

Hilary has nobly earned the name of 'the Athanasius of Gaul.'

The sketch of St. Martin of Tours is shorter but not less interesting, and the chapter on Gregory of Nazianzus naturally takes in Basil and the other members of the Cappadocian circle. It will be apparent to our readers that those who take in hand the reading of this volume have a great treat in store. We must leave the second volume for future notice.

FRENCH SCHOOLS.

THE French papers are so elated by their victory at Ottawa, that they are looking forward to the speedy coming of the time when the Province of Ontario will be held as an Ultramontane stronghold, equally with Quebec. Not a few of our people seem either so utterly dead to any interests other than money making, or so blinded by political partisanship, as to make light of the gradual inroad being made into Ontario from the Quebec garrison.

Usually when men are conspiring they keep their designs secret. But the Jesuit party entertains such absolute contempt for Protestant *sincerity and sense*, that they do not hesitate to discuss their plans in the plainest and most insolent language in the public press of Quebec. One paper of great influence amongst French Canadians, sets out the design before them as this; they intend to acquire "the balance of power" in the Ontario Legislature, to acquire the right to have French spoken in our Courts of Justice, to acquire the right to have French made an official language in our Municipal Councils and in the Legislature, to establish the system of *tithes and assessments* in Ontario as in Quebec—in a word to put Ontario under Jesuit control in all its public affairs of all kinds, as Quebec now is. For churchmen to take up the attitude of Mr. Toots, and say, "It's a matter of no consequence," seems to us criminally foolish. Such indifference can only have one result, it will encourage the Ultramontane-Jesuit movement against the civil and religious liberties of the Province, and help to precipitate a conflict which will culminate in civil war. Then Mr. Toots will awaken to realize that some things cannot be pooh! poohed as if "no consequence" without entailing consequences of dreadful import. It would be easy to prove that the greatest calamities history records as having befallen humanity were the natural result of that easy going indifference, which so many Churchmen flatter themselves is a sign of Christian charity or the love of peace. Bunyan depicts a character with his eyes ever on the ground watching his "muck-rake." There are many who mistake this occupation for Christian activity, and in times of peril, such as upon us, there are far too many who refuse to do their duty as citizens, because duty means taking an active interest in other and higher matters than those which "pay."

That the French Schools are now preparing the way for this gradual subjugation of Ontario, is a fact undeniable as the existence of the sun. This is not a political question,

nor a personal question, it is a question higher than party politics, or the range of private sympathies or antipathies, as the press is showing, for papers of both sides are raising protests against the encouragement now given by the Ontario Minister of Education to the Jesuit, or French Schools, for the titles are synonymous. *The Prescott and Russell Advocate* declares that the Minister of Education was not speaking correctly when he said that English is taught in all Public Schools. That paper says, "Every one conversant with the Schools of our counties know that in a considerable number of the Public Schools no attempt or pretence whatever is made of teaching anything but the French language." Mr. J. J. Maclaren, Q.C., who is a liberal in politics, had a letter in the *Globe* recently in which he said: "In many of the Public Schools French is now used exclusively." The *Toronto Telegram* correspondent found a number of Public Schools in which French alone was spoken, and the Romanist Catechism taught every day. In the *Mail* of the 11th April, was a letter from a French Canadian living in the County of Simcoe, protesting against the use of French in Public Schools, as tending to herd one race together and injure the prospects of the young. The writer we fear only truly says, "The trustees and the Minister of Education are apparently paralysed by the influence of the Roman Catholic clergy." He states that, "in S.S. No. 13, Tiny, County Simcoe, the language spoken in the schools is French, the books used are French, many children leave without knowing how to read English at all." He declares that this system "keeps us French isolated and ignorant, it builds a Chinese wall between us and other nationalities." That is what the Jesuits wish! Isolation and ignorance are essential to their rule! But a British Province should not give public support and public money to building up any such Chinese walls of ignorance and racial isolation! The Minister of the Crown who does that is false to his oath and a traitor to his Queen and country.

The *Windsor Clarion* says: "The fact is that the French language as a medium of every day communication in this county is being systematically strengthened from year to year. There are Public Schools in which English is not taught, and where it is taught it is in a desultory way, the entire programme of the school being in French."

Mr. Ross, Minister of Education, in spite of these facts had the amazing hardihood to declare that "English is taught in every Public School in Ontario!" A Minister of the Crown should either be better informed as to the facts relating to his Department, or he should have more regard for his honor as a Crown officer than to affirm as a fact that which is so notoriously false that the newspapers of his own party, and prominent members of his party, as well as independent papers of the first rank, have expressed indignation at his attempt to deceive the Legislature and the public. If Mr. Ross did not know that French was being systematically used in the Schools, and a Papal Catechism in that

language taught, and that English was excluded from the Public Schools, he was ignorant of what is known to the vast majority of the people of Ontario, for these facts have been proclaimed in the press for years and never disproved.

We cannot shrink from asserting a belief that the Minister of Education was studiously seeking to make himself popular with the Jesuits, in whose conspiracy he is sharing by winking at and covertly assisting to establish Public Schools conducted in the interests, not of Canada, or Canadians, but of a body of papistical foreign emissaries who are the deadliest foes to civil and religious liberty.

LENTEN AND EASTER SERVICES.

THROUGHOUT all the city churches, with possibly one or two exceptions, there have been continuous attendances at the stated Lenten services of unusual numbers of worshippers. The season affords peculiar opportunities for systematized courses of instruction in faith and duty, and this is now becoming recognized as more profitable than odd and disconnected addresses. Palm Sunday services were crowded both morning and evening in most city churches. It is becoming more and more evident every Sunday that our people prefer a good service to a good sermon with a bad service. That good preaching will ever lose its power is not probable, but it is as plainly manifest as the daylight, that as education progresses, as people read more, and think more, they are beginning to attend God's Temples in order to worship Him with His people, and are not drawn merely to hear a sermon as in other places where the very idea of worship is hardly recognized. The Churches on Easter Day were made unusually bright with flowers, and the services with such heartiness as inspired the Psalmist to say, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord." Gladness, the well spring of praise, gladness the result of gratitude, gladness the emotional outward and visible sign of faith, of hope, of charity, finds its chief vehicle for expression at Easter. With thankful songs multitudes crowded the gates of the Sanctuary, and partook of the cup of Salvation and Bread of Life. Having no fear of this world's censures, or carping, or threats, the Holy Communion office in a larger number of Churches than in any previous year was raised to its true position as the chief devotional office of the Church. What the Service of Holy Communion is capable of, how few even yet know! Easter Day should be made a time for breaking up the icy bondage of past days of neglect, so that the warm, fresh, living stream of Church life, the life of gladness, and purity, and loyalty, and sacrifice, shall be made manifest in the worship and communion offices of the Church. Let those who know no better, and who feel no deeper, go to service to listen to a fellow creature pray alone as his fancy strikes him, and to listen to fantastic theorizing in all manner of topics, secular and sacred. Churchmen cannot leave