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HOLY WEEK IN LONDON.

The usual Lenten devotions were held during Holy Week in the Cathedral, and never within our memory were they so well attended. Unusual numbers approached the Sacraments with great fervor and piety. The office of the Tenebras was chanted on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The Holy Oils were blessed during Pontifical High Mass by the Bishop on Holy Thursday morning, the service lasting nearly three hours. The repository for the Blessed Sacrament was beautifully gotten up by the Sisters of St. Joseph, assisted by some of the Children of Mary. A large assortment of lilies and other natural flowers were arranged with excellent taste in and around the repository, and numbers of devout worshippers were to be seen at all hours of the day adoring the Blessed Sacrament. The mass of the pre-sanctified was celebrated on Good Friday morning at 10 o'clock, coram pontifice. The mass was celebrated by Rev. James Walsh, whilst the passion was chanted by Fathers Bayard, Flannery and Tiernan respectively. A very touching sermon on the passion was preached by Rev. Father Flannery, P. P. St. Thomas. / Before the veneration of the cross His Lordship explained the meaning of the ceremony, for the benefit of the many Protestants that were present. He said that our veneration was not referred to the wood or metal that composed the cross, but that our heart's affections, of which the kissing of the cross was expressive, were referred to our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who for our sakes died on the tree of the cross. When we kiss the photograph of an absent friend we do so not for any inherent value or quality in the photograph itself, but for the sake of the absent one who is so dear to us. Catholics act upon the same principle in their veneration of the cross. Their love and reverence are referred to Him of whose sufferings for our salvation the cross reminds them

The Way of the Cross was performed at three o'clock in the afternoon. Again. at half-past seven in the evening, the devotion of the Stations of the Cross was performed before an immense congregation, when a beautiful and touching sermon appropriate to the occasion was preached by Father Walsh.

years of Parliamentary life.

THE PROVINCIAL SUBSIDIES.

It was, we think, pointed out several months ago in these columns that the financial arrangements entered into at confederation, binding the Dominion to contribute a certain sum per capita to the ProvincialGovernments for their mainten. ance and support, could not stand the test of time, and that the sooner a new-

and, under the constant development of Provincial resources and enlargement of Provincial wants-a really equitable system of Dominion subvention of the Provinces were arrived at the better. The Province of Quebec, having incurred in the prosecution of public works, of benefit

at large, an amount of indebtedness which its Provincial revenues could not meet, ha for some time been pressing for better terms. But, long before Quebec had formulated any demand of this kind, better terms had been accorded to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Manitoba, while British Columbia had been admitted into the Union on terms so favorable, as to tax in their fulfilment to their very uttermost the resources of the country. A careful reading of Mr. Ross' last budget speech in the legislature of Ontario brought the people of that wealthy province itself face to face with an actual deficit of nearly \$600,000 which, however, the surplus enabled its govern ment to tide over. So that, if Quebec had not, by the legitimate pressure of its demands, brought about a readjustment of the subsidies. Ontario had assuredly been soon forced to do so. The nature of this readjustment as proposed by the government may be understood from Sir Leonard Tilley's resolution on the subject upon which his bill thereon is based.

The resolution declares: "That it is expedient to provide that in "That it is expedient to provide that in the accounts between the several provinces the amount by which the subsidy was increased by the act 36 Vic., cap. 30, as explained by the act 37 Vic., cap. 3. as to Nova Scotia, shall be calculated and allowed to the provinces respectively as if the said act had directed the increased sub-ider should be allowed from the det of sides shou'd be allowed from the day of its coming into force of the British North America Act, 1867, as respects Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Bruns wick, and further that, as respects the provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island, the amounts hitherto calculated and allowed as the debts of these provinces respectively shall be increased by such amounts as shall make the total amount thereof respectively bear the same proportion to the respective population of said provinces ascertained by the census of 1881 as the total amount calculated and allowed as

the respective debts of Ontario, Quebec Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, as pro vince, as ascertained by the census of 1881, and the amount of such increase to the said provinces of British Columbia, Manitoba and Prince Edward Island shall be deemed capital owing to said pro vinces respectively, and shall bear interes at the rate of 5 per cent. as part of thei respective subsidies. Sir Leonard Tilley explained that if the amount to be placed at the credit of the provinces of Ontario Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswich averaged \$1.50 per head of their popula-tion, the provinces of British Columbia,

eron has, during his first session, endeared Is it in the nineteenth century ? Or, rather, was demanded was not the permanent himself to his acquaintances by his gentle-is it not in the days of a Tiberius, a Calig-manly bearing. We wish him many long uls, or a Nero ? No. Let us bring ouroccupation of any portion of the country but that in the vicinity of the Suez Canal, selves home to the truth. It is in the ninefor the protection of that great work of teenth century, and in the England once international importance, and that occujustly proud and jealous of woman's pation should have been undertaken not onor, that this assault on public decency by one power alone, but conjointly by is committed by persons called English

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ladies. And that not by a few. But by OTTAWA SHIP CANAL. three hundred ! Baker had for a friend the Prince of Wales. But no man. ever Resuming the subject of the Ottawa ship Canal, I shall now refer briefly to the report of Mr. Thos. C. Clarke who reported upon it to the Legislative Assembly on the 2nd January, 1860. The total distance between the city of Montreal and Lake Huron, via the river when called Prince, can give honor to crime, or lustre to brutality. Baker is, in the eyes of all honest men, as degraded a blackguard as if he had never enjoyed such frieudship. Not even the petition of the noble three handred females can. Ottawa, its tributary the Mattawan, Lake Nipissinque, and the French river, is 430 miles, of which, 350 miles already offer good natural navigation—the whatever it may do as to his rank in the

army, restore him to public respect. OUR BAD BOYS.

offer good natural navigation—the remaining 80 miles require to be im-proved, and this can be done at an estim-ated cost of 12 million dollars which, according to Mr. Clarke, would be disas well to that Province as to the Dominion The Star, in a late issue, says : "Peck's 'Bad Boy' is being dramatized and placed on the boards of a New York tributed as follows the back of the source of the form of the form dramatize the bad boy. He dramatizes himself quite too much for the comfort or bewelf to the community. The remeasure Saint Annes.... Lake of Two M'nt'ns Carillon to Grenvil'e benefit of the community. The papers are full of the actual exploits of bad boys Green Shoals..... Ottawa River, Chaud're & Des Ch'ns Des Chenes Lake..... -thefts, highway robberies, murders-and yet people think they can afford to and yet people think they can afford to laugh over a humorous portraiture of the bad boy. Such books as the one we refer to do an immense amount of harm by en-couraging boys to think that it is a very fine thing to make nuisances of them-selves to their elders by the continual performance of silly and mischievous tricks. And, as if a "Bad Boy's Diary" Chats Lake. Chats Lake. Snows to Bl'ck Falls Snows to Bl'ck Falls Rvr & L'ke Coulonge Chapeau & l'Islet... Deep River.... Joachims to Matwan River Mattawan.... Summit Level & Cut French River.... Engineering, etc... was not enough and too much, we now have a "Bad Girl's Diary," which will also, no doubt, be eagerly read by the large and thoughtless class who enjoyed Lachine Canal, Lake the earlier production."

There is not, indeed, any need of dramatizing either one—"bad boys" or "had wirls." The bad boy and the bad girl seem to have acquired permanent residence amongst us, and are part and parcel of our modern paganized society. When vice is actually lionized in the persons of worthless women who have in Europe locks were to be 250 feet long by 45 feet in width, with a depth of 12 feet on the

acquired notoriety by their profligacy, we cannot be surprised that the bad boy mitre sills. In a brief article as this necessarily in a brief article as this necessarily to the deplorably ubiquitous. We have had the Bernhardts and Langtrys of Parisian and London notoriety fairly worshipped, not by boys or girls, but men and women mature enough in years to be wise, but so For the supply of meters and the st. Lawrence Canals. depraved by false training and corrupt surroundings as to be actually, even if they see it not themselves-licentious. Let society reform itself by correcting its wicked tastes, eschewing its wicked prac-tices, and setting its foot down firmly in condemnation of the wrong and in favor of the right, and the bad boy as well as wicked tastes, eschewing its wicked pracof the right, and the bad boy as well as the bad girl will be glad to hide, the one his wickedness and the other her shame.

THE WAR IN THE SOUDAN.

An American journalist very fairly, we think, sums up the results thus far of the contest in the Soudan in the following terms :

terms: "The latest news from the Soudan is not reassuring with reference to the safety of Colonel Gordon. It appears that he has colonel Gordon. It appears that he has colonel Gordon. It appears that he has the met it becomes unnecessary to make any provision for a storage reservoir, the waters of Lake Nipissinque being suffici-tion of any scale of navigation, for all the met it becomes unnecessary to make any provision for a storage reservoir, the waters of Lake Nipissinque being suffici-tion of any scale of navigation, for all the met it becomes unnecessary to make any provision for a storage reservoir, the waters of Lake Nipissinque being suffici-tion of the met it becomes the safety of the met it becomes unnecessary to make any provision for a storage reservoir, the waters of Lake Nipissinque being suffici-tion of the met it becomes the safety of t failed completely as regards the main objourney to Khartoum. whole district around that city is in insur-rection, and no part of the country to the west of General Graham's lines remains in bedience to Farham's lines remains in The

time. It may be said that, in order to raise

west of General Graham's lines remains in obedience to Egypt or the British. At last advices, Colonel Gordon had fought a

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must be, it is impossible to enter into the

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months navigation every year, between Thunder Bay and Montreal, not to speak of the trade of Lake Michigan, a great portion of which would undoubtedly seek this route in preference to that of the lakes and the St. Lawrence; with the environ demands of the concessed North tastes.

areas and the St. Lawrence; with the growing demands of the oppressed North Western farmers for cheap transporta-tion to the sea board, with the incalcul-able advantages which would accrue to the previous of the formation of the sea the provinces of Quebec and Ontario from the construction of this waterway, from the construction of this waterway, with the growing monopolies, the rail-roads, may the question not be pertin-ently asked. If the Dominon govern-ment intend to make a present of §25, 000,000, to the Canadian Pacific railway

Co., for the purpose, among many other things, of enabling that corporation to dictate freight rates to the Dominion generally, would it be too much to direct attention to a subject which ere long, must assume a very grave importance to the public at large. NORTH-WEST.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Freeman's Journal. Father Nugent's ballad concerts, given on Saturday nights for the working people of Liverpool, have been very effective in supplying a few hours of recreation to over-worked wives, and in keeping men out of low places of anusement. The pro-grammes offered to the public were not made up of variety hall ditties, but of music of a good kind—old-fashioned songs and airs from the composers who had not learned to hate to have a tune in their works. It is not pleasant to com-pare Father Nugent's programme with the plan of the entertainments given on this side of the Atlantic by some of the literary and temperance societies. They seem to be very much after weak imita-tions of the variety shows, made up of clog-dancing, silly and vulgar songs, and caricatures of "alleged" Irish life. Catho-lic young men ought to have more respect for the Church and themselves than to give the impression that Catholics are not only devoid of good taste, but ready to enjoy exhibitions which, while not posi-tively immoral, are low and coarse. Easter time is generally selected for exhib-itions; let them contain, this year. none Freeman's Journal.

401.44 29.32 \$12,057.680 These are, exclusive of the Lachine navigation, from St. Annes to Lake Huron 408.76 miles, is but a triffe under time is generally selected for exhib-itions; let them contain, this year, none of the objectionable caricatures and songs Huron 408.76 miles, is but a triffe under \$29,500 per mile. The system ot navigation recommended by Mr. Clarke was calculated for vessels of one thousand tons burden, and the borrowed from the variety theatres.

Buffalo Union. Buffalo Union. March, fierce and wild as a Tipperary raparce, is gone, and the fresh, fair April, with a bunch of sweet primroses pinned in her hair, brings back the twittering swallow, blue skies, and budding branches. Dion Boucicault, the theatrical magnifico who has enriched himself by vilely travestying Irish character, is simply plain Dennis Buckley. The poor mother that bore him would scarce recognize him is the component action of the start of For the supply of water at the summit of in the new nomenclature.

During the past thirty years, millions of How many of these millions hold propor-tionate positions of influence and wealth It appears, from the observations and Alas! few-very few. to-day ? Why ? Because they have not been true to them serves. Coming to this bright and breezy Republic, with Eldorado dreams, they have opened their naturally generous and confiding hearts for every daw to peck at; and all too early many of them have cient to raise Lake Nipissinque 9.46 feet above high water, lower Trout and Turtle lakes, respectively 7.85, and 6.95 feet, and raise Lac Talon 20.95 feet, thus mak-ing a summit level for navigation of 57 found the grave of their hopes and schemes, their manhood and their worth, in the blighting and besotting saloon.

We are rapidly approaching the termi-nation of the holy season when all Chrismuces in length, with an area of water-shed of 314 square miles, and a reception basin eighty miles in length, varying from half a mile to twelve miles in width, and giving a surface of three hundred and thirth accounting miles miles in width. tians will be called to commemorate the great events of mankind's redemption. The most solemn anniversaries in the The most solemn anniversaries in the whole history of our Lord's passion, or to and thirty square miles. By this arrangespeak more properly, the entire sufferings which the God-man underwent for the salvation of men will be concentrated in the Church's ceremonial for next week. Next Sunday the entire Christian world will strew their Saviour's path-way with palms. As the King and Redeemer approaches the tribunal to receive the condemnatory sentence from ambitious and fiendish men, He re-

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Reported for the SER ON BY REV. FAT C. N. ..

following are no preach d by the Rev. 1 SS. K. at St. Patrick's 9th March, 1884 : "He hat heveth n demn d.' Words taken ars, 16 chap., 16 Who spoke thes word Christians I Had they lips of one wise philos lips of some wise philos call them to question, them prepose rous "H mot shall be condemned, testan. Ki g James' ver blunt so English, "sha What is the meaning of condemned" or "shall words accepted by the world, by the millions believers, What else d they mean, but the or believers. What else d they mean, but the or sente ced and condemn dition? Can you atta other me mig? Cer meaning save that whi spoke them at first, a authority, with all H who is i that spoke the them heraided throug world? The eternal Th true God and true Ma beginuing, Man from the one sature divine, in or fore the God Man, con-truth, te nal veracity. ing, pray, did He atta sentence? Listen to f sentence? Listen to t which the champion of himself declares that meaning of these word Jesus Christ himself Jesus Christ himself St. Paul tells us, writin chap. 11, v. 6, that " impossible to please therefore as interpreted self, and which interpr self, and which interpr from the fountain-head nal veracity, Jesus Chr is simply this, that if a lieve, it he hath not fa of this want and ab-en sentenced, to eternal address ng Christians, Catholics. Hence I m Catholics. Hence I m that you as Christians, olics, do accept this etc faith is necessary unto addressing Catholics a did I prove to you th unto salvation, I woul wilt to your serve of sult to your sense of one and all would be and saying, "hold on; further in abasing our firmly believe, as we I Christians, not to say is absolutely necessar And so it was from Faith was necessary in as in the new dispens was so necessary that mary and essential p very basis of religion of God. Outside of every other injunction tice, was but a type sanctioned by the lav as necessary. Faith, as necessary. Faith, utely, positively, ne Abraham said that by ceremony, not b justified by faith. H the prophets of old, Hence did they also of faith. If the new Paul tells us, the new the destruction or th old, but the perfection diately follow that if law, absolutely nece that it would have to sary in the new la the Lord God of her

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the seal of antiquity. Poor Puritane, the fathers are disgraced by your parvenu Cincinnati Telegra

Cincinnati Telegraph. Not in the days of the Blue Laws, but only a couple of weeks ago, as an exchange assures us, and in the city of Boston, was the following item found on the docket of one of its aldermen :—"Jeremiah Don-nelly, for playing marbles on the Lord's Day; fined \$2 without costs." This is in the land where, of course, great sinners go scot-free and are "respectable." The "straining at a gnat" usually takes the form of great devotion to a sanctimonious observance of the Lord's Day. "Oh ye hyposrites!" hypocrites !!

Catholic Columbian. A young lady was once arguing with her spiritual director that there was no harm in round dances, for she had often indulged in them and had never had an indulged in them and had never had an impure thought. Her director simply asked her whether she had ever listened to the confession of her partners in the dance. This put the matter to her in a light entirely different from the way in which she had contemplated it up to that time, and she was completely silenced. This leads us to say that although a young girl may in the innocence of her heart dance a round dance without the sugges-tion of evil entering her soul, yet if she is the cause of sin to her male partner, she is guilty in the sight of Almighty God of being the proximate occasion of sin and being the proximate occasion of sin and also of giving scandal. Hear what St. Alphonsus Liguori says on this point: "Dances are bad of themselves, if in them there be danger of impurity for oneself or for others." In another place, he writes: "A act which is no sin at all, or only a venial sin, becomes a mortal sin if it gives great scandal."

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. Oakely Odell, of New York City, were received into the Church recently.

The Paris Gaulois says the Pope is pre-paring a strong encyclical letter against Freemasons and other secret societies.

The Vatican Library contains over 40,000 MSS., and was instituted 1,400 years ago.

It is announced that a conference of Irish Bishops will be held during September next.

The Belgian Catholics in the last four years contributed $\pounds 2,400,000$ for the erection of Catholic schools, without taking into account $\pounds 240,000$ a year paid by them schools. m for the maintenance

Mrs. Lamotte and her son and daughter, of Brighton, are to be received into the Church in a short time. This lady is the wife of the Rev. Mr. Lamotte, who has been so prominent a ritualist in Brighton, England.

Dr. William Thomson, an American surgeon of great eminence, who has been living in Rome during several years past, was received into the Church, on Sunday, February 10th, in the chapel of the Scotch College, Rome. Dr. Thomson ac-quired a high reputation in the Army during the Civil War in America; and there also his ability has been widely recognized. His charity to the poor conspicuous.

Eighteen Indian girls from the White Earth reservation in the northern part of Minnesota, entered the Academy of the Benedictine Sisters at St. Joseph's, Stearns county, last week, and twelve more are expected this week. These girls are to be educated in accordance with arrangements recently made with the United States government. The number of Indian girls at the academy will gradually be increased to fifty. This system of civilizing the Indians is proving most successful.

In regard to the ropularity of Lord

On Easter morning His Lordship the Manitoba and Prince Edward Island Bishop celebrated seven o'clock mass and administered Holy Communion to over five hundred persons. There was In other words, the subsidy to the sevalso a large number of communicants at eral provinces will be increased according the half-past eight and half-past ten to the measure of the government by o'clock masses. It is computed that nearly twelve hundred persons must

about sixty-two cents per head of the population, as shown by the census of have received Holy Communion in the 1881. A very decided increase, indeed. Cathedral on Holy Thursday and Easter But will this measure set at rest the finan-Sunday. The last mass was sung on cial difficulties of the Dominion in regard Easter Sunday by the Venerable Monf its several provinces ? We fear not. seignor Bruyere, V. G., Fathers Walsh Nothing but an amendment of the British and Cook acting as deacon and sub-America Act, fixing a readjustment on a deacon, and Father Tiernan as Master of asis so equitable as to be permanent, will Ceremonies, at which His Lordship ever give general satisfaction and deliver assisted in full pontificals. An excellent confederation from ever-recurring diffisermon was preached by the rector, Rev.

culty and danger. LADIES, FORSOOTH !

also largely attended. We heard the The American says : rev. gentleman declare that never, dur-"No less than three hundred English ladies have signed a petition for the res-toration of Baker Pasha to his rank in the ing his stay in London, did he observe such fervor and earnest piety in that British army. As this worthy forfeited his rank by attempting to outrage a young

death of the Prince Consort, the Queen's children rather than the Queen have given

lady in an English railway-carriage a young lady in an English railway-carriage, we cannot think that these petitioners have done much honor to their sex by making this request. We have confidence, how-ever, in one English lady-we mean In conclusion, we have reason to affirm that the Catholics of London will remember with pleasure and profit the religious services of the holy season of Queen Victoria-that three thousand such The Easter offering for the support of signatures would not move her to take this man back into her service. Since the

the clergy amounted to over one thousand dollars.

Lent now brought to a close.

The services at St. Mary's church,

conducted by Rev. Father Cornyn, were

M. Tiernan.

congregation.

The singing at the Cathedral and at tone to English society. The result has been morally disastrous. An era of self-St. Mary's Church was unusually grand, indulgence, extravagant outlay and moral and Mrs. Cruickshanks and Miss Farrell, laxity has succeeded to that in which the respective organists, deserve praise Prince Albert was the first gentleman in for their success in producing vocal the kingdom. In such a condition of things, the moral indifference that cares little about right or wrong is apt to think efforts in every way worthy of the occasion. The music of the orchestra at the Cathedral was very good.

We beg to return hearty thanks to our would be the better for her more frequent

friend Donald M. Cameron, M. P. for the West Riding of Middlesex, for very Ladies, indeed. Three many acts of kindness and courtesy. We dred ladies signing a petition may at the same time extend him hearty in favor of a lascivious brute, thanks on behalf of the College of Ottawa who sought to outrage an innocent and

for maps and other documents. Mr. Cam- helpless girl ! In what age do we live ? ish government has been a mistake. What

successful battle on the 16th inst., and was barren, rocky cliffs, excepting a strip on would also receive \$1.50 per head of the to start on his retreat on the 13th. But a the east side of the lake, about eight population, according to the census of retreat under such circumstances must miles in length and one quarter mile in mean a continuous battle, or what is still width, which is annually inundated by the spring freshets. The shores of East Bay would be overflowed; but a large porvorse, a march under the guerilla fire of

the enemy. To traverse hundreds of tion of this is already subject to inun-dation. The north shore, for two-thirds miles of an African desert after this fashion, on his way to the Egyptian frontier, is an undertaking from which the bravest of its length, is high, and out of reach man might shrink

of the proposed height of water. With the exception of the track of The reasons for his failure are two. The first is that he was sent out to the Soudan without any definite object. He was to the Canadian Pacific railway, which I believe, runs pretty close to the North shore for some miles, there is very little restore peace, without either annexing the settlement, and but little exposure would be incurred for damage on that country or restoring it to Egyptian rule. At no point in his mission has he been able to say what he came for, unless it were to make Mr. Gladstone's course in

The outlet of Lake Nipissinque into French river is admirably adapted for the damning up of the lake, the channels of exit being narrow, with high, rocky shores of granite and gueiss. From the entrance of French river on the Georgian Par, to its gutter form the Ministrian Parliament easier because less open to criticism. The other reason for his failure is the complete change of conditions in the Soudan. A genuine religious fan-aticism, like that of the Moslems, is as nearly an incalculable force as can be. A Bay, to its outlet from lake Nipissingue "war of zeal," such as El Mahdi is waging, calls out all that is bravest and all that is the distance is fifty miles, the ascent sixty feet, and the level of lake Nipis sixty feet, and the level of and stamping above sea, 632 feet nearly. fiercest in both the Arab and the Berber

character. It differs vastly from the huge egotism of the Tae Ping in China, by whose suppression Colonel Gordon won his first laurels. It meets the elements with { mile of rock cutting (exclusive of the lock excavations) embraces all th work necessary for the passage of vessels which are strongest in his own character with the resistance of something equally of one thousand tons burden, from Lake Huron to Lake Nipissinque. At the mouth of French river there are excellent facilities for a harbor, in fact, with very little expense, it can be made the

England has, in our estimation, under taken altogether too much in her atsafest and most easily accessible port upon the upper lakes, especially in the tempted conquest of the Soudan. Nothing tall of the year. As has been already remarked, this but conquest could bring that country into subjection. And its conquest under oute is the natural outlet for all the region lying west and north of the great existing circumstances appears to us im lakes, and, in point of distance is far superior to the Welland canal route, as possible not only by England but by any European power or combination of powers he following tables of comparison will True, indeed, an army might force its way through these arid deserts, defeating what ever Moslem fanatics it might meet, but would that be a conquest of the country

By no means would the defeat of El itself the generosity that inclines to mercy. The Queen represents an older and sounder mode of feeling, and England Mahdi mean a conquest of the country Not at all. There are El Mahdis without Velland 1145 132 71 1348 ... end among the fanatical Moslems in that immense region whom no defeat can dishuncourage, no reverses overwhelm. Fight In point of time, the above routes bear to sach other the following proportions: ing is their very trade, and certainly their sole occupation.

energetic.

The whole Egyptian policy of the Brit-With the certainty of six and a half

espised His grace. We cannot place the unsullied branches of the forest beneath the material steed that bears our King ; but in every Catholic church throughout Christendom our Saviour will be present to receive the homage of the contrite and humble heart. A clear conscience is the most imperishable palm branch that can be strewn before the approaching Redeemer.

Baltimore Mirror.

The eyes of the whole world are anxious ly turned towards Rome. Nations in-stinctively feel that she has healing for their troubles. In their turns Russia, Ger-many and France have come to the Holy Father. After experiencing the disturb-ances of heresy and infidelity, and finding how unreal were all their internal powers over the social stratums, they come, begging, as it were, the intercession of the Pope, the help of his strong moral influ ence, to keep them from going to wreck Catholic Review.

The American college in Rome has been saved. The firm distinct representations made by Mr. Astor, the American Minister in Rome, under instructions from Secre-tary Frelinghuysen and President Arthur, have convinced the Italian Government that it will need a more authoritativ lecision than that of its creature, the Court of Cessation, to steal the foreign investments of Catholic-Americans. Presi-dent Arthur and Secretary Frelinghuysen probably did, so far as the substance their action goes, only what any other American officials would have done in so gross a case, but the promptness, good judgment and high American spirit which hey displayed will invest their action, with a respectability that will serve the country, and which certainly wil add to their strength at home, amongst all not blinded by partisan or religious prejudice. Their ood offices in this emergency will not be forgotten.

Boston Catholic Herald. Some of our Puritans are anxiously making public inquiry how to obtain their family coat-ot-arms from England. They are probably the descendants of some soap boiler, button maker, or travel-ling tinker who changed his name from the plebeian Smith, Jones or Robinson to that of Sydney or Howard, and having gathered together some dollars think that the family cannot live on good pork and beans without the picture of an escutcheon on their pewter plates to dazzle their Puritan eyes and stamp their culture with -Boston Pilot.

Rupon among the natives of India, a val-ued correspondent writes to say that he had a recent opportunity of hearing Sir William Wedderburn's views on this sub-William Wedderburn's views on this sub-ject: "I have never," said Sir William, "seen anything like the pepularity of Lord Ripon among the natives. They say 'he is the best Governor General we have ever had.' They speak of him as so straight, so genuine. Tears come into so straight, so genuine. Tears come into their eyes with enthusiasm when you nention Lord Ripon's name. This being the Feast of Annunciation.

appropriate special services were held in the Basilica this morning. His Lordship Bishop Duhamel celebrated High Mass. There was a very large congregation. Previous to the service, Mr. D. C. F. Bliss, Lieutenant of the Ottawa Field Battery, was received into the Church. After making a solemn abjuration he re-ceived the Sacrament of Baptism administered by the Bishop. Hon. A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia, and Madam Caron acted as sponsors at the baptismal cere-mony. He then received the Blessed Sacrament for the first time. Mr. Bliss was formerly a member of the Church of Ingland,_Ottawa Free Press, March.

The possibility of the Pope's departure from Rome is again agitating the minds of the Catholics in Italy. The latest act of the Italian Government with regard to the Propaganda property, and the extreme probability that further attempts against the Holy See will be carried out by that Government, especially as the anti-Catholic party are becoming more powerful in the Chamber, induce the belief that the only safety for the Holy see will be in removal from Italy. The Moniteur de Rome of this evening says : "Abandoned by some, attacked by others, the Holy See will be obliged, one day or the other, to count upon itself alone. It is not the first time that the Popes, yielding to violence and persecution, have followed the path of exile to seek guarantees of independence and security which they no longer found upon Italian soil. And history teaches us that the peoples have always surrounded this august exile with touching attestations of veneration and of love, and that, if the a time the advantages of his legitimate residence, he has at least been enabled to safeguard the proof. to safeguard the prestige of his dignity and the exercise of his supreme power."

the Lord God of her faith the very foun structure of His chu by His infinite wisd powerful arm. Her foundations of His c shall build my chun rock." And so firm indomitable, so unwa that the very gates a Satan-let alone the not be able to preva Hence St. Chrysost the foundation of Council of Trent in 6, paragraph 6, says and the beginning The whole Christi this doctrine, takin tion of religion, s there can be no so Well, dearly below this faith what mus in general is the as truth made know what we understan general. Hence have three proper be subjective or ol an object, a thing presented to the Secondly, there m mission, of the i of believing, to th of the object of fa necessarily be an through which t belief—the fact w the mind in beli perties or charac necessary, that w any one of them chimera, there c faith, as belief. us, is to bring u ing us to Him,to for which all m that faith, like a have these thr characteristics. to be believed in of the mind cn and there must belief, furnishir guaranteeing fo of the belief to But what my lead us to Godit necessarily b cessarily be su reason. The m to the end. So ce the end faith unto sal supernatural faith that is to upernatural.