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and of mental training that public schools were designed; it is for children only that they are rightfully supported by the taxation of the whole community, and yet it is in regard to them that our public school system fails utterly. For those who need all that discipline and training can do the taxation does not him, except in which is the cold, do, that system does nothing, except, in-deed, the evil of unfitting them for the life that is before them, and making them inferior in every way to their fathers and mothers, except in a little outside var-

I am asked if I would teach children to read, write and cipher and sew, and then send them out of school to learn no more. Certainly, I would teach them nothing more in the way of book learning (not the most admirable possession in the world) at the compulsory expense of their neighbors. But book learning is not all that it seems to me that children should be taught while they are teachable. Here, however, there opens a view of this subject which cannot even be glanced at on this occasion.—R. G. W., in New York

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Free Press of this city says the Advertiser is the biggest liar in the Dominion. The Advertiser unhesitatingly characterizes its neighbor as the biggest fool in the Dominion. When there is no all-absorbing public scandal or no exciting topic have something to say to make things look lively.

COLONEL ROBERT INGERSOLL may be set down as the champion infidel of the United States. But the Colonel is very inconsistent indeed. He claims that every man has a perfect right to think for himself, yet, at a recent meeting of his followers in Chicago, he wanted to force his particular views on the gentlemen present, and resigned because they did not see fit to adopt them.

THE FRENCH infidels are beginning to be afraid of their scheme of suppression of the religious orders. The government, it is said, have now determined that the expulsion of the Jesuits and other religious will be gradually carried out. Public opinion has forced the radicals to this initiatory step. In a short time we would not be surprised to learn that the unholy edicts will be abandoned

century enlightenment and progress. They have divorce laws in that country, and thoughtful people are beginning to feel uneasy in consequence of the did not attract much attention in the facility afforded man and wife to separate and marry again. It seems that if a couple get "incompatible" ideas into their heads, a declaration to this effect, and a request for a bill of divorce, are held to be quite sufficient, and their request is at once throughout. granted.

The letters of instruction issued by the government to the Irish Constabulary authorize them to send in the names of all persons found obstructing legal processes, preventing the fair in Toronto is said to be the cause of this, as most of the exhibitors of machine. by the government to the Irish Constructing legal processes, preventing sales of farm produce, preventing sale and transfer of land, and otherwise deterring owners in the enjoyment of their legal rights. The letter also requires the Constabulary to state whether such persons are or are not members of the Land League. The constabulary might also be asked to reckon up how many people would have died of starvation last winter but for the charity of Americans, Canadians and Frenchmen, also how many hours it would have taken the starving tenants to consume the charity given by the Irish landlords and that which came across the Channel from the most wealthy nation in the world. Those people, whose names the government is so concerned about, are those who are taking steps to prevent a recurrence of the state of affairs which prevailed last winter. We make no doubt the list will be a long one and hope the array will have due weight in the governmental quarters of the sister

In a recent lecture on Ireland, Mr. James Redpath made the following reference to a noble lord who found it necessary to oppose the Compensation Bill: "The Marquis of Lansdowne spoke in the House of Lords of the Irish landlords as 'a class who had spent fortunes, lives and energies in endeavoring to ameliorate the condition of their country and set an example of order and industry within it.' His brother-in-law, in the House of Commons, spoke of the marquis as a model landlord. Lansdowne spends the summer months on his estates at Dureen-or one cr two months, at least, every year. Last season he was in the midst of the distressed people whose cries were heard in America and Australia. He gave only twenty pounds to rethat 'they must give up their lands | committee of citizens with a handsome | said,

named Dennis Downing got the marquis to visit his ricketty cabin, and pointed to his naked children and begged for mercy. With a cold, unmanly sneer, to use the published words of a local writer, the noble marquis told the starving peas-ant that he was not responsible for his large family and refused to have pity on him. This tenant lived in Foramore, in the parish of Touist. The poor man at last got permission to sell his interest in his little farm.'

MR. J. BRYAN PURCELL, an Episcoralian, writing to the Baltimore Church News concerning the supremacy of the Holy See, says in conclusion: "Though we may say transeat to Rome's great claim of universal sovereignty, temporal and spiritual jure divino, still she is the apostolic chair, and the only one in the West. She has stood forth as the champion of popular rights, as the custodian of the faith once delivered to the saints and the promoter of civilization. In the 'dark and troubled times' of 'lawless and arbitrary feudalism, which might otherwise have swept away both Church and religion from the earth,' on which prurient minds may feast and revel, the daily papers must have something to say to make things from disintegration the cause of Christ and His Body. She has been that mother which clasped to her warm bosom the barbarian of the North, and the savage of the West. The tracks of her missionaries' bleeding feet have been found in the wilds of all lands. They have carried to the red man that faith which as a lamp in their hearts illuminated the darkness of his wigwam. Oh let us be just to Rome. . . . For my own part, and for our common Lord's sake, I will say of her, esto perpetua.'

HAMILTON LETTER.

ECCLESIASTICAL-FAIR NOTES-THE GOV-ERNOR GENERAL—THE FIREMEN'S DIS-PLAY—"WHERE DUTY CALLS WE FLY TO SAVE"—BREVITIES.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

A solemn anniversary Requiem Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral on Monday morning last for the late Bishop of Hamilton, Right Rev. John Farrell. The Mission in Dundas closed on Tues-day. It lasted nearly two weeks, and is said to have been very successful.

altogether by those miserable men.

Switzerland is just now basking in the sunshine of a little nineteenth in the sunshine of a little nineteenth of the distanced him in a distant part of the distance of th

FAIR NOTES. The Provincial Exhibition which opened on Monday, in the Crystal Palace premises,

mprovements, and in the greatest quan-ities. The threshing machines and combined reapers and binders are the most numerous. The supply of stoves, too, is almost unlimited, and many of them ex-

hibit exquisite workmanship.
Live stock was scarce until Saturday afternoon. Then the horses, cattle, sheep and hogs began to pour in quite numerous-ly, and on Tuesday of this week visitors had the opportunity of seeing a very fine display in the various sections of this

department.
The Crystal Palace building is an immense variety store. Samples of fancy and useful articles in the way of dry goods, groceries, wearing apparel, drugs and medicines, roots, vegetables, fruit of all kinds, etc., are here in great abundance. Musical instruments, too, make a very creditable display, both as regards quantity and quality. The fine are gallery is tolerable — plenty of statues, busts, sketches, chromos and paintings, but nothing extraordinary from an artistic

As before remarked, the attendance of As before remarked, the terminal visitors at the grounds since Thursday, the 23d, has been very large. It was greatest on Friday, when the presence of the Governor-General and the firemen's demonstration swelled the concourse to more than 20,000 persons. Notwithmore than 20,000 persons. Notwith-standing the multltude of strangers that standing the multitude of strangers that have been in the city, hotel keepers and dealers in the "staff of life" generally, complained that they have not done as well as they expected. The explanation of this is that there were "too many in the business," and the profits being spread over a wide field left the individual complays comparatively small.

arnings comparatively small.

The excitement in the city has been of The excitement in the chy his been of the average kind. It was highest on Friday, when the extra attractions brought some 40,000 persons on the public streets. There has been no lack of amusements picnics by day, illuminations, fireworks and nall entertainments by night.

The most interesting feature connected with the fair in the estimation of the public him and showed how impossible it was to pay the rents, he told them that that they must give up their large.

Last Christmas a tenant Dennis Downing got the sto visit his ricketty cabin, inted to his naked children gged for mercy. 'With a mmanly sneer,' to use the adwards of a local writer, the

His stay lasted four days. During that time the exhibition was honored twice with his presence; he also attended the regatta on Burlington Bay, Saturday afternoon, and the band concert by the thirteenth on Saturday night. On all those of any other parish in Ontario. and women, outrivaining in on the saturday night. On all these occasions he attracted large assemblages, and was of course, himself, the centre of attraction. Several hundreds of prominent persons were introduced to him, all of whom spoke very highly of his affable and courteous bearing.

all of whom spoke very highly of his affable and courteous bearing.

The city officials and the citizens committee did everything in their power to make things comfortable for his Excellence with the company of the citizens comfortable for his Excellence with the company of the citizens and the citizens are citizens. lency while among us, and it is to be hoped that he went away well satisfied with his reception and with a good opinion

pleasure of being introduced to each other, first among the many introductions that occurred after the arrival of the vice-regal train on Friday.
"WHEN DUTY CALLS, WE FLY TO SAVE."

The Firemen's demonstration on Fri-day was good. One thousand gaily uni-formed men in line, with their engine reels and banners, marching the streets to the music of a score of brass bands, made an interesting processional display. The various localities seemed to have sent out their best representatives, judging by the physique and military bearing of the dif-ferent companies.

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The demonstration continued with a series of games and sports in Dundurn grounds in the afternoon, and a grand exhibition of fireworks in the evening.

Their torchlight procession was the most startling feature in the Firemen's pro-

gramme. It extended from the Gore to the Park at Dundurn, and was participated in by the same companies and musical organizations as during the day.

BREVITIES.
Prof. H. A. Wilkens has returned to Ham-Prof. H. A. Wilkens has returned to Hamilton after a short tour on the European continent. At the exhibition now in progress in this city the worthy Professor obtained two first prizes in the department of Artistic Models.

A new Chief of Police, Mr. A. D Stewart of Toronto, has at last been appointed. During the enterregnum, Sergeant Major Kavanagh acted as regent, and it is the subject of common remark that never before was peace better preserved or the

subject of common remark that never before was peace better preserved or the duties of the position better discharged. The great question on Friday was, which is the best band? Canadians gen-erally and Hamiltonians especially said certainly the Band of the Thirteenth Bat-talion is the best; but quite a num-ber of musical critics maintained that the band from Rhode Island excelled all others. The latter consisted of 24 pro-

as drowned. This was certainly a most

The abundance of matter of fact items btainable has forced our brilliant city cals to lay aside their humorous vein for the time being and waste their efforts on matters grave and serious. Everything in their columns bears an cwl-like solemnand they haven't even called the

The Hamilton market report usually given in this column will be found The Scott act men in the County, after

onsiderable labor have succeeded in procuring the required number of signatures and have posted up 1876 names in the town hall, Dundas, for public inspection. The Emerald Beneficial association of this city held a very successful pic-nic on Wednsday last. Headed by the city band

they made a procession through the principal streets to the Dundurn Park, where during the afternoon. Everything passed off satisfactorily. A number of protests have been entered

A number of protests have been entered against judge's decisions during the past few days. It may be that some of the judges are incompetent and it may be that some men, like school boys, are dissatisfied unless they get a prize whether they deserve it or not, but exactly which it would be head to say at tresent. he hard to say at present.

A new feature has been recently added

to the reporting style by our city locals. The stray words that fall from the lips of lignitaries are no longer allowed to melt in the air, but are eagerly seized by the indefatigable local, and preserved in his columns for the benefit of lovers of proverbs and apothegms. What his Ex-cellency said when he saw those big cabbages up at the palace; the words of astounded surprise that escaped him when he beheld the brass buttons on the firemen's jackets, and the feeling of tender emotion to which he gave utterance when he heard the band pity the "Bannock's Barley Meal," were beautifully delineated between neatly turned commas, and with child-like simplicity of expression. Some people are now wondering what he said while he was reading what they said he CLANCAHILL.

ASHFIELD LETTER.

The parish of Ashfield is situated in the North-western portion of the county of Huron. It consists of one hundred and Huron. It consists of one hundred and sixty families, a great majority of which are in independent circumstances. The cli-mate is so favorable and the breezes that here prevail are so invigorating—owing to the proximity of that majestic body of water on whose banks we are situated—

credit upon her.
Our Sunday schools, which are marvels

of success, reflect great credit on our good pastor Father Beausang, whose noble efforts in the cause of religion have been in every with his reception and with a good opinion of Hamilton hospitality.

His Grace Archbishop Lynch and His Excellency the Governor General had the pleasure of being introduced to each other, first among the many introductions that appearance when arranged in form, every Sunday imbibing from that only foun-tain of true knowledge—the Christian Doctrine—those truths and principles which form the mind and character after the true model, which is found only in following in the footsteps of our Re-deemer. Our good pastor is determined to have his children prepared to defend Holy Mother Chutch against the assaults

of the enemy.

The other schools, 8 in number, are situated throughout the parish at such places as are convenent for the children to attend. Our excellent teacher, Mr. McPhee, spends the afternoons on Sundays inspect spends the afternoons on Sundays inspect-ing those schools and reports progress to the pastor. The members and teachers of those schools are called together periodic-ally by the pastor, when he determines who wins the laurels of spiritual labor. There are a very large number of children at-tending those Sunday schools. Great credit is due to Miss Maggie Dal-

ton, for the untiring energy and zeal she has displayed since she took charge of our choir, which is now about four years, and all Not only in this respect does she display zeal but in everything concerning religion

zeal but in everything concerning religion and general good.

Many are the blessings conferred upon us since Father Beausang came amongst us. He depends not alone upon the genius of eloquence and oratory to bless his parish with goodness and happiness, but attacks existing evils with that determination and perseverance which always beget success. Long may he stay amongst us; may his efforts in the future be crowned with as much success as they have been in us; may ms efforts in the future be crowned
with as much success as they have been in
the past, and may he be crowned eternally
hereafter.
D. L.
Kingsbridge, Sept. 18, 1880.

SARNIA LETTER.

cally part of the week, the Committee columns more lengthy and the quantity and the Judges having had their hands full in arranging, classifying and making the awards. The attendance of visitors on Thursday was very encouraging, and the Judges having had their hands the Judges having had their hands full in arranging, classifying and making the awards. The attendance of visitors on Thursday was very encouraging, and they qualtity of reading matter increased by the use of fine non-paried type. The awards. The attendance of visitors on Thursday was very encouraging, and will have the performance of that portion for forty-two boys and fifty-offer and on Friday it was exceedingly large. The weather hitherto has been quite favorable throughout.

The numbers of entries of every kind, except in the department of machinery, has been unusually large, reaching in the appearance of that portion will be developed at any previous Provincial Exhibition.

The Machinery Hall is almost empty. The Fair in Tor-not is said to bethe cause of this, as most of the exhibition of Halling the more center in the only value attachable to a city in the only value attachable to a city in the only value attachable to a city in the only a value attachable to a city in the only a control to the city for this year will be is alphabetical classification.

In one of our recently extended to undertake labor and auxiety of a reschibition in Hamilton.

The display of agricultural implements runs to the other extreme. They are here there in every variety and style, with the latest improvements, and it the greatest qualty and the control of the control o verse: "Whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven, and whose sins you shall retain they are retained," gave a most clear, foreible and logical lecture on the power given by God to the pastors of His church to forgive or retain sins, showing conclusively the absolute necessity of the penitent confessing his sins to the priest as an essential to his exercising the power of respitting or retaining them. I noticed itting or retaining them. I notice nite a number of our separated brethre both the morning and evening service I must not forget to mention the name the Messrs. Traher, of London, father

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of the Messes. Tailer, of London, father and son, whose voices were a most welcome audition to the really excellent music of the good Sisters, both at Mass and Vespers. On Tucsday, 25th, His Londship and ministered confirmation to the children Cornum. Yours &c., Sarnia, September 26th, 1850.

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**Six.—I thank you for your protest against the display of ignorance and prejudice against the display of ignorance and prejudice against the Catholic Church and her priests, at the Ontario tacher's convention. Professor Goldwin Smith ought to an abundle discourse of the Home the Church and her priests, at the Ontario tacher's convention. Professor Goldwin Smith ought to an abundle discourse of the Home the Church and her priests, at the Ontario tacher, on the 25th James H. Lower Canadian seems occupying a first—the John Church and Church and Church and the Lower Canadian occupying a first—the John Staten (16) per cent of the population of Lower Canada, as shown by the send only (13) thirteen per cent in France, and only (14) thirteen per cent in France, and only (15) the proposed contract in France, and only (15) the proposed contract in France, and only (16) the France as compared with English speaking countries. Shame on Goldwin Smith, Let him read the Journal de L'Education of Free things of the France and compared the France and compared the France and contract of the France and compared the France and compared the France and compared the France and compared the France and compar

QUEBEC LETTER.

In my last I promised to give the par-ticulars of an episode in Canadian history which could not fail to interest your read-ers. I send you, accordingly, an account ers. I send you, accordingly, an account of the circumstances surrounding le crucific outrage or "descrated crucifix," translated from l'Abbe Casgrain's history of the Hotel Dieu, and I have no hesitation in directing attention to it.

His Excellency the Governor General and a party of his friends paid a semi-official visit to the

URSULINE CONVENT on Monday. I send you in another form an account of the proceedings on the occasion. He was particularly compli-mentary to the Reverend ladies.

AT THE BASILICA ON SUNDAY,

Our Lady of Sorrows, or the Transfixion, (Luke ii. 35) was celebrated. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father Fleviez, C.SS. R., of St. Anne's. His Grace the Archbishop occupied the throne. The musical portion of the service was, as usual, given by the Sen.inarians in the organ loft. At the Gradual the beautiful Stabat Mater (St. John xiv. 25-27) was sung in alternate. the Gradual the beautiful Stabat Mater (St. John-xix, 25-27) was sung in alternate verses by them and the choristers in the sanctuary. At the Offertory, Faure's Sancta Maria was rendered by M. D'Eschambault in his usual excellent style. 'The annual collection for the immediate wants of the poor of the parish, before the organization of the various charitable regions for the winter search was taken societies for the winter season, was taken up by Rev. Messrs. Cote and Belanger, during the chanting of the Credo.

On Saturday morning in the Basilica, as announced in my last, His Grace the Archbishop promoted to the order of Subdeacon all the gentlemen then named, and deacon all the gentlemen then named, and on Sunday morning he further promoted those of them who belong to the Archdiocese to Deaconship. On Saturday morning, also in the Basilica, he admitted the following to Minor Orders:—Messrs. J. A. Levesque-Lafrance, A. Rouleau, Louis Belleau, Ant. 'ampallon, J. P. Hudon, A. Fortin, J. A. Rouseau, T. V. Lauye, E. Corriveau, P. P. Labrecque, of Archdiocese, and Daniel Moriarty, of the Vicariate Apostolic, of Nebraska. On the Same day, in the private chapel of the Palace, he tonsured Messrs. Filteau, Bernier, Lemay, of the Archdiocese; John Carson, of the Diocese of St. John, N. B., and Laeblan McPherson, of the diocese of Arichat, N. S.

His Lordship of Three Rivers also held ordinations during the past week. Three priests were ordained besides the lesser orders.

ONFERRING THE BLACK VIII.

ceremonies which, when once witnessed, is not likely to be soon forgotten—the conferring of the "black veil" of the order of St. Ursula, on a bright and handsome young lady—the "Angel of the Noviciate," as those who knew her well fondly loved as those who knew her well fondly loved personal interview with one of the zeal-and Priests. cthers. The latter consisted of 24 professional musicians who accompanied the Bunker Hill Encampment from Boston. It is said that they received \$1350 in all for their two week's engagement.

The Times, always in the front rank as a model of typographical arrangement, has been still further improved for the Fair season. The sheet is considerably enlarged, the columns more lengthy and the quantity of reading matter increased by the use of fine nonpariel type.

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Another of the remarkable days in the History of Catholicity in Sarnia has drawn to a close. We have been cheered by the sea of our beloved and indefatigable Bishop, His Lordship Rt. Rev. John Walsh, who, after Solemn High Mass, of which the columns more lengthy and the quantity of reading matter increased by the use of fine nonpariel type.

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Saffer little children to come unto Me."

The recipient of the veil on this occasion was Miss Margaret Murray, daughter of Mr. William A. Murray, merchant, of the Working of the civil was Miss Margaret Murray, daughter of Mr. William A. Murray of the Purious of the French city papers are making a heavy on slaught on Mr. Collector Dunsseomle of the veil on this occasion, and who will be henceforth known as Revd. Mother May of the Purious days of the Purious Priests.

The new buildings hy the edid not have a to call her—who then vowed herself for the service of the Working of the civil papersonal interview with one of the zeal-was Priests.

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some American tourists presently in town, were also present; the solemn ceremony was very effecting and there were many wet eyes amongst the spectators.

The Canadian publishes the following interesting piece of information over its editorial matter:—"There is again a rumor respecting the entry of Mr. Mercier into the Government of Quebec. We affirm that the Government of Quebec. We affirm that we have our information from most we have our into matton from most certain sources. We are assured that the visit of several deputies to Montreal is not foreign to a political combination, to which Mr. Mercier will be a party." This, if true will be a "new departure" in this

Seguin, a Catholic clergyman in Canada, Seguin, a Catholic clergyman in Canada, who is probably ready to get married, has written to Bishop Fabre, announcing his conversion to Protestantism." There was some point in the wish expressed by a Protestant gentleman once,—that, "when the Pope undertook to weed his garden he would'nt throw them over our wall."

A young man named Vaillancourt, aged about sixteen years, has been arrested, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences from a number of city store-keepers.

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The Christian Brethers are about to erect a new schoolhouse on a lot of ground in St. Joseph's street, St. Roch's, given them by the churchwardens of that parish, the present one in Desfosses street having become altogether too small. A residence will also be erected, which will obviate the brothers being obliged to go to the house in Uppertown for their meals.

Governor Robitaille paid a visit to his natal parish, Varrennes, near Montreal, on Sunday, for the first time in twenty-two years. He attended Mass in the parish church, after which an address was presented to him by Mr. Massuc, M. P., on behalf of the parishiciers. On the way to Montreal he stopped at Boucherville, where an ovation was also given him.

Early in the summer, a "pastoral letter" was issued, signed by all the Church of England clergymen in the city, addressed to the mariners visiting the port, urging the necessity of observing the Sunday and giving the hours of service in their respective churches. "As," they say, "this pastoral letter will reach the eyes of many who do not belong to the Church of England," they append a list of the services in all the places of worship of the different seets, and, also, in the Catholic churches.

Monsieur Martin, formerly and for many years the well known verger of the French Cathedral (Basilica), died last week at his residence, St. Sauveur. He was an original character in his way, and some

CONFERRING THE BLACK VEIL.

The chapel of the Ursuline Monastery was, on Monday morning, at half-past six o'clock, the scene of one of those religious ceremonies which, when once witnessed, is not likely to be soon forgation, the

OCCASIONAL. Quebec, September 24th, 1880.

Mr. James J. Skellington, of this city has been appointed messenger of the Bank of Commerce in Sarnia, and will enter upon his duties at once.

Mrs Margaret Finn, mother of Mr. Timothy J. Finn, printer, of Detroit, died on Thursday morning, aged 76. Mrs. Finn lived in London for many years.