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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER. ST. BONIFACE, May 10th, 1883. Mr. E. J. Dermody.

DEAR SIR, I see by the last issue of the NORTHWEST REVIEW that you have been entrusted by the directors of the journal with the management of the same.

Yours all devoted in Christ, ALEX. ARCHBISHOP OF ST. BONIFACE, O. M. I.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27.

EDITORIAL NOTES. A distinguished author says, "I resolved, when I was a child, never to use a word which I could not pronounce before my mother."

Such vulgarity is thought by some boys to be "smart," the "next thing to swearing," and yet "not so wicked," but it is a habit which leads to profanity, and fills the mind with evil thoughts.

It is next to an impossibility to keep track of all reports circulated as to the declining health of His Holiness, but it is noticeable that these adverse reports usually originate in the German papers, which are antagonistic to the popular policy with which the name of Leo XIII. is identified.

His encyclical on the study of the Scriptures, just issued, is proof positive of the vigor of his intellectual powers. It is a document in keeping with the times—one that was never more needed, and one that will re-assert the fact which the enemies of the church have long attempted to deny—that the church is the true friend of the Bible without at all being dependent upon its testimony for the authenticity of the truths of which it is the repository.

The Catholic Columbian strikes at the unholly drunkard-making business thus wise: "The hard times and scarcity of employment have had a tendency to increase crimes of all sorts. One has only to glance at the news columns of the daily journals to be convinced that money could cover a multitude of sins and yet with all poverty and suffering

and idleness, the traffic in intoxicating drinks goes bravely and successfully on. Few saloon keepers complain of hard times for the intemperate man will always have the cost of a drink, if not the means to buy bread. We are forced, therefore, to the conclusion that "hard times" alone cannot account for the prevalence of crime.

"DANGEROUS AND INTOLERANT."

It is thus that Sir James Grant, the newly-elected member of Parliament for Ottawa, designates the Protestant Protective Association. And well might he do so. The aims, objects, and designs of this association, as well as its methods of action, proclaim it to be not only "dangerous and intolerant," but unpatriotic and subversive of the very principle of the Canadian constitution.

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Sir Oliver Mowat, premier of Ontario, has repudiated this organization, while his opponents have practically endorsed it. What, then, is the duty of every Catholic voter in Ontario? Let him remember that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. His rights and liberties are threatened by the men who are using this P.P.A. to climb into power, and, be assured, if they succeed in getting there they would not rest until every right they now threaten disappears.

Who Can Dispute It?

Barry's Corners, N.S., Feb. 15, 1890. W. H. COMSTOCK, Brockville, Ont. Dear sir,—Your Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills are the best selling pills in the market. This is a fact. I speak with knowledge on the subject, as I have been dealing in various kinds of pills, and sell more of Morse's than any other.

LIFE WITH A PURPOSE.

Mankind is mostly divided into two classes—those who strive to gain riches and those who stick where they fall, like a lump of putty, without striving for anything. But scattered about like lost lambs among the putty people and the money grabbers is a third class, so small as not to be recognized as a class at all and only known as individual cranks.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Educational matters are agitating England as well as other parts of the empire. Many English Liberals are opposed to denominational schools, while Lord Salisbury, the leader of the Conservative party and many of his party are in favor of such a system.

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These are the true and only just principles that should govern statesmen in dealing with this subject. The Catholics of this province can appreciate the statesmanlike utterances of the noble Lord for they are suffering from that "patent compressible religion" which is so squeezed that it is acceptable to all Protestants, but is, as a logical result, most unsatisfactory to Catholics.

The proposition is, indeed, worthy of deep and thoughtful consideration, but the question that naturally arises to our mind is: What reliance can be placed on a government like that of King Humbert, to carry out such an international mail service during a war in which that misgoverned country was engaged?

Can Dr. Bryce truthfully make the same statement regarding the present educational system in Manitoba? Will he dare to say this "patent compressible religion" system has not "caused a religious war of which we cannot see the end." Has it not caused a religious hatred in our midst? Not only in Manitoba has this unfortunate feeling been brought into play, but it has spread all over the Dominion.

the P. P. A's secretly vowing vengeance against us. We have the press, the pulpit and the forum using all their powers and influence to sow religious discord and hatred among the ignorant, unthinking and uneducated. Even the politicians and statesmen, who should have the peace and prosperity of the country at heart, do not find it above the dignity of their position to trifle with this question and use it for party purposes, while the poor unfortunate objects of this injustice have to sorrowfully look on at the play of the furies, and pay out their monies to placate an unreasonable mob.

A NOVEL SUGGESTION.

Our bright and able contemporary, Facts, is the author of a thoughtful article on the present unfortunate position of our Holy Father, in which it points out the dangers that would be almost sure to arise in the event of a European war.

Every Catholic is interested in the protection of our Holy Father from violence, and in the free exercise of his exalted prerogative. The protection he now enjoys is that of a trustee that may at any moment come to a close. When it does we cannot, humanly speaking, expect anything but the sacrilegious violence which strews with its terrible wrecks the ravages of a most godless war.

During a space of five years and three months the diocese of New Orleans lost by death twenty-six secular priests, making an average of five priests per annum. The average age of the deceased was 53 years and 5 months. It is a very doubtful whether any diocese in the United States can show a better record for longevity.

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GENERAL NEWS.

At the first of the year a store will be started in Montreal, under the auspices of Lady Aberdeen, for the sale of Irish goods made by the industrial associations in Erin. A similar store has already been started in Chicago.

A wealthy hotel-keeper named Raymond died a few days ago in St. John, N.B., and his relatives began a fight over his money before he was buried.

A Lawrence seed house has shipped its twenty-fifth car of seed to Europe this year.

Kansas embraces about 52,572,160 acres, and there are only 18,360,200 of this yet under cultivation. Who said Uncle Sam was getting crowded?

During the lake season just closed 10,000,000 barrels of flour were received and handled at Buffalo, N.Y. The value of the product was between \$30,000,000 and \$40,000,000.

The widow of one of the Italians lynched in New Orleans three years ago has just got a verdict against the city for \$5,000 damages. The heirs of six others of the lynchéd Italians have also entered suits for damages.

Chicago philanthropists have given during the last year \$2,800,000 to colleges, museums, and benevolent institutions. The names of Philip D. Armour, Marshall Field and George M. Pullman are prominent in the list.

A clear profit of \$488,159 was made by the United States government, as shown by Collector Clark, of Chicago, from custom duties on World's Fair exhibits sold or retained in this country.

Newspaper editing in Germany is a pleasant occupation, but it has its drawbacks. An editor in that favored land recently accused Prince Bismarck of falsifying a telegram, the effect of which was to precipitate the war between France and Germany in 1870.

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Mrs. Meadow—I heard those city people say something about taking rides in traps. What kind of wagons be they?

Mr. Meadow—Huh! Anybody might know you'd never been to York. It's a black-covered carriage that ye get into expectin' to pay 10 cents fare—and ye git charged \$5.

Dobson did not believe that his wife could talk to him from a distance of five miles. Walking up to the telephone he shouted, "Hello, Sarah!" At that instant lightning struck the wire, and he was knocked down. Scrambling to his feet, he excitedly exclaimed, "That's Sarah, every time!"

A man at a Winnipeg hotel in a loud tone of voice called his friend back just as he was leaving the dining room, and then whispered to him, "How far would you have got if I hadn't called you back?"

The other, straightening himself up, replied in a tone loud enough for all to hear, "No, sir, I won't lend you \$10. I haven't got it on me, and if I had I wouldn't let you have it until you paid me what you borrowed two months ago."

His friend will never call him back again in a public dining room.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Cardinal Gibbons spent his boyhood in the West of Ireland. His Eminence was born in Baltimore, Md., but crossed the Atlantic at an early age with his father who was an Irishman, and who had returned from America to settle down more in his native land.

It is rumored that Archbishop Kenrick of St. Louis will resign. If the venerable archbishop retires, it is generally understood that he will go to the Mullanphy hospital, and end his illustrious career in that institution.

The Church in France has lost since the beginning of the year eleven prelates, amongst whom were five Archbishops, comprising the Cardinals of Lyons and of Rennes, three Bishops, and three Vicars-Apostolic. Four seats are at present vacant—namely, the Archbishopric of Besancon, and the Bishoprics of Evreux, Orleans, and Mans.

Archbishop Ireland and Bishops Broderick, McGolrick, Shanley, and Cotter celebrated the anniversaries of their consecration during the present month.

We are pleased to learn that the New York Tablet, temporarily suspended, will resume publication in January.

The State superintendent of public instruction of Pennsylvania has decided that public school superintendents in that State must issue certificates to nuns who are properly qualified to teach.

Bishop Keane, Rector of the Catholic University of America, delivered an eloquent lecture on "The Future of Religion," in Boston recently.

The Dominican Fathers at the Priory, Woodchester, England, publish a magazine called The Kosary, at the very low price of a penny a month.

Colonel Elmer T. Otis, who has just been made Brigadier General by President Cleveland, was a delegate to the Catholic Convention of the C. K. of A. in 1877.

The monastery of the Good Shepherd at Troy, N. Y., has received from the Chicago Exhibition Commissioners a gold medal for being a model reformatory.

There are about 160,000 negro Catholics in the United States, and 21 sisterhoods teaching in 108 schools over 8,000 negro children.

The Right Rev. Edward G. Bagshawe Roman Catholic Bishop of Nottingham, England, is dead. He was consecrated in 1874.

More than two thousand American Indians were received into the Catholic Church last year.

Archbishop Ireland preached to an audience of five hundred colored people at St. Peter Claver's church last Sunday evening on the occasion of the first anniversary of the church's dedication.

According to the newspaper reporting the Rev. Father Tierney, parish priest of New Britain, Conn., has been selected as the next Bishop of Hartford, and successor to the late Bishop McMahon.

Father Richard Brennan, pastor of the Catholic church of the Holy Innocent of New York, is dead. He was the oldest, as well as one of the most prominent priests of the diocese of New York.

We are informed that an A. P. A. paper published in the United States which ordinarily prints 1500 copies weekly, tried an experiment of 10,000 copies last week, and that the rag man is looking with avaricious eye on the pile of unsold copies.

The A. P. A's tried their hand in the Mayoralty contest at Boston the other day. Result: Mayor Matthews re-elected by about 10,000 majority and the American Protective Association "turned its face to the wall."

Sister Marie Josephine, whose worldly name was Anna Livingston, died last week of consumption, at the convent of Mount St. Vincent, New York. Miss Livingston was a daughter of Ludlow Livingston, and was educated at the convent, her parents dying when she was very young. She spent several years in society after her education was completed, and then forsook the world for the veil, giving all her money to the convent.

A colossal statue of the Blessed Virgin the work of Duchesse d'Uzes of France, whose son recently died in Africa, is to be erected upon one of the loftiest summits of the Kougou Mountains. The statue, which will be visible to passengers on the line from Paris to the situation is one of the most picturesque in that mountainous region. The enterprise is under the patronage of Cardinal Bourret, the Bishop of the diocese, and of thirty-four prelates. The work will not be completed for four years.

Chauncey M. Depew has had an interview with Pope Leo—the first layman in twenty years to be honored as he was on the occasion. He was given half an hour of the Holy Father's precious time. Mr. Depew was made the medium of a pleasing message to the American people and declares to be a man of great intellectuality, in good physical condition and alive to the interests of the church the world over, and especially here. When Mr. Depew spoke of Archbishop Corrigan and of the labor encyclical, the Holy Father was specially well pleased.

Catholics who do not subscribe to a Catholic publication may profit by the striking contrast presented in the following paragraph:

"Bishop Gilmour's enthusiasm for Catholic journalism was manifested by his founding the Catholic University, which in the course of time cost him forty thousand dollars."—Very Rev. Mgr. T. P. Thorpe.

This learned man and convert had forty thousand dollars for the support of that power for which many born in the faith have not two dollars a year—Northwestern Witness.

The organ of the A. P. A. the Chicago Mail, was out on Tuesday last with a most insidious though labored attack on Mr. Hopkins. The only charge it could bring against him was that his middle initial is P. and it assumed of course that it stood for Patrick.

It is only the A. P. A. who dislike that name, and why wouldn't they? It was the original Patrick who cleared the Irish soil of just such vermin. The Mail is obliged to admit however, the splendid ability of our next mayor, John Percival Hopkins.