THE CHURCH ETERNAL.

Subject of Cardinal Gibbons' New-Year Sermon.

In accordance with his custom of preaching on the first Sunday of the year, Cardinal Gibbons spoke on New Year's Day at the late Mass at the Cathedral upon the subject, "The Indestructibility of the Church."

His Eminence, in beginning his sermon, alluded to the new year as follows: "The annual recurrence of the new year forcibly reminds us of the changes and revolutions wrought by the ravages of time. Looking before me to-day, I see that the old congregation is being gradually supplanted by new members and the older clergy who have passed away are succeeded by younger and more vigorous laborers in the Lord's vine-yard. Archbishops, of course, are no exception to this universal law of nature, and, like many others, I am falling into the 'sear and yellow leaf.' But, thanks to God, we are all cheered by the salutary reflection that we are moving toward a new state of existence where there is joy unfading and life imperishable.

"But there is one institution on earth which is proof against the vicissitudes of time and that is Christ, which you have the happiness of professing. The same sacraments you receive your forefathers received before you, and the same Gospel of peace and love which your forefathers listened to in their day is preached to you from January to December. 'Jesus Christ, yesterday and to day and the same forever.' So we can apply the words spoken of Him in today's epistle, where it is said: 'These shall perish, but thou remainest; all of them shall grow old as a garment, and as a vesture thou shall change them and they shall be changed, but thou art always the self same and thy years shall not fail.'

"The indestructability and vitality of the Catholic Church is a phenomenon truly marvelous and well calculated to excite the admiration of every reflecting mind, especially when we consider the number and variety and the formidable power of the enemies that have been leagued against her from her very birth to the present time. From the day of Pentecost when she was ushered into the world until the victory achieved by Constantine the Great over Maxentius, at the Milvian Bridge, near Rome, the Church passed through a series of ten persecutions unparalleled for atrocity in the annals of the world. Every species of torture that malice could invent was resorted to that every vestige of Christianity might be obliterated from the face of the earth. '*Christianos ad leones*,' 'The Christians to the lions' was the popular war cry among the pagan populace of Rome.

"For three centuries the Christians were obliged to worship God in the secrecy of their chambers or in the catacombs of Rome, which are still preserved to attest the faith and fortitude of the martyrs. And yet pagan Rome, before whose armies the mightiest nations quailed, was unable to crush the infant church or arrest her progress. In a few years we find the head of the Catholic Church dispensing to Christendom in the very capitol from which the Imperial Cæsars had fulminated their edicts against Christianity.

"For nine centuries, from the seventh to the sixteenth centuries, Mahommedanism continued to be a standing menace to Christendom. At last the final issue arose when it was to be decided once and for all whether Christian civilization or Islamism should control the destinies of Europe and the world. At the solicitation of the Pope two of the Catholic nations of Europe formed an offensive league against the Turks, who were signally defeated in the memorable battle of Lepanto. And if to-day the cross, instead of the Cresent, surmounts the cities of Europe, tne world is indebted for this privilege and blessing to the vigilance of the sovereign Pontiff.

"I would now ask this question of those who are hostile to the Catholic Church and who are plotting or predicting her downfall. How can you hope to overthrow an institution which for nineteen centuries has successfully resisted the combined assaults of the world and the powers of darkness? What means will you employ to compass her ruin? Is it by the power of kings and emperors and prime ministers? They have tried in vain to crush her from the days of Roman Cæsars to our own time. Many persons labor under the delusion that in former times the crowned heads of Europe have been the unvarying supporters of the Church and that if their protection was withdrawn she would collapse. The truth is that, with some honorable exceptions, the worst enemies of the Church have been the princes of this world and many so called princes, too. They chaffed and were impatient under her salutary discipline and wished to be rid of her yoke, because she alone in times of oppression had the power and the courage to stand by the rights of the people and to place her breast like a wall of brass against the encroachments of these rulers. With calm confidence we say with the psalmist, 'Why have the Gentiles raged and the people devised strange things? The kings of the earth stood up and the princes met together against the Lord and against Christ. Let us break their bonds asunder and cast away their yoke from us. But he that dwelleth in heaven shall laugh at them, and the Lord shall deride them.'

"The Church has seen the birth of every government in Europe, and it is not at all improbable that she shall see the decay of them all and chant their requiem. She was more than fourteen centuries old when Columbus discovered the continent of America, and she lives to day to see all the vast possession of the Western Hemisphere pass from the hands of her ancient rulers. The formation of our own Republic is but yesterday to her.

"She has seen monarchies changed into Republics and Republics consolidated into Empires. All this she has seen while her own divine constitution remains unchanged and as firm as the rock on which she is founded. Of her we can truly say in the words of Psalmist, 'They shall perish, but thou remainest and all of them shall grow old as a garment. And as a vesture Thou shall change them and they shall be changed. But thou art always the self-same and thy years shall not fail; the children of thy servants shall continue, and their seed shall be directed forever.'

"God forbid that we should ascribe to any human cause the marvelous survival of the Catholic Church. Her indestructibility is not due, as some suppose, to her wonderful organization or to the far-reaching policy of her pontiffs, or to the learning and wisdom of her prelates. If she has survived, it is not because of human wisdom, but often in spite of human folly. Her permanency is due not to the arm of the clerk, but to the finger of God.

"'Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy name, give glory.'"—Baltimore Mirror.

CATHOLICITY NEVER A "STATE CHURCH."

What is called a "State Church" is a sect which is a bureau of the State, like the Russian Schism in Russia, the Greek Schism in Greece, the Presbyterian sect in Scotland, Protestant-Episcopalianism in England, and various kinds of Lutheranianism in the Scandinavian and North German countries. The Catholic Church can never be a State church, because it is the world-wide Kingdom for God, by whose laws all States, as well as all individuals, are in duty bound to be guided.

The Church has always shown her self willing to make large concessions in purely administrative matters to well disposed governments, and sometimes, as in Spain and some of the Hispano-American republics, she has gone, under compulsion, to the very last extreme of concession which is possible without a betrayal of the sacred trust imposed upon her by her Divine Founder. In such cases the Church is often called a State Church, but improperly.

Such subjection to the State is always lamentable, as it is a step in the direction of the Cesaro papism which has always been the Church's worst enemy. Nothing could be more foolish than to suppose that the Holy Roman See can object to the cessation of State control which has taken place in our newly-acquired possessions. The Churches of the Antilles and Philippines, which have been heretofore controlled by the Spanish government, will hereafter be ruled without interference, like the American Church, by the Pope.

This will be to their great advantage, provided that our Government does not show partiality to Protestantism or interfere in any way with the religious liberty of the island Catholics.—Church Progress.

A PRETENDED MIRACLE.

We confess that our belief in miraculous cures would be as weak as water if all cases were like that of Rev. C. H. Holden, a minister of Detroit. Four months ago Brother Holden was thrown from his bicycle, and sustained an injury to his hip, so severe that he was confined to his room until the last week of December, when, tiring of doctors, he called in several other ministers, who prayed over him and anointed him on the head with oil. Then Brother Barlow, assistant pastor of the Clinton avenue Baptist Church, said in a loud voice: "Brother Holden, I bid you to arise and walk." The sick man was startled, but he did so, "supported, however, by two of his visitors." Dr. A. C. Lee, who attended Brother Holden for two weeks, says that he told him the same thing several times and he wouldn't do it. Another physician declares that he had rubbed the injured limb well with cod-liver oil, and evidently has more faith in it than in the oil that was used by Brother Barlow. The doctors are not agreed upon the nature of the injury, but we incline to the opinion expressed by Dr. Lee: "It is just a case of nervous shock." Dr. Hambley says that the patient used too much morphia. At last accounts he was not yet fully recovered, and required a trifle more of the opiate to quiet him.

Where the cure comes in we fail to see, though we sincerely hope for Brother Holden's early and complete recovery; and shall be the first to congratulate him. But if he were already walking the streets of Detroit like Saul among the prophets, we should have our doubts about the supernatural character of his cure. He isn't walking much yet, having been wheeled to church last Sabbath. We can assure our non-Catholic readers that the cures wrought at Lourdes and elsewhere are very different from that of Brother Holden. They must stand scientific investigation. The physicians in charge of the Bureau of Proofs at Lourdes would not deem Brother Holden's case worthy of a moment's consideration.—Ave Maria.

None of us care to be accused of saying what we never said, nor of writing what we never wrote.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD.

Still Glows One Star.

TO ALICE.

Around thee shadows meet
And grief clouds veil the dawn
Of hopes that might have shone,
Sad heart,
To calm thy troubled beat.

Yet smiling sweet relief
Still glows one star above,
Bright with a sister's love,
Sad heart,
To cheer thy might of grief.

Then fear no cross you meet,
For little Alie's kiss
Upon thy lips can't miss,
Sad heart,
To make the bitter sweet.

Should every friend you know
In one brief moment flee,
Then would her love for thee,
Sad heart,
Gleam with a warmer glow.

So trust a little while,
Love on a little yet,
For she will not forget,
Sad heart,
To feed thee with her smile.

—Timothy Bleakheart, M. D.

St. Stephen, N. B.

A REMARKABLE RECORD.

Alderman John Doyle, of Belleville, Ont., who was elected third in the list of twenty-seven applicants for aldermanic honors, and on Monday last was elected by the Council to its highest position, namely, Chairman of the Executive Committee, has had a remarkable record in aldermanic affairs in Belleville. In 1878 he was elected when the town Council became a city council and increased its membership from twelve to twenty-one. Now, when by the new by-law the council was reduced to ten, and the voting made general in the city, instead of according to the ward system (of three for each ward), he was again elected very high up on the list. In the interim he has been, with the exception of a couple of years, a member of the council and has a very high reputation for executive ability. This is the second time he has been elected to the chairmanship of the council's first committee. Ald. Doyle has also been a prominent member of the Separate School Board and also of the Board of Education in Belleville. Though he, modestly, claims no ambition for the position of chief executive of the city, there is no doubt but that, on account of his sterling honesty and ability, the people of Belleville are anxious to place him in the mayor's chair.

OBITUARY.

MR. SOMERS, MAXWELL.

On Monday, 8th inst., in his sixty-eighth year, an old and much-respected resident of Osprey township calmly and peacefully laid down the burden of life, and passed to his reward.

Deceased, who was a native of Wexford county, Ireland, settled in this country many years ago, and by careful industry and integrity during life, leaves his family in very comfortable circumstances. He contracted that painful disease, known as cancer, some three years ago, and despite all the aid of medical skill and the loving care of wife and children, failed slowly yet surely, and while the happy bells were yet ringing the New Year's chimes, Death, with all its joys and sorrows, rang in a fuller and happier existence for him.

Mr. Somers was a consistent member of the R. C. Church, and was fortified by the consolations of religion and the ministrations of Rev. Father Coty, who attended him assiduously during his illness. He was a man of strict honesty and genial disposition and bore his sufferings patiently, even cheerfully.

To his sorrowing wife and five surviving children the entire community extends its sincerest sympathy in this their hour of trial. R. I. P.

MRS. ROSE O'REILLY.

This week we chronicle the death of an old and highly esteemed resident of the township of Normanby, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Weiler, strengthened by the last rites and consolations of Holy Church.

Deceased was in the seventy-eighth year of her age, and came to the township when it was first offered for settlement. She had enjoyed robust health until within a few years. She was hospitable and kind—the friend of the homeless and the needy. The way-worn traveller was ever a welcome guest at her hearth, and none ever went hungry from her door.

She was of hopeful and buoyant spirit—the center and sun of her household—a true wife and devoted Christian mother, beloved and revered by her children and grand-children.

God had given her numerous sons and daughters, six of whom are still living and all of whom she trained to cherish and practise that religion which was her solace and joy through life and hope in death. She was ministered to by the Rev. Father Halm, of Mildmay, whose kind words consoled and cheered her in her late illness.

Her greatest earthly happiness was to be in the midst of her children and grand-children, from whom God has taken her to Himself, leaving them in tears.

A week ago she had the happiness to see her two sons, Brothers Theobald and Patrick, of Toronto, at her bedside. They came to whisper words of hope to their beloved mother, and then, obeying the call of duty, they bade her a last farewell, in the Christian hope of a joyful reunion in the home beyond the grave.

May her soul rest in peace!

MRS. JOHN CALLAGHAN, MEADOWVALE.

At her home in Meadowvale, on Sunday January 8, there passed away into that sleep that knows no waking, a loved and loving wife and mother, in the person of Mrs. John Callaghan.

Though ill for some weeks death came unexpectedly at 11:10, and her soul passed away without a struggle to its Maker. The deceased was in her fifty-third year, and was the last surviving daughter of the late D. Maddigan, of Toronto Gore. Her marriage to John Callaghan was blessed with a family of two sons and six daughters, all of whom she had the comfort and consolation of having with her during her last few weeks on earth.

Mrs. Callaghan was of a kind, charitable and loving disposition, and many are the regrets at her passing away. Everything that medical skill, kind and loving friends and neighbors could do was resorted to in order to prolong her life—but all was in vain. "His will was done" and she passed peacefully away, fortified by the rites of Holy Mother Church, and perfectly resigned to the will of Him who does all things for the best.

An exemplary member of the Catholic Church, a model woman, a devoted and indulgent wife and mother, her death leaves a vacancy never to be filled to those whom she benefitted.

The funeral took place on Wednesday morning to the Catholic cemetery at Windfield, Toronto Gore, and was very largely attended. Requiem High Mass was celebrated, special music being provided for the occasion. The pastor, Rev. Father Kiernan, preached a short but impressive funeral sermon, taking for his text "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, etc." He referred to the deceased as an exemplary Catholic, a model wife and mother and spoke of her life-long sterling qualities and charity. He extended to the bereft husband, children and friends, his deepest sympathy.

The remains were then taken to the cemetery and buried beside those of her father and mother, and in the shadow of the church she loved. R. I. P.

SISTER M. GERALDINE CHISWICK.

The prayers of the faithful are asked for the repose of the soul of Sister M. Geraldine Chiswick, whose death occurred at Mount St. Joseph's hospital, Peterborough, on January 11th, in the 37th year of her age and the 16th of her religious life.

NEW BOOKS.

"A Pious Preparation for First Holy Communion." With a Retreat of Three Days. Compiled and adapted by Rev. F. X. Lasance, author of "Visits to Jesus on the Tabernacle," "Manual of the Holy Eucharist," etc., has lately been published by Benziger Bros. Price, 75c.

Nothing is so certain and at the same time nothing so comfortable as this truth, that if a soul is faithful in following the call, and walking in the road which God marks out to it, it will advance farther in one day, by that road, than it would by all other exercises of prayer, self denial, zeal, and penance during many years.

"Who is the man that can understand his own way?" God alone knows both the obstacles and helps that we are to meet with in our way.

ELOQUENCE AND MUSICAL HARMONY.

The lecture and musical entertainment announced by the St. Mary's branch of the Catholic Truth Society in St. Andrew's hall, on Monday evening, 9th inst., was an unqualified success. There was a large and brilliant audience, and a representative attendance of the clergy and leading Catholic laymen of the city on the platform. Mr. E. J. Hearn, barrister, president of the branch, was chairman. The following leaders in the musical circles contributed to the entertainment: Mrs. J. D. McPherson, Mrs. E. O'Sullivan and Mr. McPherson. The chairman introduced the lecturer of the evening Mr. Thomas O'Hagan, LL. D., in a complimentary speech. The subject of the lecture was "The Catholic Element in English Literature." In the introductory remarks Mr. O'Hagan paid a tribute to the Catholic Truth Society in Toronto and wished it further success and greater fame. He briefly outlined the development of ancient literature and sketched its influence upon the English. He took up the Catholic element in the growing culture of the English at Chaucer's time. He referred to the attitude of the poet towards the regular clergy on the one hand and the secular priests on the other, praising his sympathy with the latter. His criticism of the poets of the Elizabethan period was scholarly and full of interest. He contended for the presence of the Catholic element in Shakespeare and Spencer, although conceding that it is quite impossible to claim the former for any Church. His appreciation of Spencer was grounded upon the beauty of his work aside from the politics and the persecutions of his day. Milton's only disadvantage he held to have been his inability to draw from the living sources of Catholic inspiration. The positive Catholicity of Dryden and Pope were spoken of with discrimination, and the lecture closed with an eloquent tribute to the greatness of Tennyson. The lecturer said that his wish was to prove that English poets as far as they adhered to the beauty and truth of that which is understood as the spirit of Catholicity were ever at their best. "In Memoriam" was to be read as a majestic triumph of faith over human sorrow and "Crossing the Bar," as a last expression of Christian hope."

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins was called upon, and added, as he said, a chaplet to the crown of Catholicity adorning the literature of the English people. He would not attempt to call the bead roll of Canadian Catholic literature, but as a Protestant he ventured to suggest a warmer native appreciation for the pure and lofty thought that such names as Frechette, T. D McGee, Archbishop O'Brien, the late Archbishop Walsh and Rev. J. B. Dollard are associated with. The graceful reference to Father Dollard evoked an outburst of applause, and the speaker was cheered again and again during his very short address.

Mr. W. T. J. Lee moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer which Rev. William McCann seconded in a neat speech.

There were loud calls for Father Dollard, who made a happy speech in acknowledgement of the kind reference made to him by Mr. Hopkins and the generous reception of his name by the house.

Mr. Hearn in conveying the vote of thanks to Dr. O'Hagan included Mr. Hopkins as well. Other musical numbers brought the meeting to a close. There were on the platform, in addition to those above mentioned, Rev. L. Minehan, Rev. Father Murray, Rev. Father Sheridan, P. F. Cronin, M. Kelly, L. V. McBrady, James McCann.—Catholic Register.

C. O. F.

St. Joseph Court, 370.

On Thursday evening last was held, the first meeting of the above court, for this New Year. A very large number of the members were present, as the installation of officers was to take place. Bro. John J. Neander, D. H. C. R. was the installing officer, and was assisted by the Rev. Chaplain, Father McEntee. After the installation both the rev. chaplain and the deputy gave some excellent advice to the new officers. In the course of his remarks Bro. Neander stated how pleased he would be when making out his annual report to the high and provincial courts to inform them that the one hundred and twenty-six members were in good standing, all assessments and dues paid up to date. "It spoke volumes," said he, "for the officers of the court during the past year," and the manner in which the Financial books of the court were kept were a credit to those who had charge of them." (Applause.)

After the installation the Chief Ranger, Brother M. J. Cannon, thanked the members for the confidence they placed in him by electing him as their chief executive officer, and he hoped, the coming year would be as successful with him in the chair as the past had been with Bro. Mogan, and he asked the members to give him their support, and he felt satisfied everything would go along harmoniously. In conclusion he hoped that the remarks of every member would be tempered by that Christian charity and good will that should characterize all Catholic Foresters (applause).

The regular order of business was then proceeded with, two new members being initiated, making a total of 128 members in the court.

In the annual financial report, as presented by the treasurer, the total amount of sick benefits paid out during the year amounted to $340, and all other expenses, such as physician, salaries, supplies, hall rent, etc., amounted to $363.25, leaving a balance in the treasury of $342.84.

This financial statement should be the means of making a large gain in membership during the coming year, as it certainly shows that the officers and members of Court 370 are alive to the necessity of keeping the finances in good shape.

I trust that this will meet the eye of some person who has not, as yet, provided for his family. For death is a certainty. And remembering that, should they forget that they have a wife and children, or father and mother depending upon them. What is more pitiful than to stand by an open grave and witness the grief of the widow and orphans as the hard clods strike the box which contains all that is mortal of the bread-winner? A more heartrending thought is the knowledge that he who has been laid to rest, has left no provision for the future welfare of his loved ones who are penniless, helpless and alone.

With such inducements as are offered by the Catholic Order of Foresters, no father of a family should think the second time about being enrolled in membership.

Thanking you in advance, Mr. Editor, I beg to sign myself for the coming year,

M. F. Mogan,
Sec. and Cor.

Toronto, Jan. 14, 1899.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the last regular meeting of St. Joseph's court, 370, held in Dingman Hall, Toronto, Thursday eve., Jan. 12, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove by death the beloved mother of our esteemed Brother, P. J. McCarroll,

Resolved that we, as members of Court 370, hereby express our heartfelt sympathy for the sad and irreparable loss he has sustained, and extend to him our sincere condolence in his bereavement.

Also that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minute book of our court, a memorial card bearing same be sent to Bro. McCarroll, and copies sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD and Catholic Register for publication.

Signed by Committee,
M. J. Cannon, C. J. McCabe, W. Page.

C. L. A.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Toronto, Jan. 16.

At the regular meeting of the St. Mary's Catholic Literary and Athletic Association, held yesterday, permanent organization was effected by the election and installation of the following set of officers:

President, Mr. David A. Carey; Vice President, Patrick J. Lowe; Recording Secretary, John P. McCarthy (37 Portland St.); Financial Secretary, James Dee; Treasurer, M. J. Madden; Sergeant-at-Arms, James Kelly; House Committee, Messrs. Jas. E. Whelan, W. Kelly and Harry C. Stewart; Board of Trustees, Messrs. E. W. Dailey, James McLoughlin and Michael F. Stafford.

The regular members' lecture was delivered by John P. McCarthy, on the duty of members becoming impromptu speakers and addressing the meetings. The next number of the court will be by Mr. Will Kennedy. The meeting was honored by a friendly visit from His Worship Mayor Shaw, who, in well-chosen words, congratulated the association on its work. His Worship was welcomed by President Carey, who expressed the members' pleasure at His Worship's visit.

The entertainment committee reported that a concert would be held in St. Andrew's hall, on Feb. 14th, at which some splendid talent would take part.

The fact that no less than seventy-six members, in good standing, voted at the elections indicates the phenomenal progress this organization is making.

Education to some people proves a blessing and to others a curse.

C. M. B. A.

Resolution of Condolence.

The following resolution of condolence was passed by Branch 231, Simcoe, on January the 9th inst.

That it having pleased Almighty God in His infinite goodness, on the fourteenth day of December, 1898, to take to Himself from a happy home, Julia Mabel Forster in her twentieth year, daughter of our esteemed townsman Bro. M. J. Forster of Branch 56, Hamilton, and cousin of our Spiritual Adviser, Rev. D. Forster, we the members of Branch 231, take this our first opportunity to express to her parents, sisters and brothers and to her cousin, Father Forster, our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

J. F. Power, B. A., Pres.
J. C. O'Neil, Rec. Sec.

Rose d'Erina at Stratford.

Branch 13, Stratford, one of the largest branches in the Dominion, celebrated its seventeenth anniversary last week, in a beautiful and noble manner. The services of the great Irish prima donna, Rosa d'Erina, who is making a brief tour of Ontario, accompanied by her husband, Mr. G. R. Vontom, were secured, and on January 12 and 13 they gave two of their charming and unique song-lecture recitals in the Convocation Hall of the Separate schools, under the auspices of Branch 13, for the benefit of the poor. The reputation of the great Irish singer, as well as the object, tended to bring out two as fine audiences as Stratford ever witnessed. Both Rose d'Erina and Mr. Vontom were in fine form, and the large audiences enthusiastically approved of the splendid programmes presented to them. It is five years since Rose d'Erina last sang in Canada, and she was welcomed effusively. She is perhaps the most gifted artist the world has ever seen. A voice of great volume and of exquisite sweetness, a facility of vocalization most marvelous, a charming stage presence and delightful personality—all are Rose d'Erina's; while she is also unrivalled as a pianist, and is said to be the greatest lady organist. Mr. Vontom (her husband) immediately made friends of the audience, who took him at once to their hearts. He has a beautiful tenor voice, well trained and wed managed, and he shines specially as a humorist.

Mme. d'Erina and Mr. Vontom sang at High Mass in St. Joseph's church on Sunday, and Mme d'Erina also played the great overture to Masaniello.

The C. M. B. A. is to be congratulated on its enterprise and on the success of their efforts.

A. O. H.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 13, 1899

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD:

Dear Sir—In the last issue of your valuable paper I notice a letter from F. J. O'Sullivan, Toronto, who has been visiting our American cousins lately. I want it understood, Mr. Editor, that I have no antipathy towards the Knights of Columbus. I have many warm friends amongst the members of the Order. But what I want to say is if friend O'Sullivan went to any other Catholic society over there he would find a sample of the professions among its membership as well as in the Knights of Columbus. For it is a noted fact in this part of the country—and I believe in the whole Dominion—that those who hold those positions or have attained this or that profession keep at a distance from the rank and file in social life. The only time, Mr. Editor, I have seen them as a rule trouble a Catholic society is when they want something. It is only fair to say that we have many able men in the professions who have made sacrifices for the benefit of those in the humbler walks of life, but they are the exception, not the rule. Another matter friend O'Sullivan refers to. He states he may safely say that the societies already in existence would be productive of much more good if the entrance door were not so wide. It would seem from these remarks that the Catholic societies here admit any and every applicant, no matter what his past or present career may be. Such is not the case. I understand what the closed door would mean—if you have not got so many greenbacks you must be ostracised in so far as society would go. We would then lose that democracy that is the foundation of a fraternal society. As a member of more than one Catholic society in this city I claim the societies of Toronto are doing a noble work. They look after the sick, care for the widow and orphan and a good many things they do in works of charity that is only known to their members. If friend O'Sullivan wants to start the Knights of Columbus, by all means he is welcome. The societies in Toronto are all full grown and will look after their own interests in the future as in the past. I would like to have friend O'Sullivan come amongst us and he will find as true and as warm-hearted Catholics amongst the societies in Toronto as elsewhere. There may not be so many of them able to talk on the prices of stocks in Wall street, but they will tell him a great deal about every minor detail of their society and convince him that if they are not doing what is right, they are trying to do the best they can, and ask every good man to come and visit them. As an individual I admire the man or men bent on reform coming down among the masses and find out their wants. This latter part, Mr. Editor, has been sorely neglected. If you want a favor done you need not go to your own for it. What is the reason? I would like some one in a position to answer this.

Hoping I have not trespassed on your valuable space.

Yours, etc.,
H. McCaffrey.

FATHER CHINIQUY DEAD.

A dispatch from Montreal states that Father Chiniquy died in that city on Sunday last.

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