

they are all united under one great head and all hold the same doctrines." Our friend was evidently no philosopher and much less of a theologian. How a church could be put up into insects, and yet be perfectly united, was a puzzle for us. Still in his own ignorant way—ignorance of Catholicity we mean—he announced a great truth, in as much as the strength of the Church is in its unity.

MONSIGNOR G. STRAINIERO, LL.D., of St. John's Lateran Basilica, Rome, has sent to Mr. M. P. Cahill, optician, Wellington Quay, Dublin, an order for a pair of gold spectacles for the Pope. At the time of the Papal jubilee, in 1893, Mr. Cahill made a pair of spectacles for His Holiness and he was so pleased with them that he has renewed the order. An Irishman might be permitted to say that even in the matter of spectacles the Pope has to go to Ireland for assistance.

"BILL NYE" is dead. Like Eugene Field, but in another sphere, he gained for himself a world wide reputation. He was a quaint fellow, a real humorist, a most successful journalist and able lecturer, and a truly honest and good man. Although he had the gift of making others smile, and men laugh, he was a serious man all through life. His peculiar sayings will be forgotten before another generation has passed, but the memory of his private and public good deeds will long remain.

SATURDAY'S WITNESS has another phantom-episcopal caricature in the form of an illustration of a fable. While admitting that we do not like to be ridiculed nor to have our Church made the subject of vulgar and most offensive comment, still we feel more pity than anger, more contempt than antagonism, for the spasmodic bigotry that leads an otherwise respectable journal to lower its standard and descend to the muddy walks where the un-Christian and the blasphemous publications love to wallow.

REV. FATHER NICOLL, O.M.I., writing of the missionary work in Western Australia, has the following to say:—

"Within a mile radius of where I write (Great Boulder near Perth) there are camped out in the bush 1,000 Catholics, all miners or prospectors. They come to my tent for consolation—the tent was vacated by an Irishman who went to sleep under his wagon. However, there is a great consolation in the members coming to their duty and their excellent disposition."

Father Nicoll is very well known in Canada, and his numerous friends will rejoice to hear of his success in the far-off missionary field.

We notice that all the leading hotels of the city have large tableaux hanging in the offices on which are printed the names and localities of the various Protestant churches as well as the names of the pastors and the hours of services. We think it strange that the same should not be done for the various Catholic churches in this exceptionally Catholic city. The hotel keepers are not to blame, for we are sure that were the Catholics to present them with similar lists they would gladly have them hung up in equally conspicuous places. Might not the Catholic Truth Society consider the question?

THE POPE has sent a letter to Cardinal Lucido Maria Prochi, President of the Commission of Sacred Archaeology, directing His Eminence to complete the late John Baptist de Rossi's "Roma Sotterranea," upon which the great archaeologist was engaged at the time of his death. In regard to the work His Holiness says:—

"Undertaken and composed under the auspices and with the aid of the munificence of our predecessor, Pius IX., of happy memory, it was received with universal favor, as well on account of the light it shed on Christian antiquities as for the new arguments by which it confirmed Catholic dogmas and traditions."

"A SUBSCRIBER" asks us "if it was 'Speranza' who wrote the poem 'Dear Land,' in which the reference to the 'Scales of Gold' on the 'Saxon Snake' is made." No. The poem "Dear Land" was written by John Hagan over the nom de plume of "Sleivagullion." The words above quoted are taken from the last stanza of "The Rath of Mullagh-mast," written by Richard Dalton Williams. The verses run thus:—

"Thou' the Saxon snake unfold
At thy feet his scales of gold,
And vow thee love untold,
Trust him not, Green Land!
Tough not with gloveless clasp
A cold and deadly asp.
But with strong and guarded grasp
In your steel-clad hand!"

WHAT a queer country is France! The Senate had a disagreement with the Ministry, the former passed a series of resolutions in support of its own attitude, the Prime Minister approved of them, except in as far as they cast the blame of the crisis on him and his cabinet; the streets were lined with soldiers, although the public seemed not to know what was going on; the Prefect of Paris pitched his tent in the Luxembourg and the corridors of the palace were thronged

with military and police. Why so? In order to protect the Senate in case of a resolution. Yet exteriorly there was not the slightest indication of any popular upheaval. France is surely volcanic—at least politically speaking.

"The Atlantic has been called a 'wilderness of waves' by one of England's living essayists," says a correspondent in the London Daily Graphic. One of England's living essayists may so describe the Atlantic ocean; we do not deny the fact. But the Rev. George Croly, who was born in Ireland one hundred years ago, and who, in 1835, received a living as rector of St. Stephen's, Wallbrook, from Lord Lyndhurst, wrote a poem, published in 1812—a few years before his death—entitled "The Island of Atlantis," in which he says:—

"O! thou Atlantic, dark and deep,
Thou wilderness of waves,
Where all the tribes of earth might sleep
In their unnumbered graves."

In Bayonne, France, they are going to erect a statue to the memory of the illustrious Cardinal Lavieze. Referring to the fact the Journal des Debats says:—

"The Cardinal belonged to an enterprising and energetic race of men, capable of discovering new worlds and of civilizing them. He had not been a priest he would no doubt have been a wonderful a venture or an admirable and enterprising explorer."

As he was a priest, he could be only a missionary. If we were to give names and titles to our illustrious men, as the Romans did, M. Lavieze would have well deserved, long ago, the honorary title of Africanus.

It thus happens that even the enemies of religion are obliged to pay reluctant tribute to the piety, the devotion, the ever self-sacrificing spirit and the learning of the Catholic priest."

WHAT a row our non-Catholic, anti-religious friends are making about Rev. Father Lacombe's private letter. They were furious on account of Bishop Cameron's private letter, and they called it a "pastoral"; they could not so designate Father Lacombe's, so they claim it was a quasi-episcopal pronouncement. Soon it will be dangerous for priest or bishop to write a private letter, unless prepared to have it considered as an official document from the Church. They talk of coercion; and yet they deny to a member of the clergy or the hierarchy the right to hold private views or opinions on public issues. Does a priest or bishop divest himself of his citizenship when he dedicates his life to the service of the Church? If so, what about the non-Catholic ministers?

REV. FATHER ELLIOTT, C.S.P., the Paulist missionary, so well known all over America and Canada, who has recently been so successful in his missions to Protestants, said to a reporter:—

"We do not assail Protestantism. We do not assail its champions. Some explanations of peculiar Catholic doctrines are offered. Of course the Paulists are in the field to make converts; everybody knows that. But we have other purposes in view besides increasing our membership. We have a great and splendid Church, we are Americans and we love the entire people. So, whether we make converts or not, we shall bring religious non-Catholics to a better understanding of our position, abate prejudices, and, especially, show them new ways and old for attaining fuller enlightenment of conscience, and better fidelity to its dictates."

"CHRISTIAN UNITY," a volume by Rev. Morgan M. Sheedy, of New York, and published by the Catholic Book Exchange of that city, is, according to a very just estimate of its contents, "a very neat little book on a very big subject—the subject of the age indeed, and one that is big with the thoughts and sentiments, and the purest, holiest emotions of the whole Christian body of today. The key-note of the book, the strain that runs throughout it all, is strictly according to that trust of all the ideas regarding this subject: that the first step towards Christian Unity is a frank and generous acknowledgment of the good in each other. There is, therefore, not a discordant note to be detected in any one of the many beautiful sentiments it expresses. It is moreover neither redundant with controversy, nor tiresome and offensive with cant. Moderation and conciseness in the expression of his opinions seem to have been kept well in the mind of the author."

The following extracts taken from the report of the Daily Witness of the recent pow-wow at Toronto will serve to indicate the real offenders against religious liberty:

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that it was not the Roman Catholic laity of Manitoba who desired the public school system interfered with but the hierarchy of Quebec, who have recently put a pistol to the head of the leader of the Opposition. The whole question was this. Shall the separate schools established by the illiterate half-breeds in 1871, and abolished by the intelligent electorate in 1890, be restored? The action of the Dominion Government at the behest of the Quebec hierarchy he declared to be a menace to civil and religious freedom throughout the Dominion. He rejoiced that Mr. Laurier's attitude and the recent elections in Quebec indicated that priestcraft is losing its hold. The question has become, is the Church superior to the state? This struggle is coming earlier than I thought it would but now it has come let us meet

it like men. (Prolonged cheering.) Even though the struggle shake Confederation to its foundations we must meet it like men.

The Hon. N. Clarke Wallace declared nine-tenths of the Conservative party to be opposed to the government's policy. He could not understand the Premier's infatuation on this question. He had never heard of a more barefaced attempt to bulldoze a parliament than that now being made by the Quebec bishops. He would remind the Conservative leaders that there are Protestants in Canada as well as Catholics (cheers), and that they may be forced to form a new party, not as a defiance, but in justice to themselves.

How is it possible to have a united Canadian nationality whilst such a sentiment prevails in the minds and hearts of even the small section of narrow-minded zealots which follow the peculiar combination of McCarthy, Wallace and company?

St. Patrick's Church Notes.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT.

On Sunday last the Retreat for the unmarried ladies closed most successfully. The pastor and priests of St. Patrick's, as well as the Reverend Fathers who conducted the Retreat, expressed great satisfaction at the results. Over three thousand ladies followed the exercises, and at the closing, on Sunday evening, a most impressive ceremony took place. A beautiful and touching sermon was preached by Rev. Father Corbary, of Quebec, one of the Redemptorists in charge of the mission. The church and the galleries were filled to overflowing and the magnificent electrical illumination of the sacred edifice during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was an inspiration in itself. Rarely were more piety and enthusiasm ever exhibited and the Retreat will be long remembered by all who took part in it, as it is to be hoped that its blessings and good fruits may last for years to come.

THE YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT.

On Passion Sunday, March 22, the Redemptorist Fathers of New York will open the Retreat for the young men of the parish. It is expected that the coming Mission will be as grand a success as the one just closed. It will be a time of great grace for the young men. Just on the eve of Easter's holy time, we are confident that everyone of those for whom the Retreat is to be given will take advantage of the privilege and happiness afforded them.

FIRST COMMUNION CATECHISM.

On Wednesday, 26th February (to-day) the Catechism class for those who are to be prepared for their First Communion, commences, and will be continued every Wednesday and Friday, at half-past one in the afternoon, until the date fixed for the First Communion. It is surely unnecessary to remind the parents that, if they are desirous of having their children make their First Communion this year, they should not fail to have them attend most regularly the Catechism classes. It is absolutely necessary that a child should be prepared before being allowed the great privilege of First Communion.

REV. FATHER O'CONNELL'S ANNIVERSARY.

On Sunday next, March 1st, a very unusual and deeply interesting event will take place in St. Patrick's. Rev. Father O'Connell, of whom we spoke in our editorial columns two weeks ago, and who celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday on the third of this month, will sing the High Mass in commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Rev. Father O'Connell was ordained on the 29th February, 1836, by the late Mgr. Lartigue, first Bishop of Montreal. As the Reverend Father says, his date of ordination comes only every four years, and as 1900 will not be a leap year, Father O'Connell will not have another anniversary until the 29th February, 1904. We trust and pray that he may live to sing a solemn High Mass on that occasion.

REV. FATHER TOUPIN'S HEALTH.

Quite a number of the venerable Father Toupin's friends were very much disturbed last week on reading in the Star the announcement that he was most dangerously ill, and that all hope of his recovery was nearly abandoned. Such seemed, at first, as a very likely piece of news, considering Father Toupin's advanced years, he being now eighty-four. But happily the report was entirely unfounded, and so far from being in a precarious state of health, the good and universally beloved priest was around and attending to his ordinary duties. On Sunday, as usual, he said Mass, and to all appearances he has a long time of useful ministry before him. With the telephonic and other facilities of the present age, and the great enterprise of such a lively daily as the Star, it is wonderful that the truth could not have been ascertained before publishing an item that must have been as distressing for the good Father as it was unpleasant for his countless friends to read.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Father O'Callaghan, Paulist Father, of New York, arrived at St. Patrick's Saturday. He was on his way to Ottawa to make arrangements with the Rev. Father Whelan for a mission at Ottawa, at which five or six Paulist Fathers will assist.

The Rev. Father Klauer, who has been conducting the mission at St. Patrick's last week, left for Hartford, Conn., where he will conduct another mission.

FATHER LACOMBE.

La Minerve, at the request of Rev. Father Lacombe, the North-West missionary, denies the assertion made by L'Electeur that the Government had secured the assistance and good will of the aged missionary in connection with the Remedial Bill by granting him a large area of land in the North-West for a settlement for the Metis. It states that the grant in question was made to a syndicate, and not to Father Lacombe in December last, two months before the Remedial Bill was introduced.

RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The number of Catholic deaf-mutes in New York and Brooklyn is estimated at 1,700.

Bishop Maes, of Covington, recently celebrated the eleventh anniversary of his consecration.

Montevideo has been made a metropolitan see, two newly-erected sees being assigned as suffragans.

The Fathers of the Assumption are preparing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It will start from Marseilles on the 17th of April.

Cardinal Vaszary, Prince Primate of Hungary, has given 100,000 crowns for the foundation of a refuge for the poor at Keskhely.

Archbishop Corrigan has so far received for his seminary \$577,956.60, the bulk of which has already been expended upon the building.

Julius Verne, the great novelist, is known among his neighbors and friends at Amiens, France, as a devout member of the Catholic Church.

Bishop Hartsmann, of Cleveland, is authorized by the statement that 35,000 Protestants attended the conferences of the Paulist Father Elliot in his diocese.

Mgr. Averardi, who is about to start for Mexico with the title of Visitor Apostolic, is succeeded in the post of regent of the Sacred Penitentiary by Mgr. Carcani.

By recent Australian mail advices it appears that the Catholic Missionary Council at Sydney has decided to recommend the creation of three or possibly four new bishoprics for Australasia.

The Western Watchman announces the receipt of a cablegram which states that Father Lenihan, of Fort Dodge, is first on the list for the See of Cheyenne, with Fathers Heer and Smith as dignior and dignus.

Archbishop Kain is to be invested with the pallium, which Bishop Shanley brought from Rome for him, on the second Sunday of May, at the St. Louis Cathedral. Cardinal Gibbons will officiate on the occasion.

A history of the shrine of St. Dominic in Bologna has just been published with thirty-seven illustrations by Father Berthier of the Catholic University of Freiburg. The letter press is the work of the Dominican nun printers of Freiburg.

His Excellency the Delegate Apostolic to India has officially announced that Mgr. Cavadini, S. J., superior of the mission, Mangalore, has been appointed by His Holiness the Pope to succeed the late Mgr. Pagani as Bishop of Mangalore.

A notable event in the history of the Diocese of Springfield, Mass., will take place in June, when the golden jubilee of St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield, of which the Rev. D. S. Conaty is rector, will be celebrated with some magnificence.

Charles William Oppenheim, son of a Hebrew lawyer of New York city, was ordained last Sunday at Albany, N. Y., as a priest of the Catholic Church. Before beginning his theological studies he was a reporter on a New York newspaper.

The Roman correspondent of the Osservatore Cattolico, of Milan, announces the conversion of Mr. Stewart Clerk, of



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Father Chocarns, of the Friars Preachers, died at the Convent of Corbara, in Corsica, in the seventieth year of his age and forty-sixth of his religious profession. He is universally known to the Catholic public by his appreciative and beautiful "Life of Father Lacordaire."

The Most Rev. Dr. Castellano, the new Archbishop of Buenos Ayres, was invested with the pallium and installed in his cathedral, November 24th. An address was delivered by Archbishop Casanova, of Chili. Amongst those present was General Roza, President of the Republic.

Certain papers having recently stated that the Congregation of Rites had recently forbidden the giving of Holy Communion before and after the Mass except in the case of grave necessity, that Congregation has announced that no document of the kind has ever been published.

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ARCHDUCHESS MARIA ANNUCIATA OF AUSTRIA IN A HIGH OFFICE.

There are in Austria five religious foundations for ladies of the nobility, situated in Vienna, Prague, Brunn, Innsbruck and Graz. These establishments are for the purpose of providing a place suitable for their rank for ladies without property, but members of noble families which have done distinguished service to the imperial family or the State. The Vienna Institution was founded in 1769 by the Duchess Theresia of Saxony; that in Brunn by Emperor Leopold II. in 1792; and those in Prague and Innsbruck in 1755 and 1765 respectively, by the Empress Maria Theresia.

The ladies who are received in the Prague, Vienna and Innsbruck foundations must be able to show sixteen, those in Brunn five and those in Graz four quarters respectively on their arms. The institution in Prague is of the highest rank. As its abbesses, according to its statutes, only princesses of the imperial family are appointed; the abbess has the right to the title of "royal highness," even if, by the exception, she who holds the office is only of noble, not royal, blood. She has also the right to crown the Queen of Bohemia; and she is installed by an archduke, as representative of the Emperor, with a solemn court ceremonial.

The abbesses are not pledged to the Church and are therefore free to marry, and it is the custom for them generally, after a short term of office, to do so. Maria Theresia, a daughter of the victor of Aspern, married Ferdinand II., King of Sicily; Maria Christina, at the time Queen Regent of Spain, married King Alphonso XII.; Margaret Sophia, a sister of the recently installed abbess, is the wife of Duke Albert, heir presumptive to the throne of Wurttemberg; Carolina Immaculata in 1894 gave her hand to Prince August Leopold of Coburg.

As her successor, Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed the Archduchess Maria Annuciata, the second daughter of his brother, Archduke Karl Ludwig, born in 1876 of his third wife, Archduchess Maria Theresia, Princess of Braganza.

On October 10 last the Archduchess was installed with solemn ceremonial of the usual kind. The Emperor was represented by her father, Archduke Karl Ludwig, who officiated, assisted by Count Thun and Count Bonecourt, as court commissioners of the Viocracy of Bohemia. The exercises were elaborate and impressive, and in them participated many of the highest in the Bohemian nobility, of the court, the army, the government and the clergy.

Landowner to party bobbing in the stream: Hello, there; don't you see that sign, "No Fishing Here?" Angler: Yes; ain't it ridiculous? Fine fishing here; just look at that for a string (hol'ing up a dozen of twenty big fl-flows); beautiful, ain't they? The chap who stuck up that sign evidently didn't know what he was talking about.

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OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. M'INERNEY.

From Oakhampton, New South Wales, comes the news of the death of one of our distant and constant subscribers in the person of Mr. Bartholomew M'Inerney, well-known to hundreds of our readers, particularly Montrealers. It is thus the Newcastle Morning Herald and Mining Advertiser, of the 20th December last announced the sad event:—

"At half-past 4 yesterday afternoon Mr. Bartholomew M'Inerney passed away at his residence, 'Orwell Cottage,' Mount Pleasant street. Deceased, who was 90 years of age, and had been invalid for some months, was well known in the surroundings of Maitland. He had resided at Oakhampton for 17 years, and prior to that lived at Woolville for a considerable time. The late Mr. M'Inerney leaves a wife, two sons, and six daughters. Three of the latter have joined the Church, and the youngest—Sister Mary Eugene—is Lady Superior at the Convent of St. Joseph, Carrington. The Rev. J. J. M'Inerney, C.S.S.R., at present of Tynemouth (England) is a nephew of the deceased gentleman. The funeral will move from 'Orwell Cottage' at half-past 1 this afternoon."

The late Mr. M'Inerney had two brothers who became associated with the interests of Montreal. The Rev. Father Lawrence M'Inerney, whose remains are interred in the Cathedral of this city, and Mr. Patrick M'Inerney, whose death took place nine years ago, leaving one son, Mr. John M'Inerney of Australia.

The remains of the late Mr. B. M'Inerney were placed in St. John's Cathedral, West Maitland, prior to being taken to their final resting place in the Roman Catholic Cemetery of Campbell's Hill. May the soul of the poor man rest in peace.

DEATH OF FATHER PROULX.

HIS WORK AMONG THE IRISH FEVER PATIENTS. AT GROSSE ISLE IN FORTY-SEVEN.

We regret to learn of the death of the Reverend Louis Antoine Proulx, which occurred at his residence, No. 7 Hebert street, last evening.

Father Proulx, who was born in this city on the 31st January, 1810, was ordained priest in the Basilica on the 22nd September, 1832, and was the doyen of the clergy of the Archdiocese. His funeral service will be held in the Basilica on Tuesday at 9.30 a.m.

The lamented priest served in several parishes in this diocese from his ordination up to 1847, when he volunteered to go to Grosse Isle to render spiritual and material help to the thousands of poor Irish immigrants, who were landed there sick and dying, and his memory will be treasured by the children of the Green Isle throughout this continent for the many sacrifices he made during the period of the ship fever.

Father Proulx was a great friend and companion at Grosse Isle of the lamented Father McGauran, for many years pastor of St. Patrick's, and the Irish pastor invariably spent a few weeks every summer with his old friend at St. Vallier, where Father Proulx was parish priest from 1854 to the end of 1879, when he retired from the active ministry owing to failing health, since which date he has resided with his sisters in this city.—Quebec Daily Mercury.

The Church of St. Francis de Sales, Brooklyn, is to be replaced by an almost perfect reproduction of the famous shrine of Lourdes. Father Porcile, the pastor, led the New York and Brooklyn pilgrimage to Lourdes nearly two years ago, and at that time the priest secured plans and designs of the Lourdes church.

Sir A. Lyon Fremantle, Governor of Malta, presided at the annual distribution of premiums at St. Ignatius College, Malta, on December 19. He spoke in the highest terms of the work of the Jesuits and said that honor and credit are due them for their loyal and unceasing labors in the cause of education.