# TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

Onee more we are obliged to touch upon the very disagreeable subject of arrears in subscriptions. It is a chord that grates so harshly upon the senses that we most reluctantly awaken it, and if possible we would forever snap it in twain In order to not be again under the necessity of harping upon that string, we announce positively that we are sending out, for a last time, the accounts to the various delinquent subscribers. Unless these small amounts are paid up we shall, at once, cut off the names of the debtors from our lists. It is unreasonable to expect us to furnish readers on credit with a first-class organ and to pay the expense of postage, of making up and sending off letters of a dunning character. We, therefore, have come to the positive conclusion of issuing the accounts for the last time, and if no attention is paid to them, the subscribers in arrears need not expect to receive any more numbers of THE TRUE WITNESS. But, they must remember that the cutting off their names from the list by no means effaces the legal obligations that story told by her sworn ministers but had rest upon them to pay what they legitimately owe.

The above decision will take effect on and after the 1st of July next. Our motto for the future is : "SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE PAPER MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE."

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

SENATOR MORRISSEY, of St. Louis, who was killed in a disreputable house, was refused the customary burial services according to the rite of the Catholic Church. And yet there are people who pretend that the Church over-looks open scandal when there is question of individual rank and weaith.

JUIGE TOURGEE, a southern author, says that, during the months of March and April, thirty-nine mob murders took place in the United States : ten by white people and twenty-nine by colored men. A very powerful commentary upon the vaunted civilization that obtains in the land of liberty. "In the name of liberty how many crimes are committed !"

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THE Literary Digest, commenting upon the religious statistics of the world, says "According to these data one-third of the population of the earth is Christian. Especially notable is the fact that the Protestant Church has according to the estimate outstripped the Roman Catholic by more than four millions." Which Protestant Church does the writer mean:

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'GERMANS are methodical. Herr von Osten-Socken, a lieutenant of Hussars, recently wounded himself mortally by accident. The doctor gave him three hours to live. He made his willand then drew upthe official report of his own death and sent it to his superior officer. The story does not say whether he then prepared himself for the most important of all reports or not; the one he was about to make, of his whole life, to his Creator.

lish and that the Queen was an able person. It is evident that the General's knowledge of European sovereigns is very contracted. There are many things in this world that even a General may learn. \***\_**\*

TALKING of Queens reminds us that a correspondent would like to know how we explain a remark in our editorial on the "Queen's Birthday." We said : "the coercion acts, etc., were not due to the person of the sovereign, nor is it probable that she was ever cognizant of the true state of affairs in the land of suffering." We meant exactly what we said. In the following sentence we stated that "The Government acted and the Queen simply reigned; she was guided by the advice of her ministers, and those ministers were there by the means best known to the parties that elected them." In other words, she was a merc figure-head; and one that never took the trouble to visit Ireland, who was perfectly satisfied as long as her sway was undisputed and the pounds, shillings and pence were not wanting, and who heard the side of the scant opportunity of hearing the side that the people could tell if they had a chance. She took no special interest in that section of the kingdom and did not care to have her peace of mind disturbed by vexatious questions.

"DONALD H.," in a letter upon the subject of poetry and criticism, asks if we "can find any fault with the poems published by Thomas O'Hagan, Esq., the popular elocutionist." Yes; the fault we have to find is that there are only too few of them. The country and its literature will be always the gainers every time that a new gem is dropped into Mr. O'Hagan's priceless casket. Apart from this one lack it would be no easy matter for us, or anybody else, to find fault. Mr. O'Hagan has done work sufficient to place him in the foremost rank; but we are so fond of good things that we fear, even were he to publish a dozen volumes, we would, like Oliver Twist, be found crying out for "more."

MANY of our readers will be glad and proud to learn that Father E. J. Devine, S.J., so long and favorably known in Montreal, and now a missionary along the line of the C.P.R. from Schreiber west, has invented an electric train signal of the greatest importance. Already has he secured the United States patent for his wonderful, yet very simple, contrivance. Elsewhere we give a full account of the invention. Meanwhile we wish to heartily congratulate our dear friend upon this additional evidence of his universal usefulness and great talent. Not only does the Jesuit lead souls to heaven but he also aids in the material order everything that can advance the country along the highway of prosperity. \*\_\*

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On Good Friday, at a Socialist banquet in Paris, a scene of blasphemy was enacted in the presence of two deputies, Ernest Roche and Clovis Hugues. A pig was placed in a coffin, the requiet norvice was parodied, and the Crucifixion was ridiculed. In 1874, even when the Terror was at its height, Chaumette atthe suit over the will of the late Mar- tempted something similar, but Robespierre prevented him from carrying out his plans. Has France deteriorated to that degree in one hundred years? Probably the deputies are more accustomed to attend the burials of swine than of Christians.

printed with new type. We congratulate our contemporary on its improved appearance. Since Dr. Foran assumed control of the paper there has been a remarkable improvement in every respect. It is cleverly edited and well managed. If the Irish Catholics of Quebec do not give it that support to which it is so richly entitled they ought to be ashamed of themselves.'

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HERE is a good story with a moral to

"An elderly gentleman accustomed to indulge' entered the room of a certain inn where sat a sedate old Quaker by the fire. Lifting a pair of green spec tacles up to his forehead, and rubbing his inflamed eyes, and calling for hot brandy with water, he complained to the Friend that his eyes were getting weaker and weaker and the spectacles did not seem to do them any good. 'I'll tell thee, friend,' replied the Quaker, 'what I think. If thee were to wear the spectacles over thy mouth for a few months the eyes would soon get well again."

#### ST. MARY'S TOMBOLA.

THE DAY FOR THE BIG DRAWING AP PROACHES.

Remember, please, that on Thursday, 20th June, will take place the drawing for the prizes at St. Mary's Parish Tombola. Only one week left to secure chances upon some of the richest and best articles ever presented in Montreal, for a public drawing. While awaiting the smiles of fortune in the beautiful hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the audience will enjoy a most attractive concert and the privilege of hearing Madame Durant and the World's Wonder, " Little Tootsie." In our next issue we will give the list of some of the prizes. Remember that you can have five tickets for one dollar, and any one ticket may bring a prize of great value.

### A PRETTY WEDDING.

MR. WILLIAM F. CLOUGH AND MISS ROSE ALTY UNITED.

On Monday morning a most interest ing and charming marriage ceremony took place in the beautiful little chapel of St. Patrick's Orphanage. The occasion was the uniting in the holy bonds of matrimony of Mr. William Clough, one of our most popular and highly appreciated young citizens, and Miss Rose Alty, daughter of Mr. Thomas Alty, of THE TRUE WITNESS. The bridegroom is a step-son of our esteemed and prosand marriage ceremony were performed by Rev. Father Martin Callaghan, who. in his usual impressive and eloquent manner, delivered a most touching and appropriate address to the happy young couple. Mr. W. J. Spence supported the bride-groom, and Miss B. Alty, younger sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid The bride was given away by her father. The ceremonies were witnessed by a host of friends, many of whom expressed their good wishes by showering rice on the newly married couple. After Mass a pleasant breakfast party met around Mr. Alty's hospitable board, where the congratulations were unlimited and the numerous beautiful and costly presents were viewed and admired. To give a list of the gifts would fill a large space in a column, as the articles will fill up many important portions of the new home. A very pleasing incident at the wedding breakfast was an address to the bride and

#### IRISH NEWS ITEMS.

Sergeant Daniel Fitzgibbon, Gowran, has been promoted to the rank of head constable

Mr. Lilly, district inspector of police at Larne, has been promoted to the rank of first-class in his grade. James Coffey, of Kuocknagn, New market-on-Fergus, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for County

Clare. The Dungarvan town commissioners have passed a resolution in favor of the completion of the O'Connell memorial church at Cahirciveen.

In Dublin, April 13th, J.J. Mullen, the Irish champion long-distance runner, reduced the record for two miles flat to 9 minutes 26 25 seconds. The Easter Sligo quarter sessions were

the smallest held in Sligo for a considerable time; not more than a dozen of important cases were heard. Constable Thornton has been trans-

ferred from Dromhair to Killyfad in the district of Carrick-on-Shannon. He is replaced by Constable Kennedy from Killyfad.

At the Barrymore Presentment Ses tions held at Riverstown recently, John Connell, Ballymacbointra, was awarded £20 compensation for the malicious injury of a rick of his property.

An accident occurred on May 3, at Coachford Junction, on the Cork and Muskerry Light Railway, which resulted in the death of Mary Cunningham, aged 75, wife of a laborer residing near Cloghroe.

At a meeting of the Lismore Fishery Conservator, at Mallow on May 2. Sergt. Thomas Drohan, and A. Tuckey were an pointed respectively inspector and clerk o fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Braze P.P.,

John Barry died at Ballybawn near Ballydehob, Cork, at the age of 103 years on April 20. He could speak with a perfect recollection of remarkable Irish events almost from the year of the Union. He preserved his faculties unimpaired to the last.

The death occurred on April 20 at the Convent of Mary Reparatrice, Cork, of Harriette, in religion Mother Mary of St. Francis de Sales, daughter of the late lames Corr, Callan, Co. Kilkenny. She had given nearly thirty years of her life to the service of God.

An official intimation has been received from the Local Government Board perous Montreal merchant, Mr. J. J. to the effect that the late election of dis-Keating, of Bleury street. The Mass pensary doctor in Limerick, which resulted in the return of Doctor Mulcahy, has been declared void, and that a new election must take place.

N. K. Shea, J. P., has again got possession of his farm at Polloughts, Mullinahone, from which he was evicted last July for non-title, he having paid the rent up to the previous March 25. The place was grabbed, but, through deference o public opinion, the man who did so gave it up.

The death is announced of Rev. Patrick Doyle, curate of Rathgar. Father Doyle was one of the first students who entered the Dublin Diocesan Seminary, Clouliffe, when opened by Cardinal Cullen in 1859. In 1862 he went to Maynooth College, He was ordained priest in the college chapel, May 18, 1869.

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THE DIVISIONAL COURT at Mount Didier has condemned the Pope to pay the costs Ve de Plessis-Beliere, who bequeathed gnot preperty to His Holiness. The Court dismissed the case on the ground that the Pope was a Sovereign, and therefore unable to own an estate or administer a will in France. The will had a very opposite effect from that desired by the Pope, but the law, as interpreted in France, only took from what he already has. But that same judgment acknowledged him to be a Sovereign. What has Italy to say now?

ON SUNDAY evening, the 26th May, the religious exercises at the Catholic Sailors' Club were commenced. It has been decided by the committee to hold during a half-hour, every Sunday evening, in the large room of the club, special spiritual exercises for the benefit of the sailors who cannot, or might not, attend Church. The movement is a very praiseworthy one, and entirely in accord with the splendid object of the institution. We trust that on each Sunday evening the attendance will be good and that happy results may flow from the efforts made by the members on behalf of the scamen.

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THE BLESSING of the way-side crosses, which took place last week, in the diocese of Valleyfield, is a strong evidence of the vigorous and honest faith of the country people in this Province. The days of the old finger-posts are nearly gone, but on the hills and at the crossroads the sublime emblem of salvation still stands. Pointing to heaven, and with extended arms, the cross seems to embrace humanity; at its foot the way-side crosses last as long as the hills exist, for they are the best evidences of the deep and fervent Catholicity of the Sople-all the protests and loud talk of the so-called evangelizers not withstanding,

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GENERAL SHELBY, of Alabama, was surprised to find that the Queer, and the ininta Isabella of Spain spole good Eng- to us this week in eight-page form and and Wheeler. The state of the s

THE Ottoman ambassador to England is a Roman Chtholic. He has had a very brilliant and successful career in the Turkish diplomatic service. His religion in no way prevented his reception at Constantinople. If things go on in this way we will soon understand the application of the Irish Catholic poet's famous lines :

### " God bless the Turk For his Christian work."

WE call the special attention of our Ontario readers to the announcement elsewhere, in this issue, of the great Diocesan Pilgrimage, under the direction of Rev. M. J. Stanton, of Smith's Falls. It will likely be one of the most important that Ste. Anne de Beaupre will witness this year. We wish it every imaginable success.

THE month of June is dedicated by Catholic piety to the Sacred Heart. Next Friday, being the first one of the month is a day of special devotion. This practice of consecrating June to the Sacred Heart is growing very rapidly, and in almost every diocese of the world it is an established practice.

According to the Ave Maria, preliminary steps are to be taken to secure the peasant kneels and is blessed. May the beatification of Father Damien, the apostle of the lepers of Molokai. The process should surely be of short duration, for the evidence of sanctity is abundant.

OUR kind friend, the editor of the Catholic Record, of London, Ont., has the following in a recent issue :--"THE TRUE WITNESS of Montreal comes

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bridegroom, by Miss Gertie Reating, a lors of the Mi pupil of the Sacred Heart Convent, St. | way. Dublin and Clifflen are now virtu-Alexander street. The beautiful senti-ments conveyed in the address, which took the form of a short recitation specially composed for the auspicious event. and the admirable manner in which it was given, will not soon be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of listening to it. Mrs. Alty, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Keating, mother of the bridegroom, were happy in the sweet consolation of beholding their children go forth on the highway of the future surrounded by so many tokens of affection and good will and with such fair prospects for a happy and successful career.

The happy couple left for Ottawa hy the morning train, where they propose spending a few days previous to returning and settling down to the duties of the life they now commence. It is with hearty sincerity that we extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clough, and unite, with their large circle of friends. in wishing them an unclouded future-a long continued day of happiness to be followed by a glorious sunset. May the oys and success of life be doubled for them and the trials and sorrows of existence be few and even imperceptible in their equal participation of the duties that the future will impose.

## ST. ANTHONY'S TRIDUUM.

On Monday next, in the Chapel of the Franciscan Fathers, will commence a riduum in honor of the feast of St. Anthony, the patron and holy protector of the Order. The exercises will take place on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. At 7 a.m., each day, a High Mass will be sung, and at 7 p.m., the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place, and a sermon will be preached upon the merits and glories of St. Anthony, and the benefit of the devotions to that mighty protector of poor humanity. As it is expected that the Chapel, on Dorchester St., will be well filled on each day-both at morning and evening services -by the pious citizens of the district.

#### CATHOLIC SAILORS' CONCERT.

The weekly concert of the Catholic Sailors' Club, Mr. Giroux in the chair, was held in their room last Thursday evening, and was filled to overflowing by citizens and seamen, the programme being varied and entertaining; the singing, dancing, and instrumental was well rendered, and received merited applause. Special mention may be mentioned of Mr. Parizeau's dancing; mandolin by Messrs. Tessier and Valliancourt : comic singing by Mr. Thos. McCarthy; dancing by Mr. Thos. McRea. The names of the other ladies and gentlemen who kindly assisted are: Geo. Parks, Wm. Brassy, Leiville, Champagne, Jas. Wall, Brennan, P. C. R. Connell, and the Misses Delaney And the second state and the

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ally connected by rail, and the Galway and Clifden Railway is practically completed. It will not, however, be formally opened until July 1.

Already the priests of the Tipperary liocese have taken the initiative towards fittingly commemorating the silver jubiee of the elevation to the opiscopate of their beloved Archbishop. The Irish parliamentary party by a formal resolution have unanimously desired to be allowed to associate themselves with this joyful celebration next July.

These Meath people have died lately April 24, at Gormanstown, Margaret, coungest daughter of the late James English. April 21. at Macetown, Rathfeigh, Jane Gertrude, wife of George Fitzharris. April 22, Bridget, wife of Edward Rooney, of Seymourstown, Crossakiel, aged seventy-five years.

A spiritual retreat, to establish the Apostleship of Prayer in Armagh, closed in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday. April 28. The conductor was the Very Rev. James Cullen, S.J., of Belvedere College. Dublin, the Irish director of the Apostleship. Over two thousand people received Holy Communion, about three hundred made the "heroic offering" to abstain from intoxicating drinks for life.

Archbishop Croke, of Cashel, accompanied by Father Ryan, of St. Patrick's College, Thurles, visited Fethard, and presided at the election of a Superior at the Presentation Convent. Mother Magdalen Fitzgerald was elected in place of Mother Agnes Ryan, whoretired, having tilled the office for many years. The Archbishop was the guest of the respected pastor, Very Rev. Wm. Jones, on whom he conferred the dignity of Archdeacon of the Diocese.

On April 25, at the Convent of the Sisters of Charity' Mount St. Anne's, Mill-town, County Dublin, Miss Kathleen Hayes, daughter of P. Hayes, of Armagh, Clonmard, and grand-daughter of the hate Michael Kirwan, of Templemore, County Tipperary, in religion Sister M. John Baptist, was received into the Or-der. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Hayes (father and mother), P. Hayes and Philip Kirwan Hayes (brothers), and Bessie Haves (sister).

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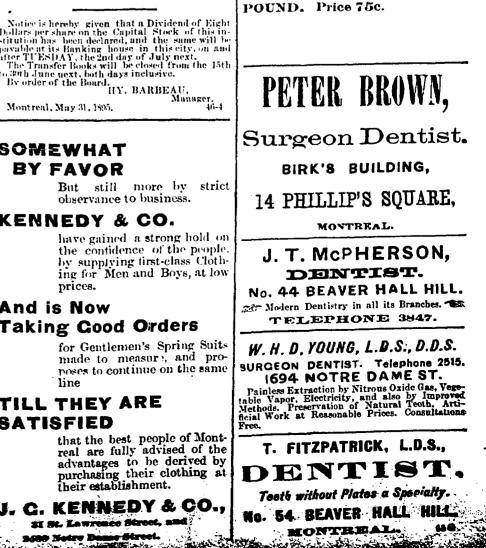
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