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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1906.

## TEMPERANCE CRUSADE.

The tocsin has sounded and work has commenced in earnest in the interest of the temperance campaign inaugurated by Archbishop Bruchési. The large audience which assembled at the opening meeting on Tuesday evening in Laval University, at which an address by the Rev. D. Sullivan, of St. Albans, Vt., on "The Fight Against Alcohol," was delivered, proved the interest taken in the movement and augurs well for its ultimate success. The great black cross suspended in the Archbishop's palace will, ere long, we trust, be found in all our Catholic homes, breathing forth its lesson of mortification. Let us make it our duty to add in every way in our power our Archbishop in his efforts to free us from the curse which is daily growing stronger and which threatens momentarily to engulf our dearest hopes in its vortex.

## ONTARIO'S POPULATION.

The report of the Registrar-General of Ontario relating to the registration of births during the year 1903 furnishes a good deal of noteworthy reading. It is quite unnecessary to say that the population of Ontario is not increasing. However, the provincial statistician, having recourse to the usual methods of estimating population in countries where the increase is natural, succeeded in making out a theoretical rate of progress for interdecennial years which the next regular census taking must inevitably disprove.

It would seem ridiculous to estimate for interdecennial purposes the population of Ontario, where the birth rate grows beautifully less, according to methods reasonably applied only to countries like Scotland and Wales where natural increase is a normal feature.

During the year 1903 the number of births registered in the Province of Ontario was 48,742, equal to a rate of 22.1 per 1000 of the population. With the exception of France and a few of the more barren corners of New England this is the world's low birth rate. Here are some comparative figures:

Quebec	.....24.05
Ontario	.....22.1
France	.....21.9

The Ontario Registrar General takes four of the New England States for further purposes of comparison. Their average rate is figured out at 22.47. So that we have the linking of Old France and English-speaking Canada in the degenerate list—a fact which causes the Ontario official to declare that the birth rate of that Province is far from satisfactory and

that the very low ebb to which it has fallen can only be taken as indicating "that natural conditions are being interfered with, or being supplanted by those of a preventive character and criminal tendency." Accepting the conclusion of the Registrar-General that low birth rate is the distinguishing mark of widespread criminal prevention, it becomes a question whether the criminal tendencies of the people are general or more pronounced in some localities than in others and further study of the table of figures proves conclusively that the counties with the highest birth rate per thousand of the population are those in which the French-Canadian settlement is in evidence. For instance, Nipissing exceeds the average for the whole of Quebec, and Prescott and Russell take second place with high marks. Here are some of the figures with exceptional high records:

Nipissing	.....49.3
Prescott and Russell	.....38.1
Algoma	.....31.2
Parry Sound	.....30.4
Muskoka	.....30.0

Compare with the foregoing the figures for some of the oldest of the English settled Ontario districts. For instance:

Prince Edward	.....14.6
Elgin	.....16.8
Northumberland & Durham	.....16.9

One general conclusion that may be drawn from this review of the birth rate question in Ontario is that the showing would be a great deal worse than it appears were it not for the French-Canadian and Irish-Catholic settlement in the Eastern end of the Province. A change in the complexion of the population must be taking place all over and perhaps in comparatively few years Ontario will have quite lost the characteristics that have marked it during the past half century.

## THE APPLICATION OF THE LAW.

The French Government has inaugurated the New Year by taking the first step in the separation of Church and State, making inventories of the goods, sacred and other, in the different churches. So far they have had a good deal of difficulty. The people have manifested considerable feeling and are showing strong opposition, making a fight here and there. It is of course impossible for unorganized forces of men and women to combat successfully against police and companies of soldiers. However, we are certainly not sorry to see that a spirit of opposition is arising against the Government and making their task as odious as it is possible.

As usual the press despatches claim that the people are wrong, the Government is right, and that the Pope himself has actually urged the Bishops to keep their flocks quiet. There is not a particle of truth in any of these things. These sacred goods are not the property of the government; they are nearly all gifts of good devout people who intended them for the honor of God and the service of the Church and wish them to perpetuate their memory. Many of the churches of Paris are rich with such gifts. The Government has no business taking an inventory of the goods belonging to the Bishops or held by the Bishops in trust. They are simply taking these inventories with the further idea of confiscating them.

## CHRISTIAN MOTHERHOOD.

The general intention of the League of the Sacred Heart for the month of February is the Christian Motherhood. An excellent selection in every way—dear to our Blessed Lord Himself, important to the Church, the Mother of the faithful, and salutary also for society, to whose welfare none contribute more than the typical Christian mother. Her fecundity is the pledge of a fruitful generation. It is the confidence of God in her regard by entrusting so unreservedly children to her. It is her crown and dignity; her blessing within that golden gate where her children will meet her with eternal

gratitude. Her responsibility, though it begins in the physical order, does not terminate there. It rises to the moral and religious order, where the mother's word and example are the first to impart lessons of virtue, and where the mother's knee is the first school of prayer, the first temple of worship. In the building of Christian life and virtue to the mother especially does it belong to lay the foundations. And as are the foundations such generally is the superstructure. That the edifice may have strength, grace and fair proportions, the foundations must be solid, laid deep and broad, and be well designed. The mother is greater than the wife, and the wife greater than the woman. As mother her influence is farther reaching, and the sceptre of her sway more potent for good. It extends to a whole family, and it not infrequently shapes the destiny of a nation. Theology teaches us that the three divine virtues of faith, hope and charity are the heavenly bonds which unite the soul of the just man to God. So are they marvellously intertwined, or should be, in the sacred title of motherhood, and those unbroken, undying relations between the mother and her children. She is but a delegate a stewardess. Her children are not hers to flatter, to train for the vanities of the world. They are God's.

Upon them, therefore, from their conception and birth must be fixed the eye of the mother's faith, hope and love. She must believe in the God who gave them to her and who will exact them at her hands. From God must she hope and pray for the lifelong graces these children need—from the cradle to the grave, abroad still more than at home, in time of youth and rising passion as well as in childhood and early tendencies. Most of all must her love be divine, or else it will faint by the way. Growing weary and worldly it yields to petulance and impatience, and alienates when it should attract, or shuts out confidence instead of winning it. The mother's love, like God's love, must be eternal and sacrificing. Its lasting, unchangeable attributes must characterize it always. As the relationship of motherhood once established continues forever, so does the mother's love. Through the years it must never fail, nor can it change. It must also be sacrificing. No such selfish love brightens or warms this dark cold earth as the mother's love. Reward it does not seek, nor is gratitude its primary end. Who can enumerate the sacrifices of a faithful mother for her children? They began with the oldest and close with the mother's dying breath. What but divine charity can sustain this child of God, this Christian mother, as gathering her children about her she leads them through the wilderness of the world to the land of eternal rest—the pillar of fire, the spirit of fortitude and prayer and heavenly love guiding and supporting her? She is the strong woman whose value is of things from afar—upon whose lips rests the law of clemency. Queen of her home, she rules by example in simplicity, prayer, self-denial and life-long devotion. Well, therefore, may Christian motherhood be the intention for a month of prayer. Society needs such prayer; our own province needs it; the world needs it. Nothing will contribute more to its true happiness and welfare as Christian motherhood undertaken and fulfilled in the extent of its duties and the knowledge of its importance and dignity.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

What a noble work is ever going on under the direction of George T. Angell, founder of the American Band of Mercy, and editor of "Our Dumb Animals." A better paper, so full of good advice and kindly suggestions, could not be placed in a child's hands, and we only wish it were better known in Canada. The genial editor is doing a godly work every day he raises his voice in behalf of brute creation and we trust that many useful years will yet be his portion.

The Sovereign Pontiff has evidently been deeply touched by a gift recently presented to him—the great work on the Sistine Chapel—by Dr. Kaufmann, Privy Councillor of the German Ministry of Home Affairs, on the part of Emperor William II. As a sign of his satisfaction Pius X. has conferred on Dr. Kaufmann the dignity and insignia of the Commendatore of the Order of St. Gregory the Great, and to the author of the work, Professor Ernst Steinmann, the dignity and insignia of the Commendatore of the Order of Pius IX. On this same occasion the Emperor of Germany has sent the Order of the Red Eagle of the First Class to His Eminence Cardinal Cagliostro de Azevedo—formerly majordomo of his Holiness, and who in this capacity facilitated the labors of Professor Steinmann; to the Rev. Father Ehrle, S.J., Prefect of the Vatican Library, the Commendatore of the Red Eagle of the Second Class; and to Professor Commendatore Lodovico Seitz—the artist painter of the Pontifical Palaces, and Artistic Director of the Pontifical Galleries—the Commendatore of the Cross of Prussia. These exchanges of compliments between the Emperor and the Pontiff show how highly the former appreciates the kindness of the Pope, and the response of Pius X. to such a noble enterprise.

The simple goodness of the people of Uganda who have become Christians was described by Dr. Hanlon with a genuine enthusiasm. Their sincerity in their devotions and their unaffected piety are very encouraging to those who devote their lives to bringing them into the Christian faith. And this is their great reward. In this they differ from the other strangers who come to Africa, whose aims are the acquisition of wealth or territory. The lecture of Bishop Hanlon constituted an interesting revelation of the spiritual beauty and earthly comforts and dangers of missionary life, when the priest who undertakes it devotes himself wholly to the salvation of the souls of these heathen peoples—Dr. Hanlon describes them as "angels" when they are received into the Church—and to their civilization. A Father Kirk, originally from the neighborhood of Inchicore, has had marvellous success in his labors, producing peace and goodwill amongst antagonistic tribes and winning the affection and the confidence of all the people of his district, which covers an area of twenty-five miles. The methods of Father Kirk and others like him tend to make Uganda a land of peace.

The Most Rev. Monsignor Hanlon, Titular Bishop of Tebe, Vicar Apostolic of the Upper Nile, has been lecturing in Rome on missionary life in Uganda, and in neighboring districts. The most Rev. Robert Seton, Titular Archbishop of Heliopolis, presided on the occasion. The Most Rev. Dr. Hanlon drew a vivid picture of the work of the missionaries of the Catholic Church in that portion of Africa embraced in his diocese, and of the terrible dangers that confront the priest who sets out to bear the good tidings of the Gospel to these nations that sit in darkness. It is within the lives of men not much over middle age that Africa has been opened up to the knowledge of the civilized world. Even in this brief period the nations of Europe have been eager in their efforts to take possession of the newly-revealed continent, each striving for the largest and best possible share. This exploitation has indeed opened up the countries in Africa to commercial enterprises, but it has not been quite favorable to missionary work, for the native has associated occasionally the missionary with the high-handed acts of the explorer, and has regarded him as an enemy and a robber. It has required time and patience to induce the native to trust the white man even when he did good to him rather than harm.

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# LAST WEEK OF SALE.

The present Discount Sale will end on Saturday, 10th inst., at 6 p.m., and a great effort will be made in the REMAINING DAYS to clear out all lines as advertised.

## Hardware Department

2nd FLOOR  
A line of Nickel-plated Towel Bars, from 15 to 36 inches long, all at half price.

## Mantle Department

Ladies' Black and Colored Cloth Winter Jackets, original prices from \$10 to \$25, for \$3 each.

## Corsets—The Values in P.D. Corsets

The values in P. D. Corsets we have been giving during January is well known. What is left will be on sale for the balance of this week at 50c a pair; values from \$1.25 to \$4.25.

## Dress Trimming Dept.

Black Chiffon and Silk Applique, 20 per cent.  
Black Sequin Gimp, 20 per cent.  
Colored Chiffon Applique, 20 per cent.  
Colored Cloth Applique, 20 per cent.  
White Chiffon Applique, 20 per cent.  
Black and White Silk and Chiffon Applique, 20 per cent.  
Colored Sequin Gimp, 20 per cent.  
White Satin Folds, 50 per cent.  
Black and Cream Velvet Fagotting, 50 per cent.

A line of Jewel Gimp, 50 per cent.  
Colored Cloth Insertion, 50 per cent.  
Black and Colored Fancy Braid, 20 per cent.  
Black Sequin and Silk Collars, 20 per cent.  
Colored Cloth and Silk Collars, 50 per cent.

## Blankets and Quilts—Special

Down Quilts, Blankets, etc.  
Lot Down Quilts reduced to \$5.  
Lot Down Quilts, \$7.50, for \$6.  
Balance of Silk Down Quilts, less 33 1-3.  
A table White Satin Quilts, less 20 per cent.  
25 pairs Blankets, brown lines, to clear, less 20 per cent.

## Book Sale

15c TABLE  
Bessie, Elsie, Royal Library, etc., thousands of volumes, regular price 20c and 25c.  
35c TABLE  
Thousands of volumes are being cleared at this price; regular price of these ranges from 40c to \$1.50, comprising:  
FICTION,  
BOYS' AND GIRLS' BOOKS,  
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PRIZE BOOKS.  
50 Per Cent Discount  
Allowed off all Books in stock.

## Millinery Department

Special display in Millinery Parlor of Ostrich Feathers, Paradise Feathers, Ospreys, Marabout Pom-Poms, Ostrich Feather Pom-Poms, and French Flowers, all at half price. This sale closes on Saturday, February 10.

## Colored Dress Goods

Special purchase of rich Waist Patterns, handsomely embroidered on fine cashmere serge, cloth, etc., in cream and dainty colorings. These are Parisian novelties and very up to date. We are offering them at very special prices, bringing them below the wholesale price.

## THE CHARITY BALL

Windsor, Thursday, Feb. 15.  
Tickets to be had from R. Most & Co., 40 Hospital street; Mrs. H. S. Holt, 297 Stanley street, and Messrs. Shaw Bros.

5 p.m. Discount, and Special Attention Given to Mail Orders.

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## Electric Department

Electric and Gas Fixtures, 20 off.  
Gas Electric Reading Portables, 20 off.  
Oriental Fancy Portables for drawing rooms, 33 1-3 off.  
Silk and Crystal Shades, 20 off.  
Special table of Parisian Portables, and Bronzes, \$30, \$25, \$20, for \$15, for the week only.  
Travellers' samples, Bronzes, Portables and Electric Ornaments, 50 per cent. off.

## Carpet Department

Special sale of Carpets for summer residences.  
25 Moong Indian Rugs, suitable for veranda and dining room, less 50 per cent.  
40 yards of China Matting for \$2 net.  
20 pieces of China and Japanese Matting, less 33 1-3.  
Balance of Fiber Carpet and Rugs, less 20 per cent.  
Balance of Cotton Japanese Rugs, less 20 per cent.  
25 pieces of English Oilcloth at 30c and 38c per yard, less 20 per cent.  
All remnants of Stair Carpets in Wilton, Axminster and Brussels, less 33 1-3 per cent.  
One lot of Mats and Rugs, less 33 1-3 per cent.  
Special line of Kensington Wool Squares, less 20 per cent.  
Balance of Made-Up Squares in Brussels, Wilton and Axminster, less 33 1-3 per cent.  
Special line of Made-Up Squares in Brussels and Axminster, less 50 per cent.  
3 only Silk Persian Rugs, worth \$125 and \$150, for \$60 each net.  
17 only larger Indian Rugs, less 33 1-3 per cent.  
Special line of Wilton, Axminster and Brussels, less 20 per cent.

## Furniture

8 only Bedsteads in bird's-eye maple, birch, mahogany finish and weathered oak, at 75 per cent. off.  
One Sideboard, green ash, \$33, less 25 per cent.  
One Brass Bed, English make, 5 ft. wide, \$92, less 66 2-3.  
One Bureau and Dressing Table, Circassian walnut, very handsome, \$100, 33 1-3 off.  
One Bedstead, mission design, Litchfield finish, fine cabinet work, \$50, less 33 1-3.  
One Chiffonier, in mahogany inlaid satin wood, \$60, less 25 per cent.  
One Hall Chest, in golden oak, lined with cedar, \$36, less 25 per cent.  
One Table, weathered oak, leather top, \$11, 25 per cent.  
One Bamboo Cabinet, \$6, 50 per cent.  
All Fumed Oak Furniture at 20 per cent. off.

## Colored Dress Goods

Balance of Challies and Striped Albatross (on counter), worth 50c and 80c per yard, to clear at 25c per yard.  
A few pieces left of Mohair Grenadines, in white and black and white, to clear at half price.

## Stationery Department

St. Valentine's Day, Feb. 14th  
We have an exceptionally large range of the leading novelties in Post Cards and Comic Figures.

## NOTICE

**COOKING DEMONSTRATION**  
10 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m., on 8th, 9th and 10th inst., in corner window, Union avenue and St. Catherine street. Combination Coal, Wood and Gas Range.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST.

**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.**  
An anniversary service was held in the dear old Church of St. Patrick on the 27th of January in honor of the soul of the late Mary St. Patrick, who by her work and example was a help and example to all who hope, the angel of the May her soul rest in peace.

## CHAPEL OF BLESSED MENT TO BE RENOVATED.

To the many who daily visit the Chapel of the Blessed, the news of its renovation is a pleasure. We are told that the cleaning and painting will be the little oratory even more than it was in its being done.

## ST. LAURENT COLLEGE VISITED BY GRACE.

On Tuesday morning Archbishop Bruchési visited St. Laurent College. The distinguished prelate was received by the Superior, who conducted him to the chapel hall. After an address (some had been read) the Archbishop spoke a few words to the students, his customary style, and then he left them a holiday.  
In the afternoon His Grace visited the convent in charge of the Holy Cross. After reception was tendered by the nuns and pupils, Canon Cousin accompanied His Grace.

## ST. JOSEPH'S HOME.

On Tuesday evening a very full house was given to St. Joseph's Home. This Home is under the direction of Father Joseph, who is doing a quiet but one which claims the attention of our people; but the good cannot accomplish much, so those who have not how small a contribution can make better use of it than to let it to Father Holland, who immediately use for it in the various which are constantly upon him. Tuesday night's talent was well patronized, one being thoroughly satisfied with the result. It is to be hoped the day is not far distant when St. Joseph's Home will be selling, made so by the generous people who in so doing their appreciation of a work to the heart of the devoted.

## LECTURE IN AID OF O'CONNELL MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Rev. Father Harty, of Kildare, is at present in the city to lecture at the new Hall, 96 Stanley street, on Tuesday evening, March 8, on the life of Daniel O'Connell. The proceeds of the lecture are devoted to the completion of the O'Connell Memorial Church, a fine building, Ireland, the birthplace of the Liberator.  
Father Harty has lectured successfully in several places in the United States and the Irish in the Association Hall on 18th to pay a tribute to the memory of Ireland's most illustrious son, Daniel O'Connell.  
The Memorial Church was erected twenty years ago as a tribute to the Irish race, a statue in stone the successful of the Irish Catholics for homes and altars free, and honor the great hero of the Emancipation, O'Connell.  
The Memorial Church is now finished, but it is expected the co-operation of the Irish people will cling to the old ideals of faith and nationality will bring work to a close within the next years.

## TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN OPENED.

Before a large gathering at University, comprising leading members of the Bar and clergy, Rev. Father Sullivan, of St. Albans, Tuesday night delivered an address on the subject of temperance. The speaker was introduced by Mr. J. Lafontaine, K.C. At the close of his remarks he observed that the prohibition law as it had been for a period of twenty years in the State of Vermont. The application of the law was not so much as it should be.