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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

St. Boniface, Jan. 12th, 1892.

GENTLEMEN—I see by the last issue of the Northwest Review that you have been instructed by the directors of the journal with the management of the same, "the company for the present retaining charge of the editorial columns."

I need not tell you that I take a deep interest in the Northwest Review which is the only English Catholic newspaper published within the limits of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories.

I therefore strongly recommend to all Catholics under my jurisdiction to give a liberal support to the Northwest Review. It has fully my approval, though, of course, I cannot be responsible for every word contained in it.

I remain, Your obedient servant in Christ, ALEX. ARCHBISHOP OF ST. BONIFACE, O. M. I.

NOTICE. The editor will always gladly receive (1) ARTICLES on Catholic matters, matters of general or local importance, even political if not of a party character.

EDITORIAL NOTES. Archbishop Walsh's letter on "ex-priest" Slattery settles that gentleman's status forever.

The secular press has reaped a rich harvest of news-gossip and speculation out of the agitation over the Catholic school question.

The Northwestern Chronicle says, "Them Catholics must go," says Scott of the Toledo school board.

The hue and cry raised by the Liberals, that to refuse to accept Mgr. Satolli's school propositions is to resist authority, is begging the question.

The editor of the Colorado Catholic (Liberal) says that the Archbishops were divided seven to six on the school question.

The editor of the Northwestern Chronicle is out in another educational article in the Independent as in his own organ.

be none the worse for the stretching.—Church Progress.

And now comes a "press despatch" telling us that Father Corrigan of Newark, N. J., an Irish born priest "represents the American sentiment," and that Archbishop Corrigan, a native American, "represents the foreign element."

Some of our secular exchanges have been amusing their readers with head lines about an "American Pope." They must be the victims of a curiously unintelligent hoax.

Hon. Mrs. Lyttleton Gill pays the following tribute to the Catholic church in the December number of the Nineteenth Century: In old times, so long as the church of Rome retained her sway over the country (England), the indefeasible right of the poor to the ministry of the rich was a fundamental assumption of the social order.

The Rev. Mr. Peters, a Protestant Minister of New York, made a surprising statement last Sunday relative to the decline of Protestantism in the great metropolis. He said: "The Protestant churches have been falling behind in New York during the last twenty-five years."

A Protestant paper in Chicago, the Advance, in an article entitled "The Decay of Faith," asks: "What causes it?" And further asks: "Does Christianity prepare the way for its own rejection?"

THE EXTENSION OF LOYOLA COLLEGE. Our contemporary, the Catholic Mirror, pays the following justly merited tribute to the Society of Jesus:

Maryland, as well as the whole country, owes much to the Fathers of the Society of Jesus. With the first settlers of the State came Father Andrew White and Father John Altham, both members of the order.

Since then the Catholic religion has extended until it embraces every part of the country. There is scarcely a village without its church, and in the cities there are churches, schools, colleges, hospitals, Catholic institutions of all kinds.

The fact must not be overlooked, however, particularly in these times when so much is said of religious toleration, that the Jesuit society, whose representatives accompanied the Catholic pilgrims to Maryland, were the first to put the theory into actual practice.

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science they have written with admirable ability. But above all have they been noted for their passionate fervor in religion. As missionaries they have penetrated into every land, enduring unspeakable privations, and thousands of them suffering martyrdom.

For more than two hundred and fifty years the Jesuits have performed ministerial service in the State of Maryland, and for forty years they have conducted educational work in this city. The Fathers at Loyola College propose to enlarge their buildings in order to accommodate the great increase in the number of students, and those who would help them can do so by endowments, donations, scholarships or annual subscriptions.

CHURCH TAXES IN QUEBEC.

Appropos to the resistance which the merchants of Montreal are preparing to offer to the new tax laws recently passed by the Quebec Legislature, the Montreal Witness and the Mail are taking occasion to denounce the alleged burdensomeness of the taxes levied by the Church Fabrique upon the people of that Province.

TAXED, THOUGH NOT PROVIDED FOR.

We noticed a very able article in the Free Press regarding the large expenditure of the School Board of the city of Winnipeg during the past year, and not only endorsing it but recommending it to go on and provide yet further accommodation for the pressing needs of the people.

No sooner did he reach Toronto than he made the acquaintance of Mr. Dalton McCarthy. This, in itself, forboded no good and looked a little suspicious, but when we saw Mr. McCarthy presiding at Mr. Russell's first meeting and apologizing to him for having voted twice for Irish Home Rule, in the Canadian House of Commons, "because in both instances it was on the eve of a general election," we well knew what the object of Mr. Russell's visit was.

same conclusion. With the Government and the Protestant majority of the province both believing this way; both being satisfied that they were about to impose a burden on the Catholics for something which they knew beforehand the Catholics would not accept or use what could have been their object? Simply one of spoliation!

MR. RUSSELL'S VISIT.

A Mr. Russell, M. P., for one of the Irish constituencies has been paying a visit to Canada, ostensibly for the purpose of examining into the workings of our Federal and provincial constitutions, but in reality for the purpose of baulking the Honorable Edward Blake in his efforts to have a similar constitution given to the Irish people.

LIBERALISM AS IT IS IN THIS COUNTRY.

Liberalism, while essentially one and the same everywhere, presents various aspects in different countries. In its essence it is the denial of the supernatural in whole or in part, but that denial takes a local coloring from place or circumstances. The traditions, customs, prejudices, idiosyncrasies of a people reflect it at various angles.

for the empire?" Judging Quebec from their point of view, we quite agree with them. Poor Dalton McCarthy could speak very feelingly on that point to this friend of his, for he has not found this same Quebec "too much" for him on many an occasion? Those French Canadians are a bright, intelligent, hardy, humorous, and, above all, and before all, a most tenacious race, able and willing to maintain their rights against all the malice and hatred of all the Dalton McCarthies from here to Jericho.

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it denies to religion the very sphere where it has the strongest right and fullest reason to use its widest and most lasting influence, viz., in the mind of childhood. Secularism with the instinct of a foe, has here most positively and triumphantly asserted its claim and, under the disguise of strict impartiality and even patriotism, has banished religion from the school room.

To apologize or excuse, extenuate, to soften, explain away this or that point of faith, practice or discipline easily follows from a habit of thought contracted from perpetual contact with Liberalists, with whom everything takes precedence of faith and supernaturalism.

Such are our Liberal surroundings in this country. We cannot escape them. But we are in duty bound to resist their fatal contagion with all the powers of our soul.

It is because we live in the midst of such perplexities, where the ways are devious, where snares are laid for every footstep to entrap us unawares, that we require to be on our guard in a twofold way, first, by means of a life of grace, second, by means of an enlightened reason, which may shine out over our path as a guide to ourselves and a beacon to others.

In this, above all other countries, do Catholics need to be watchful, constant and unshaken in their faith for the disease of Liberalism is ever epidemic in our midst. Its assault is perpetual, its weapons invisible save to the enlightened eye of a resolute and undaunted faith.