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"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."-"CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."-St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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Our Pasteral Letter should exceed all reasonable limite, were We to multiply these testimonies of the holy and learned men who stood forward in sight of the except listening Church in those earliest and purest ages of Christianity to assert the divinely appointed rule of Tradition, in oposition to human interpretation of the Bible, in its character of authenticity is integrity of the letter, its Canonicity as in sport erecord, its genuine interpretation of the Bible, in its character of authenticity is integrity of the letter, its Canonicity as in apprehensive standards the Roman Pontiffs as witness, induces the Roman Pontiffs as witness, induced the and fose combine in regarding them as steadiast upholders of the indexibility of Apostolical Tradition, which they allowed no one, how holy soever, or learned, or exalted in the Church, or popularly sustained, to effectually contraven. The history of Rome's Apostolical Tradition or witness of the standard to the contraversy in the 2nd century shew and as the final rule of Christian faith in the first Ages. For the Acts of that great CEcumenical Council supply evidence superior to all individual testimonies hitherto produced, inasmuch as the Church herself was in session at Nice in Church nerself was in session at Alice in the year 325; and, from examination of the form of her Decrees, we ascertain her mind and the definite principles of her action. Thus we see, that in framing disciplinary laws, her preamble merely asserts, "It hath seemed proper to us to decree so and so;" whereas, in prefacing her definitions of faith, she simply asseverates relying on her Threditing." erates, relying on her Traditions, and her Traditions only, without reference to any discretionary judgment on the part of the Bishops, or any searching of the Scriptures for texts in proof of her doctrine; but solely and simply affirming her own belief, as handed down to her from the past. "This the Church believed so and so, "The Church of God teaches so and so, &c. This is her dogmatic form; in it lies her principle of faith; it is Tradition, "the faith once delivered to the Saints."

Jude, 3 v.
We have developed this subject rather tion, through you, of Our faithful people, who, living in the midst of a population reared in the denial of the Kingdom of the Church its doctrine. Church, its doctrine, its government and its discipline, are exposed to the danger of being weakened in their faith by daily

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OUR PASTORAL LETTER OF THE PROPESED OF THE If we have drawn special attention to the teachers of the first ages, it is to meet heresy on its chosen ground and condemn it by witnesses of its own selected period. Unfold to your people the functions of Tradition for the custody of an unalterable faith, and the guardianship also of the Bible, in its character of authenticity, its integrity of the letter, its Canonicity as

ST. PETER IS THE VICARIOUS ROCK SUP-PORTING THE CHURCH, AND, AS SUCH, IS THE ORGANIC MEDIUM OF COMMUNION

IN FAITH AND GRACE WITH JESUS CHRIST. No edifice can stand without its foun-No edifice can stand without its foundation. Hence, if the Blessed Virgin Mary's Son "stall reign in the House of Jacob for ever," and be Himself the "hving stone" on which it rests indestructibly, and through whose vivifying grace "all the building, framed together, groweth up into a holy temple in the Lord," Eph. 2 ch., He must fulfil this office in His Church, from the beginning to the end of Church, from the beginning to the end of her earthly career. It is true, He has ascended into heaven, to enjoy His tri-umph over sin and death and hell, and enthrone Humanity at the right hand of Godhead in glory. Nevertheless He will continue to exercise effectively in the sight of men apon the earth, through a Vicar of His own appointment, all the functions and all the supernatural and divine powers of His Kingly and Priestly office, symbolized by the "chief cornerstone" of His spiritual Kingdom.

It is meet that it should be so. When the King has gone away to the distant spiritually and invisibly, there should be some authorized agency through which

warriors their respective provinces and their times and methods of combat. In truth she would be a headless Church, a spiritual edifice without its "cornerstone," if there were no living representative of Christ, to rule by His authority and be the medium of communion with Him. Jesus is not a mere historic name, He did not found His Church and then abandon her to herself, to work out her course by her own wisdom. He is the "living stone" on which she rests for ever, the very principle of her vitality. The language of modern heresy would seem to imply that He performs this function as God by the omnipresence of His Godhead, wherein we all "live and move and have our being," Acts, 17 ch. But it is not so. It is the Blessed Virgin Mary's Son, God in His human nature, who "shall reign in the House of Jacob" in the House of Jacob" who "shall reign in the House of Jacob" in the House of Jacob" in the House of Jacob" of Our Divine Lord's most significance of Our Divine Lord's most sale spiritual chaften. Significance of Our Divine Lord's most same, and she again took part in a duet with her causin, Mr. Daly, an Ave Maria composed by herself.

The Rev. Father next gave his lectare, taling of his lext, Luke 1, 28 Chap., 2. "Hill, full of grave, blessed are thou samong women; blessed is the fruit of thy womb." He said, weat an honor to be come of God's highest angels, Gabriel, beat from heaven to announce these words through the Diocese. It was firmly and looked more like lithograph printing than ordinary penmanship. The bishop writes and speaks English, French, Italian and Latin fluently, but he frankly admitted that he had considerable difficulty with his without sin and des

ner-stone," a ministerial Christ.

Accordingly we find, in the brief historical outline of our Lord's Acts, written by direction of the Holy Ghost for the edification and consolation of the Church, that He chose one from amongst His Twelve Apostles, by name Simon, and in their presence gave him three several commissions, imparting supreme doctrinal, legislative and administrative authority over the universal Church. St. Matthew relates the following most remarkable address of "the Son of the living God" to the Galilean fisherman in return for his splendid

Our Lord once more singly and distinctly from the other singly and distinctly from the other Apostles, and in presence of them all, demanding from him this time a triple profession of special love as a preamble to investiture with the plenitude of doctrinal, legislative and administrative power over the Kingdom of His Fold:

Simon BISHOP MCKINNON State of the most devoted men I ever

"Jesus saith to Simon Peter: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these? He saith to Him: Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith to to him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him to him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again: Simon, son of John, levest thou me? He saith to Him: Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith to him, Feed my sheep. He saith to him the third time: Simon, son of John, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because He had said to him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said to Him: Lord they me? And he said to Him: Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee. He saith to him, Feed my sheep."—(John 21 ch.)

These multiplied addresses of the Son of These multiplied addresses of the Soil of God convey to every sincere and unpre-judiced mind, as clearly as language is capable of conveying, His sovereign will and enactment that all His authority, as King of the universal Church, shall be vested in His official representative, whom he has created a "Rock" of divine strength region beyond the skies, whence He communicates with this lower world only spiritually and invisibly, there should be being weakened in their faith by daily contact with loud-boasting heresy. There is a tendency to regard opinions as respectable which are professed by respectable neighbors. There is unhappily in this age and country too ready a disposition to speak of differences in creed as mere differences of harmless opinion. But stion to speak of differences of harmless opinion. But the Church of God knows no distinction between great truths and small, where the integrity of faith is concerned. It is the church of the virtue of faith that it is wholly lot by the wilful loss of any, the world of the contract of the world of

Antigonish, N. S., Casket.

Antigonish, Nov. 30.—I found his Lordship Bishop Cameron with the manuscript of a new Gaelic catechism on his desk. It is to be printed and circulated through the Diocese. It was firmly and clearly written on large white paper, and looked more like lithograph printing than ordinary penmanship. The bishop writes and speaks English, French, Italian and Latin fluently, but he frankly admitted that he had considerable difficulty with his attempt in Gaelic literature. He had, he said, gone over it several times, and each time had found something to correct or improve, but at last it was complete and now ready for the hands of the printer. His lordship received me with that kindness and courtesy for which he is so ness and courtesy for which he is so famed, and which has won him the esteem and love of all who come in contact with him. Speaking of
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he remarked that out of 72,000 adherents
of his church, 41,000 were Highland
Scotch. . . Seven years ago
when I became administrator of this
diocese, there was a debt of \$40,000.
Every cent of that has been paid off. In
addition to that we have raised another
\$40,000 for current and special work; and
\$16,000 towards a \$30,000 endowment
fund for the St. Francis Xavier's college
—or nearly \$100,000. Just think of that.
And mind you that money was all conor nearly \$100,000. Just think of that. And mind you that money was all contributed by the people of the country districts. We have no large and wealthy cities, such as Halifax, to draw from. And cities, such as Halifax, to draw from. And that \$100,000 was given voluntarily, willingly, freely, gladly. There was no driving, no forcing. The contributions came from the pious good will of the people. I know no better disposed or more generous people in the world than the people over whom it is my privilege to preside. The last census gave us a population of 72,000, that is an increase of 10,000 in ten years. There are now fifty-seven priests years. There are now fifty-seven priests in the diocese. About new churches? Well, there have not been as many erected as you might imagine. My predecessor, Bishop McKinnon, was a remarkably active man and organized a great many churches. The field was well occupied when I took charge of the diocese. In fact the debt incurred in the establishment fact the debt incurred in the establishment of new churches was the greatest drawback I had to contend with. But still we have replaced several old buildings with hand-some new structures, and erected others where none had existed before: more than

"What is the present condition of the In a more satisfactory condition than ever it was before. But no thanks to you politicians," added his lordship with one of his inimitable smiles.

a dozen in all."

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"Not to us, my lord, not us—"

"Politicians are all pretty much alike.
But about the college. It will not die as
long as I live. And now I'm out of debt,
I shall go ahead. Within the last six
years I have spent \$17,000 on it; have
added a new wing, but a new foundation over the old building and made other im-

was one of the most devoted men I ever met. I never even read of a man who was more devoted to his God, his duty and his church. He gave himself entirely to the work of his diocese. He might have been rich. But he died as poor as a beggar. Every cent he obtained went towards the building of the church." "The withdrawal of state aid did not cripple the college?"

DIOCESE OF HARILTON.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

The services in St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sunday were ususually attractive, Viscount Bury, from Elmhurse, England, who, with the Viscountess, his son, Hon. Mr. Keppell and Misses Keppell, Mrs. Daly, sister of Lady Bury, her son and daughter—all of whom are at present sojourning at Dundarn Castle with Mrs. McNab, who is aunt of Lady Bury's, being present. Lord Bury was at 6 c'clock Mass and received Holy Communion, as is customary with him was at 6 colors Mass and received floly Communion, as is customary with him weekly. Miss Tacodora Keppell took part with the cheir at High Mass. She has a beautiful soft contralto voice, and her sing-

After the reading of the Gospel Very Rev. V. G. Heenan introduced the Rev. W. J. Cromblehelme, who is on a mission col-lecting for the purpose of rebuilding his church and schools burned by a riotous mob

without sin and destined by God on account of her immaculate purity to become the Mother of the Saviour of Mankind. He showed that it was Mary's desire, and for which she fervently and constantly prayed that God would choose her as the handmaiden of the Mother of God, so that she would have the hammers of pursing the

that God would choose her as the handmaiden of the Mother of God, so that she
would have the happiness of nursing the
Infant Jesus. He explained her fright
and astonishment at beholding the Angel
Gabriel, and on hearing him pronounce the
words to her, her great humility on the
Angel explaining how it could be accomplished. She immediately exclaimed, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done
unto me according to thy word." That
moment she became the Mother of the
Saviour of the world. The Rev. gentleman
dwelt at great length on the honors conferred upon Mary, and said that when on
one occasion a Bishop of St. Sophia's in
Constantinople denied her title to these
honors, the whole of the laity and common people with one voice cried out it was
not the truth. A council of the Holy
Fathers assembled immediately after, (431)
declared that Mary was entitled to all
the honors that could be conferred upon
her, that she was honored from her birth,
being brought up in the church under the
special care of the Holy Ghost, honored by
God by sending his special messenger to
announce his own words to her. It was
the year after the assembling of the Council when the honor was confirmed, that St.
Patrick was sent to Ireland (432) fully enthe year after the assembling of the Council when the honor was confirmed, that St. Patrick was sent to Ireland (432) fully enlightened as to the honors Mary was entitled to, and in fulfilling his Divine Mission to the Irish people he impressed upon them the obligation of honoring Mary the Mother of God. That impression has never been erased, there being no people in the universe more devoted to Mary than the Irish peasantry. He said although Catholics are accused of not reading the Bible, millions daily prove that we do, on repeating the

sucrorooke and Ottawa and a number of clergymen, paid a visit to the Indian village of Loretto, near Quebec, where reside the last of the descendants of the once numerous and powerful Huron tribe numerous and powerful Huron tribe.

After visiting the parish church of Loretto, the distinguished company proceeded to the Huron village, which was gaily decorated with flags, &c., where they were re-ceived with a salvo of artillery and every demonstration of respect, and where an address of welcome was read to the Com-missary by Chief Paul Picard, in which expression was given to their joy at being honored with a visit from the representa-tive of the Holy Father, and to their eternal devotion to the Apostolic See; to which His Excellency made a suitable reply. He then, with all present, entered the Huron chapel and gave the benedic-tion of the Blessed Sacrament. He then proceeded to a balcony erected alongside the chapel, when sub-chief Philippe Vincent presented him with the following address in the Huron idiom:

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

France having moderated her demands on Madagascar, an early settlement of the lifficulty is anticipated.

It is reported from Russian sources that complete state of anarchy prevails in

Afghanistan. Disquieting rumors are said to prevail in Berlin as to the maintenance of peace during the winter.

Troubles have broken out among the peasants in Servia, and martial law has been proclaimed.

been proclaimed.

Four million acres of land in Florida are alleged to have been purchased by an English syndicate for \$1.25 an acre.

It is estimated that forty million dollars will be required to pay the pensioners of the United States the ensuing fiscal year.

Italian anarchists at the International Labour Conference at Paris came to blows

Labour Conference at Paris came to blows with their co-delegates, and were forcibly ejected from the meeting. The Russian Nihilists are stated to be miserably weakened in men and money, being driven to murder and robbery in order to obtain funds. The arrest of Vera Philipora, who was regarded as the chief executive of the organization, is the last and most crushing blow.

It is stated that Gen. Pryor, the American counsel engaged to defend O'Donnell on his trial for murdering Carey, will be allowed to give the prisoner all possible assistance short of taking part in the case in court, which British legal procedure will not admit of.

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The French troops have commenced the occupation of Tonquin, orders having been sent to the French commander to push matters vigorously, with the idea of compelling China to show its hand. The Marquis Tseng has received a telegram from China, explicitly contradicting M. Tricou's statements, and reiterating the unqualified approval of his actions by the Chinese Government. The British Cabinet are stated to have decided that the question has now reached the verge of open war, and have taken vigorous measopen war, and have taken vigorous measures for the protection of their interests in Chinese waters.

MARTIN LUTHER.

accused of not reading the Bible, millions daily prove that we do, on repeating the words from it used by the Angel Gabriel, coming from God himself. He exhorted his hearers to honor at all times Mary the Mother of God, and to daily repeat the Angelical Salutation and offer a prayer in her honor. The Rev. Father, although advanced in years, is clear in conception and commanded well-merited and respectful attention. He concluded by expressing his gratitude for the assistance given him by the congregation, and that he would remember them in the mass.

The distinguished visitors were delighted with the music of the beautiful new organ, whose lofty tones made the cathedral thrill when manipulated by the masterly touch of Professor O'Brien.

St. Peter's Cathedral, in this city, was crowded last Sunday evening, as it had been announced that Rev. Father Dougherty, S. J., would deliver a lecture on "Luther." His Lordship Bishop Walsh varied by Christ, and then went on to prove in the most convincing manner that Luther's so-called Reformation could not be a work of divine inspiration, primarily for the reason that our Lord would not make use of such a vile instrument in the carrying out of His holy will on earth, and also been announced that Rev. Father Dougherty, S. J., would deliver a lecture on "Luther." His Lordship Bishop Walsh varied by Christ, and then went on to prove in the most convincing manner that Luther's so-called Reformation could not be a work of divine inspiration, primarily for the reason that our Lord would not make use of such a vile instrument in the carrying out of His holy will on earth, and also because the St. Peter's Cathedral, in this city, was then went on to prove in the most convincing manner that Luther's so-called Reformation could not be a work of divine inspiration, primarily for the reason that our Lord would not make use of such a vile instrument in the carrying out of His holy will on earth, and also because the results of Luther's rebellion have caused the destruction of religious sentiment and action in millions of mankind. We are THE COMMISSARY-APOSTOLIC.

His Excellency the Commissary Apostolic, accompanied by His Grace the Archbishop of Quebec and their Lordships of Charlenche and Citage and a number of Charlenche and Citage and Ci

ferred to, as well as its sad results to mutitudes of the human race.

Mrs. Cruickshanks, Messrs. Dromgole and Dalton, deserve credit for the very fine rendering of the musical vespers and other choice pieces of sacred music.

THE LATE JAMES SHEA

In our obituary columns our readers will see with regret the announcement of the death of Mr. James Shea, of the well known firm of Shea Brothers, which took place on Saturday afternoon in this city, at his residence, Grand Battery. Mr. Shea emigrated to Canada twenty-four years ago from Killarney, County Kerry, Irethe chapel, when sub-chief Philippe Vincent presented him with the following address in the Huron idiom:

Ahistin, arisasai, aseti O diaskserok
Telonnonksanion:

Onsalosahnen onsalasas de sonsasendis ansathi dalesanen otskenralete sadat deladatale akiasenrak alathontara de onsanonronknion d'ononchiatolenti alosanen de onse larisiosti tiatontarile Rome ansalosanen otolenti andasesa the de oroladasksa te onsanonronksa nion otolenti thokisten the deholasanen Leon achienkiskare.

Atson de lanonchiatolentile hatchendolen de lahiahahondi onentetsilenron Leon achienkiskare.

Atson de lanonchiatolentile hatchendolen de lahiahahondi onentetsilenron teksanonrondsanion de hahisten.

This address was written on birch-bark with a border of porcupine quills and surmounted by the Papal arms. Then succeeded a number of Irelians. Then succeeded a number of Irelians and surmounted by the Papal arms. Then succeeded a number of Irelians and whenever a call was made upon it, he always liberally responded. He occupied a seat in the City Council for a short period, but was obliged to resign owing to business engagements. He was also a Trustee of St. Patrick's Church from the time that the Church passed under the management of