert that the services of the forefathers were worth less than those of the brilliant editor himself.

As for Mr. Bellamy, of whom the editor says that he spent his earnings for the good of humanity (meaning thereby the founding of a socialist colony), if we wished to waste logic on one who considers it twaddle we should invite him to choose his hour of the following dilemma: Either Mr. Bellamy's income from his books was honestly earned or it was not; if it was, then it knocks his dollar-a-day moonshine into the traditional cockle hat; if it was not, then it should have been restored to those from whom it was unjustly taken, instead of being used to establish Socialist colonies.

We see no cause for saying adoped to such papers as the Toronto Socialist, whose whatever respect they may affect for religion. Their principles are pestiferous. They advocate the mad theories of Henry George, which are nothing but thinly disguised robbery.

Sagasta and the Spaniards

In reply to Rev. Dr. Lambert's request for information we may say that a plebiscite was taken in Cuba a short time before the Spanish Ambassador at Washington got his papers. The returns were published throughout the world. Autonomy under the Spanish flag was endorsed by the vast majority.

Ontario's Birth Rate

At the Provincial Synod of the Anglican denomination in Montreal, Rev. Dr. Williams, Stratford, gave notice of the following motion: "Whereas the birth rate in the Province of Ontario is and has been for some years abnormally low, being 20.7 per thousand of the population lower than the birth rate in France, he it resolved that this Synod views with anxiety the lowness of the birth rate in that Province, and urges the Government to take measures to ascertain whether it is due to defective registration or to other and more serious causes, and that a committee be appointed on the subject of vital statistics."

A few years ago Dr. Bryon, the provincial official at the head of this department of public information, did not mince his words in assigning the chief cause of the miserable birth rate in Ontario. For some reason he has been indifferent to it in later reports; but the lapse of time has not improved in any way the facts upon which his responsible statement was then based.

Catholicity in the United States

Frank Leslie's Monthly—"The history of Roman Catholicism in our Western world began the day when the keel of the Santa Maria of Columbus grated on the beach of San Salvador. As the Admiral stepped ashore he intoned the 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo.' His little party were all Catholics; had held Catholic services every day they were on the trackless deep; had been gathered together under Catholic auspices, through the assistance of a Catholic monk, by means of the pledged jewels of a Catholic sovereign, and through the impelling motive of gaining new souls to Christ in the Catholic Church.

When Columbus returned to Europe he brought with him six natives, and these dusky savages were baptised into the Church, Queen Isabella standing as their godmother. These were the first native American Catholics. These six Catholics of 1492 have become the 10,000,000 of 1898.

Redmond Declares for Unity. It is sincerely to be hoped—and the hope is expressed without the least intention to cast any reflection—that the following letter, which appears in The Freeman's Journal of September 9, will at last open wide the way for the advance of unionists in every division of the Irish politics: 96 Lower Gardiner street, S. O. 98.

DEAR SIR—As you have so kindly opened your columns on the question of unity, I feel great pleasure in endorsing the salient points referred to by Mr. P. White, who has differed with me in the past. I believe the time has now come that we should be united in one solid phalanx against our country's oppressors, and that we should know and work the Local Government Act as a stepping-stone to Home Rule. We cannot do that without unity in the National ranks. To bring about such happy results some basis of National unity must be adopted—Yours faithfully, JOHN REDMOND.

It is high time Mr. Redmond said it. On the day before his letter was written Sir Edward Grey, in a public speech at Darlington, declared that Home Rule had ceased to be a question in practical politics owing to the continued Irish dissensions.

The Globe and the Mail

The Globe and The Mail ought to be able to manage their recommitments without dragging the Jesuits in. It shows a lean vocabulary and gives a stale smell to journalism when the reader always encounters one overworked word, used in season and out of season, and in the most nonsensical connections. There is nothing more serious to complain of than the intention to be insulting when the adjective "Jesuitical" is hurled against Catholics. The word itself is complimentary; but some people, without understanding its meaning, use it in an entirely different sense. Their intention although evil only provokes a smile. If dear old Mrs. Malaprop were a bigot she would doubtless call all her enemies Jesuits. But when The Globe accuses The Mail of "Jesuitical" [why not Theaker's "jessywhittle?"] practices it is not quite the same thing. To compare the editor either of The Globe or Mail to a Jesuit simply means to compare a Jesuit to the editor of The Globe or Mail. And any such comparison we feel convinced would be considered just cause of an action for damages by a respectable jury.

Ecclesiastical Students' Fund

Amounts collected by the various parishes of the archdiocese of Toronto for the maintenance of Ecclesiastical Students during the year 1897.

Table with 2 columns: Parish Name and Amount. Includes St. Michael's Cathedral (\$113.95), St. Patrick's (\$100.00), St. Mary's (\$100.00), etc.

RURAL PARISHES

Table with 2 columns: Parish Name and Amount. Includes Newmarket (\$105.00), South Adj. (\$80.00), Brockton (\$65.00), etc.

There are now 22 ecclesiastical students studying for the diaconate, 5 of the pay for themselves the rest must be provided for. It will therefore be seen that the parish priests should urge their congregations to contribute liberally to this fund.—FRANCIS F. KNOX, Chancellor.

Children for Adoption

It may not be generally known that the St. Vincent de Paul Childrens Aid Society often has under its care attractive children for whom homes are sought in good Catholic families. Many of these children develop beautifully in their foster homes and become a great comfort to those receiving them. At

present the Society wishes a home for two sisters, sweet little girls three and six years of age. There is also a fine healthy boy, nine to ten years old and others for whom homes are desired. Applications should be addressed to P. P. Hynde, agent, St. Vincent's Hall, 25 Sluiter street, Toronto.

Americans and French-Canadians

Mr. Goldwin Smith writes in The Weekly Star that it is proposed to erect a monument at Quebec. This may perhaps be recommended as a manifestation of the same chivalrous sentiment and the same desire to bury a dead quarrel as the association of the name of Montcalm on a monument with that of Wolfe. The case, however, is somewhat different. The race represented by Montcalm has become united with that represented by Wolfe, and it is natural that the two should pay a tribute to the memory of their respective heroes. But Montcalm's army was repulsed from Quebec and no Canadian sentiment attaches to the memory of Montcalm. The whole episode of the invasion of French-Canada by the white Americans can hardly recall with pride. They accordingly recall a count in the indictment against Great Britain that she had recognized Roman Catholicism and allowed to remain established in the conquered province. Afterward, when England had broken out, they tried to win the French Catholics, with the sweet language of political union which so happily substituted among the cantons of Switzerland, not the understanding of the differences of religion. But the Canadian people have shown no shrewd not to see that the utterance of the New England Puritan on the subject of Popery was the more sincere, and they accordingly kept their people on the British side.

Rev. Mother Digby

Rev. Mother Digby, Superioress of the Order of the Sacred Heart, whose headquarters are in Paris, who came to this country for the purpose of visiting the branch institutions in America, has met with an enthusiastic reception wherever she appeared in Canada. The Mother-General of the Order, as she is known in her native France, arrived in Halifax via the Intercolonial Railway. She was met at Bedford, nine miles from the city, by a deputation of ladies, former pupils of the Sacred Heart, and was presented with an address and a rich offering of flowers. At the Halifax station she was received by the Lieutenant-Governor, who placed his carriage at her disposal. The Rev. E. F. Murphy, representing the Archdiocese, was also in attendance, together with a large number of prominent citizens. She drove to the house in Spring Garden Road, where she was visited by His Grace the Archbishop, and all the leading people of the city. During her stay she has extended over a week, she received with such attention and kindness from all who were privileged to meet her. She returned to Montreal on Friday last, and left for Rochester, N. Y., on Monday, and proposes to visit the many convents of her Order throughout the United States and Mexico.

Home Furnishings

It were superfluous to praise the goods stored in the establishment of Messrs. John Kay, Son & Co., King street West, Toronto. For nearly half a century this house has been in the house furnishing business, and the quality of its wares has never yet been equalled elsewhere. Therefore when the firm tell the purchasing public that they are now offering special values at most reasonable prices their word will be accepted as a sufficient guarantee. The goods in this article marked down in their advertisement (which appears in another column) is in unreserved good faith. Call, if you require anything in carpets, curtains or draperies.

The Teeth and Toss of a "Temperance" Orator

The Uxbridge Journal says—"The S. of T. hall was packed to the doors on Monday evening at the religious meeting Mr. L. L. Abbott addressed the meeting on Temperance and Mr. J. Allen, an able American cartoonist gave excellent sketches showing some of the effects of the liquor business. Mr. Allen is a unique artist, and one for whom it is a unique art to draw a picture showing nationalities, executing the different parts with the different extremities of his body, being able to draw with either hand, either foot or his mouth. This act drew loud applause from the audience. The same gentlemen will lecture at Manchester on Friday evening.

A. O. II.

Division No. 4, held their regular meeting on Sunday last, their regular president. There was a good attendance. The business was brisk and instructive. Bro. G. P. J. Falvey, P. P., J. Brennan, G. P. J. Falvey, P. P., and M. Daly gave splendid reports on the progress of the order. Division No. 4 will celebrate the anniversary of the Division by holding a grand At Home in St. Paul's Hall, Power street, on Tuesday, September 20th, 1898. Tross—HARRIS, Cor. Sec.

The French are at Fashoda

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Daily Telegraph's special correspondent with the Anglo-Egyptian forces in the Sudan telegraphed that he had been interviewed by the captain of a boat which has returned from Fashoda and that the captain's description of the flag raised there leaves no doubt that it is French.

Mr. T. J. Humer, Columbus, Ohio, writes: "I have been afflicted for some time with Headache and Liver Complaint, and find Paro's Pills the best medicine for these diseases. These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required. They are Gelatine Pills, and contain the Flour of Life, and preserve their purity, and give them a pleasant, agreeable taste."

St. Patrick's Society, Ottawa

The committee appointed by St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society, Ottawa, to prepare a resolution of condolence on the death of the late Archbishop Walsh, of Toronto, had submitted the following, which will be forwarded to the Rev. Father Walsh and other relatives of the deceased:

"It is with feelings of the deepest sorrow that the members of St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Association, of Ottawa, tender their condolence to the people and other relatives of the late much beloved Archbishop Walsh, whose death was so sudden and unexpected. But, while sensible that Almighty God, in His wisdom, has called the great man to share in the glory of His eternal home, we must remember that the old Ireland has lost a patriot, scholar, and Canada a true, generous and zealous prolate, whose memory and good works will never be forgotten. In this different denominations in this fair land, we must remember that he was a fair and loyal citizen. May he rest in peace. (Signed) P. CLARKE, President; G. P. LEBLANC, Secretary. Ottawa, Sept. 6th, 1898.

The New Archbishop of Kingston

At the last meeting of the Brockville Town Council, the following resolution of condolence was passed: "Moved by Mr. McCrarty, seconded by Mr. Cowart, that having received of the elevation of our fellow citizen, the Very Rev. Charles H. Gauthier, to the important office of Archbishop of Kingston, we beg to tender him our warmest congratulations on this well deserved promotion. We also express at the same time our regret at losing from Brockville one who has lived many years amongst us and won the respect and esteem of all classes and creeds in his community. We trust that in his new home he will have many years to exercise the functions of his office with the same kindly spirit that has distinguished him in Brockville, and may be used to help in building up our country into a great nation. Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Archbishop." Carried.

Iceland and the Ancient Irish

In an article in the Dublin Review, Mrs. Marion Mahaffey, wife of the famous statistician states that she was "Laudnamabok," Iceland was visited by Christians from Ireland as early as A. D. 795, and when Iceland was discovered A. D. 870 by Lief and Ingolf, two Norwegian men who had fled from the tyrannical rule of Harald Harraug, King of Norway, they found there "Irish" bells, bells, and croziers which had been left behind by some Irish Christian Friars. It is no wonder the Irish historians are silent as regards the interesting discoveries by their Norse countrymen. A long period of devastations and outrages, during which some of the most celebrated monasteries and shrines in Ireland were pillaged and burnt to the ground, and the monks slain or sent into captivity and sold as slaves, caused the name "Dane" to be so execrated that even to this day the word is used in scornful allusion to the early centuries of the Norsemen were called Danes, although, according to trustworthy historical evidence (the Annals of the Four Masters, those of Worrae, Halliday and others) the invaders were sometimes Norwegian, Danes or Swedes.

Curious Chain of Coincidences

Arthur Enterprise.—Superstitious people will regard the following as something more than a remarkable series of coincidences. "Twelve months last April two sisters married two brothers on the same day and at the same church. A couple of months since each sister went to a female school on the same day. The children received the same names, and were christened by the same clergyman. Subsequently each child became unwell. The same doctor attended both, but despite his attention they died and were buried the same day and by the same minister and undertaker."

Is It Our "Manifest Destiny" to be Shot?

Buffalo Union and Times.—Some enthusiastic imperialists are now pointing the "manifest destiny" gun at Canada. There is more practicality in this than there is in the acquisition of the Philippines. True, the Canadians don't like us despite the fact that some of them have married with small bodies of Americans on a few occasions; but when the time comes we'll take the blooming country without leave or license, as now seems to be the fashion, and if the natives kick, we'll shoot 'em. God given rights don't count as against "manifest destiny."

Lord Salisbury's Empty Talk

LONDON, Sept. 16.—The Pekin correspondent of The Times says: "Despite Lord Salisbury's declaration that he would break no new ground from any other power in the New Chinese Railway loan contract, he has now yielded to all the conditions Russia imposed. As a result, negotiations with the English syndicate have been broken off, and the work with the Russian-Chinese Bank has been resumed."

COLIC AND KIDNEY DIFFICULTY.—Mr. J. W. Wilder, J. P., Lafayette, N. Y., writes: "I am subject to severe attacks of Colic and Kidney Difficulties, and find Paro's Pills the best remedy. They have all other remedies I have ever used." In fact so great is the power of this medicine to cleanse and purify, that it cures almost every name and nature are driven from the body. Enquiring Willies—Ma can people leave any of themselves in different places? Well—No. Don't be ridiculous. Willies—Well, Mr. Jiggs said he was going to France for his lungs."