

ides; and this on the grounds—we quote from the Witness—that the State had no right “to interfere in a purely religious question of discipline in the Protestant Church.”

ECCLIASTICAL.—Letters have been received from His Grace, Monseigneur the Archbishop of Quebec, dated 18th February. From these we gather that His Grace enjoys good health, but proposes to ask permission from the Holy Father, about the beginning of May, to leave Rome, and return to Canada.

ORDINATIONS.—Monseigneur de Birtha conferred the minor orders on M. A. Harnois, of Montreal diocese, and the Sub-Diaconate on Messrs T Duval and F X Collette, of the Congregation of the Holy Cross; and the Diaconate on Mr R Kearns, of the diocese of Halifax, at the Cathedral on Saturday 12th ult.

OBITUARY.—The diocese of Montreal has lost a very worthy ecclesiastic.—Mr. Pierre Barthelemy Barret, who died at the Hon. Mr. Rodier's residence on Tuesday, 15th inst.

THE CHEAP BREAD NUISANCE.—God has been too bountiful to us, it seems, of late in the matter of good harvests, and abundance of food; and so by way of correcting the errors of Providence in this respect, and counteracting the evils of consecutive good seasons, Mr. Oliver has moved for an address to His Excellency praying for the imposition of a duty on bread stuffs, such as wheat, flour, and Indian corn.

THE LONDON TIMES, alluding to the withdrawal of British troops from all the Colonies, with the exception of a few military stations such as Gibraltar, Malta, Bermuda, remarks that—“a change—one of the greatest and most momentous in its history—has occurred in the economy of the British Empire.”

THE TIMES speaks truly. The withdrawal of her troops by Great Britain means neither more nor less than the abandonment of her Colonies. We may regret the change, but we cannot disguise from ourselves the fact, that Great Britain has renounced her Colonies, and is willing to get rid of them.

A TRUE CHRISTIAN.—The Toronto Globe discussing the late fatal duel between the Duke of Montpensier and Henri de Bourbon, in which the latter was slain, has the following truly Christian remarks:—“In all probability many will regret that, when two Bourbons were exposed to fire, and when four pistol shots were wasted, that only one Bourbon should be bagged.”

Had a remark of similar purport with reference to a duel between two landlords appeared in an Irish national paper, wouldn't the Globe have piled up the agony!

We have received the first and second numbers—we do not desire to receive any more—of a new Protestant paper, edited by the “babe of grace,” Mederic Lanctot, with the object of polling down the strongholds of the “Man of Sin.” It is edited in the style and spirit of the Montreal Witness, perhaps a little more so; and from those who are zealous in the cause of evangelical literature, Brother Lanctot's journal is as well worthy of support as is that of his Montreal contemporary the Witness.—Arcades Ambo-ree.

A correspondent of the Montreal Witness writes to know if it be “legal or morally right for a Roman Catholic priest to rebaptize” a young person? We answer that no Roman Catholic priest could be guilty of such an act which would be sacrilege, that is, mortal sin.

A new era in railroads is announced. Instead of the broad gauges hitherto in use, we are to have roads with a gauge of from 30 to 36 inches. One of only 1 foot 11 1/2 inches is actually in use in Wales, and combines the advantage of cheapness of construction, with perfect safety, and a very degree of respectable speed. If this be true, the cost of railroads will be greatly reduced.

THE SAMARIA.—The long overdue Cuard steamer Samaria was reported off Queenstown harbor on the 21st inst. She had broken her shaft, and had been compelled to put back in consequence.

Our brave compatriots whose term of service in the Panal Army has expired, may be shortly expected to arrive. They will be received with due honors, and a hundred thousand welcomes.

L'Ordre, a French paper of this city, announces that, after the 1st of May next, it will make its appearance daily. There will then be four daily French papers in Montreal.

In consequence of the infirm state of Mr. Patrick Purcell's health, he has resigned the Agency of the TRUE WITNESS for Kingston; and Mr. James Nolan is hereby appointed in his place. All our subscribers in arrears in and around Kingston, will please remit to Mr. Nolan as soon as possible.

NOTICE.—The annual subscription for the “Catholic World” is \$4 50; single copies, 45c.

CONVERSION. ST. ALPHONSE, March 1st, 1870. (To the Editor of the True Witness)

In the Parochial Church of St. Alphonse, a very imposing ceremony took place on Sunday, the 27th ult. Rev. Father Mainville, of Joliette, conferred the Sacrament of Baptism, conditionally, on Mr. Patrick J. A. Brown, and received his abnegation in the presence of a large assembly.

Educated in heresy, Mr. Brown had the good fortune to come in contact with the good Catholic Irishmen. Their good conduct and morals attracted him towards a religion that gives to her members—what cannot be found elsewhere—truth, and the means to honor God by a worship worthy of Him.

After a year's trial—during which he was instructed by the zealous Rev. M. Mainville—he was at last permitted to enter the gate of the Catholic Church.

Touching it was to see him surrounded by the faithful, who waited anxiously to receive the new-born as a full member into their midst.

His mild and joyful countenance expressed the sentiments of his heart, animated with the liveliest feelings of faith, devotion, and happiness.—The sermon delivered on the occasion made a great impression on all. The eloquent orator particularly developed these two ideas:—1st. “We ought to thank God for His precious gift of faith.” 2nd. “We must make our faith the rule of our conduct.”

During the ceremonies many an eye dropped a tear of happiness and early recollections. After High Mass, celebrated with great pomp, the whole closed with the “Te Deum. Every one retired, having witnessed in this parish the first, but we hope not the last ceremony of the kind, with a pensive mind, and an hallowed impression, which will not soon be forgotten at St. Alphonse. Yours, etc., EYE WITNESS.

To the Editor of the True Witness. MONTREAL, March 4th, 1870.

DEAR SIR,—Glancing over a newspaper a few days past I noticed the following paragraph, which was taken from the London (E.) Spectator:

“The Bishops seem quite agreed that the English Bible ought to be revised, and its positive errors corrected.”

The Times newspaper expresses astonishment at the result, and styles it an “Extraordinary Proposal.”

The Spectator replies, that the Proposal is not Extraordinary but the long delay of it, is Extraordinary.

This is the Bible which for a few hundred years past Protestants of all denominations chiefly relied on for salvation; and spent millions of dollars, scattering it broadcast over the world, and which their own Bishops now publicly state contains positive errors and needs revision. This is the Bible which the Catholic Church wisely prohibited her children from reading, knowing that it contained many positive errors, and consequently was not a safe guide to follow.

and Bible readers, act now? Will they still continue to disseminate false doctrine through an erroneous Bible?

How can any good or conscientious Protestant assist or contribute to such a glaring offence? The English Bishops do not mention how their Bible is to be revised, and the positive errors corrected.

There is only one safe method to be adopted. The Bible that has been pronounced erroneous should be at once discarded, and a correct one published, and distributed.

Yours sincerely, J. O'B. S.

THE METHODIST EDITOR OF THE TRENTON “COURIER” SEEKING RELIGION! TRENTON, ONTARIO, Feast of St. Patrick.

To the Editor of the True Witness. SIR,—The Methodist Editor of the Trenton Courier, having in his usual bigoted and offensive style asked for information as to what constitutes an indulgence, the Rev. H. Brettargh, Pastor of Trenton, thus quietly raps him on his knuckles for his insolence, in the following letter:—

To the Editor of the Trenton Courier. DEAR SIR,—In answer to your polite and polished request for information about Indulgences, allow me to inform you that Catechetical instructions for children under 14 years of age, and for adults whose previous incapacity for learning has hindered them from acquiring earlier an ordinary knowledge of Christianity, are given every morning during Lent at 9 a.m. in the Catholic Church, Trenton.

I have the honor to remain, your obedient servant,

H. BRETTARGH, Priest. P.S.—Adults of especially “moderate capacity” may if they prefer it, be instructed privately in the Presbytery by special appointment.

H. B.

If you knew, Mr. Editor, the utter stupidity and want of education of the man to whom this rebuke is administered, you would understand the full force of the sarcasm contained therein.

Yours, TRENTONIAN.

LIVE PICTURES OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. From the German of Rev. Dr. John Emmanuel Veith, by Rev. Theodore Noethen, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross, Albany, N.Y.: Patrick Donahoe, Boston.

This is the companion work to that by the same author entitled “The Instruments of the Passion of Christ,” the translation of which has been so favorably received on this Continent. The subject matter of the present treatise consists of a description and analysis of the chief actors in the Passion of Our Lord, with appropriate meditations and applications to the circumstances of Christians at the present day.

THE COUNCIL OF THE VATICAN.—By the Rt. Rev. John Walsh, D.D., Bishop of Sandwich.

This valuable pamphlet for which we return thanks, consists of a series of Pastoral Letters from Mgr. of Sandwich to the faithful of his diocese. But this announcement can give but a faint idea of the value of the work to the student of ecclesiastical history, and to the Catholic controversialist. We only hope it may obtain a large circulation not only amongst the English speaking Catholics of the Dominion, but amongst Protestants, whose eyes it may be the means of opening to their present benighted condition on matters pertaining to religion.

Workly report of the St. Bridget's Refuge ending Saturday the 19th inst. Males 552; females 222.—Total 774. English 128; Irish 534; Scotch 13; French Canadians 102. Total 774.

THE CITY AND DISTRICT SAVINGS BANK.—With reference to the reduction of the rate of interest allowed by this bank to depositors which we noticed the other day, we should add to the statement then made, that the bank makes no change in the interest which it allows on small sums.—say under \$1 000. On them the interest remains at 5 per cent. Nor does it reduce its rate upon deposits already made; but for new deposits in excess of those now standing to the credit of its customers it gives only 4 per cent; in such cases opening new and special accounts.—Montreal Herald.

INQUEST.—The body of an unknown female child was found on Saturday last in the afternoon, by a boy named Albert Hinton, in a vacant lot, close to the fence corner of Papineau Road and St. Catherine street. It was removed to the Paquet street Police Station where an inquest was held by Mr. Coroner Jones. Externally, no marks of violence were visible; the umbilical end had not been secured. The internal examination of the body proved that the child had breathed, and had died of asphyxia, but whether from accident or design the jurors could not determine.

In view of the insurrectionary movements in Cuba His Excellency the Governor-General calls, in the Canada Gazette, the attention of Her Majesty's subjects, and others in the Dominion of Canada, to certain provisions of the Foreign Enlistment Act, which is in force in all Her Majesty's dominions.

It has been estimated that in Canada and the United States there are 1000 cheese factories producing annually 215,000,000 lbs. Great Britain produces 179,000,000 lbs. The consumption in the States and Canada is 100,000,000 lbs., while in Great Britain the consumption is 400,000,000 lbs.—leaving 221,000,000 lbs. to be supplied from foreign sources. This deficiency in Britain is made up of a supply from America of 55,000,000 lbs., and from sources in Europe 166,000,000 lbs. There is evidently a good opening in England for the produce of nearly another 100 factories on this continent.

EMIGRATION AGENTS.—We have always believed that our appointment of so-called emigration agents to receive salaries for pleasure trips to England and elsewhere was an egregious folly. Inasmuch as we doubt *prima facie* the utility of such agency, and have never seen any proof of its success. The argument has always been that the United States employed such agents, which may be true, but which does not prove that the emigration is very much augmented by the trips of these gentlemen. There is a paragraph which we cut from the Chicago Tribune in which it will be seen that a judgment like our own as to the value of our own agencies to every body else but the agents themselves, is entertained by some persons in the United States as to the value of the same class of American officials.—

Michigan employs two State agents to travel in Europe to solicit immigration. The results of their first year's work are not encouraging, being less than fifty emigrants—how many less we are not told. But the agents give glowing accounts of the bravery with which they faced arrest in the Bavarian courts, the courage with which they defied the Teuton Judges to send them to their fortresses of Ham, their triumphant acquittal of any design to swindle the emigrants, and the thousands who are preparing to accompany them this year. We conclude that Michigan would do as well to keep them at home, if they are not in her way.—Mont. Herald.

The British Government has definitely determined to disband the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment. Mr. Cardwell said that it was included in the proposed reduction when laying his army estimates for 1870 before the Imperial Parliament.

Quebec, March 17. St. Patrick's Day is being celebrated by the St. Patrick's and Gibraltar Benevolent Societies. The band of 10 men look very well in their new uniforms, green and white facings. The streets are decorated with evergreens and banners—A dinner is to be given to-night at Russell's, and a soiree at the Music Hall. The day was well observed and everything was quiet.

Toronto March 16th.—Important arrests have been made of a gang of counterfeiters. A young man some time since having answered an advertisement for a partner in a lucrative business was informed that the business consisted in stamp counterfeiting. He at once gave information to the authorities. The parties indicated were watched yesterday evening. A young man from Montreal offered a large lot of stamps for sale at a discount of 20 to 40 per cent. He was arrested and information from him led to the arrest of Clark, the head of the gang here, after midnight last night, and to that of a young man named Drum this afternoon. The amount of counterfeit stamps issued is thought to have been considerable, and buyers here are thought to have known what they were buying. The party from Montreal said he had sold \$1 000 worth there.

Chicago March 15. The Red River New Nation Feb. 25 says the late threatening movement of English settlers for the release of the Canadian prisoners at Fort Garry has subsided. President Riel, to prevent bloodshed released all the prisoners whereupon the English force numbering 500 men well organized and armed disbanded and returned home. Dr Schultz is declared banished from the territory. Delegates will shortly leave for Canada to conclude arrangements with the Dominion Government. It is understood that the Government is willing to grant all the demands of the Red River people.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS Montreal, March 17, 1870. Flour—Pollards, \$2.20 to \$2.25; Middlings \$2.70 to \$2.75; Fine \$2.10 to \$3.15; Super., No. 2 \$3.50 to \$3.55; Superfine \$3.95 to \$4.05; Fancy \$4.20 to \$4.25; Extra \$4.35 to \$4.40; Superior Extra \$0 to \$0.00; Bag Flour, \$2.10 to \$2.17 per 100 lbs. Oatmeal per brl of 200 lbs.—\$3.50 to 3.85. Wheat per bush, of 60 lbs.—U. C. Spring, \$0.90 to \$0.92. Ashes per 100 lbs.—First P to \$5.45 to \$5.50 Seconds, \$4.75 to \$4.80; Third, \$4.00 to 4.10.—First Pearls, 6.20 to 6.50. Pork per brl. of 200 lbs.—Vess, 24.00 to 24.50;—Prime Mess \$18.50; Prime, \$17.00 to 17.50. BUTTER, per lb.—More inquiry, with latest sales of common to medium at 14c to 17c—good per choice Western bringing 17c. to 18c. CHEESE, per lb.—14 to 15c. LARD, per lb.—14c. Barley per 48 lbs.—Prices nominal,—worth about \$0.40 to \$0.50. PEASE, per 60 lbs.—\$0.70.

MONTREAL RETAIL MARKET PRICES. March 17, 1870. Flour, country, per quintal 11 0 to 11 6 Oatmeal, do 7 6 to 8 0 Indian Meal, do 0 0 to 0 0 Rye-Flour, do 00 0 to 00 0 BUTTER, fresh, per lb. 1 3 to 1 3 Do, salt do (inferior) 0 10 to 0 11 Cheese, do 0 0 to 0 0

LECTURE BY FATHER GILLOOLEY, (LATE FROM IRELAND), IN THE ST. PATRICK'S HALL, ON THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 24. Pr. ceeds to be devoted to the building of a New College in Cavan, Ireland. SUBJECT.—“IRELAND'S WRONGS AND THEIR REMEDIES.” Tickets 25 cents. To be had at the Book Stores and of any of the Officers of the Irish Societies, and at the Door on the evening of the Lecture.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869. In the matter of Dame Christina McPherson of the city of Montreal, widow of the late James Samuel Miller, deceased, in his lifetime of Montreal, aforesaid Merchant and Miss Christine Miller, of the same place, spinster fille majeure et usant de ses droits, and Charles D. Miller, of Montreal aforesaid, Confessionaire, trustees and heir at law of the late John Ogden Miller, deceased, in his lifetime of Montreal aforesaid, Coal Merchant, and as such carrying on the affairs, business, and concerns of the estate and succession of the said late John Ogden Miller, Traders, Insolvents. The Insolvents have made an assignment of their Estate to me, and the creditors are notified to meet at the Office of the Interim Assignee, (the Insolvents having no place of business) on Friday the 17th day of April next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, to receive statements of their affairs and to appoint an Assignee. Montreal, 16th March 1870. A. B. STEWART, Interim Assignee: 27-31.

LOVELL'S DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL DIRECTORIES. To be Published in October, 1870. NOTICE.—Learning that my name has been unwarrantably used in connection with Directories now being canvassed in the Provinces, and entirely distinct from my works, and that in other cases it has been stated that my Directories have been abandoned I would request those desiring to give a preference to my works to see that persons representing themselves as acting for me are furnished with satisfactory credentials. JOHN LOVELL, Publisher. Montreal, March 16, 1870.

LOVELL'S DIRECTORIES. IT is intended to make these Directories the most complete and correct ever issued on this continent. They are not being prepared by correspondence, but by Personal Canvass, from door to door, of my own Agents, for the requisite information. I have now engaged on the work in the several Provinces Forty men and Twenty horses. These are engaged mainly on the towns and villages of the Railway and Steamboat Routes, important places on the lines being held till the completion of the former, to admit of correction to latest date. I anticipate issuing, in October next, the Canadian Dominion Directory, and six Provincial Directories, which will prove a correct and full index to the Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward Island, and a combined Gazetteer, Directory and Hand Book of the six Provinces. SUBSCRIPTION TO DOMINION DIRECTORY: Dominion of Canada Subscribers, \$12 Cy. United States do 12 Gold. Great Britain and Ireland do £3 8s. France, Germany, &c. do £3 8s.

PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. In the Circuit Court for the District of Montreal. The fourteenth day of March one thousand eight hundred and seventy. No. 907. The Honorable Justice Beaudry. Dame Marie Burke, of the parish of Montreal, in this District, widow of the late Laurent Angeste Moreau Plaintiff; vs. Sophie Miro, heretofore of the Parish of Montreal, Spinster, fille majeure et usant de ses droits, and now absent from this Province, Defendant.

IT IS ORDERED, on the motion of Messrs. LeBlanc & Cassidy of Counsel for the Plaintiff, in as much as it appears by the return of Joseph Octave Pansu one of the Bailiffs of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, acting in the District of Montreal on the writ of summons in this cause issued, written, that the Defendant hath left her domicile in the Province of Quebec, in Canada, and cannot be found in the District of Montreal, that the said Defendant by an advertisement to be twice inserted in the French language, in the newspaper of the City of Montreal, called La Minerve and twice in the English language, in the newspaper of the said City, called the True Witness, be notified to appear before this Court, and there to answer the demand of the Plaintiff within two months after the last insertion of such advertisement, and upon the neglect of the said Defendant to appear and to answer to such demand within the period aforesaid, the said Plaintiff will be permitted to proceed to trial, and judgment as in a cause by default. (By the Court.) HUBERT PAPINEAU & HONEY. C. O.

PUBLIC NOTICE. JACQUES ARCHAMBAULT, Farmer of the Parish of St. Lin, gives notice by these presents, that he is duly elected Curator to the vacant estate of the late Joseph Rivest, in his lifetime, of the said Parish of St. Lin, Farmer. All persons indebted to the said estate are requested to pay into the hands of the said Jacques Archambault, and all persons having claims against the said estate are requested to file them without delay. T. GEAULT, N.P. St. Lin, March 7th 1870.

WANTED. A BOY to learn the Printing Business. Apply at this Office. TEACHER WANTED. A School Master, with an elementary diploma, to teach the English language. For further particulars apply to WILLIAM HART, SEC. TREAS. St. Colomas, Co. Two Mountains, Pro. of Quebec.

TEACHER WANTED. A FEMALE TEACHER, holding a first or second class Certificate of Qualification, wanted for the R. C. Separate School, Village of Hastings, in the County of Peterboro, Ont. Applicants must be well recommended and qualified to teach music. Application to be made to, F. HURLEY, Sec.-Treasurer. Hastings, 7th March, 1870.

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