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LETTER

FROM HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO.

St. Michael's Palace, Toronto, 29th Dec., 1886.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have singular pleasure indeed in saying God-speed to your intended journal, THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY REVIEW. The Church, contradicted on all sides as her Divine Founder was, hails with peculiar pleasure the assistance of her lay children in dispelling ignorance and prejudice. They can do this nobly by public journalism, and as the press now appears to be an universal instructor for either good or evil, and since it is frequently used for evil in disseminating false doctrines and attributing them to the Catholic Church, your journal will do a very great service to Truth and Religion by its publication.

Wishing you all success and many blessings on your enterprise,

I am, faithfully yours,

† JOHN JOSEPH LYNCH,
Archbishop of Toronto.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

The position of English political affairs is practically unchanged.

Cardinal Manning has heartily endorsed the policy advocated by Cardinal Gibbons towards the Knights of Labour.

The Queen has exchanged jubilee congratulations with the Pope, who has sent for a superb mosaic. Her Majesty in return has presented the Roman Pontiff with a rare edition of the Vulgate.

The Pope will send Monsignor Galimberti to Berlin with an autograph letter congratulating Emperor William upon the anniversary of his birthday; also with presents for the Emperor and Empress and Crown Prince Frederick William.

The negotiations which were on foot between the Vatican and Russia, looking to a renewal of diplomatic relations, have been broken off on account of Russia's exiling the Bishop of Wilna.

In response to a note from the Vatican the Austrian Government has informed the Pope that the new alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy will in no way affect the relations between the Vatican and the Italian Government.

On Tuesday Cardinals Gibbons and Taschereau re-

ceived congratulations from lay and ecclesiastical diplomats in the large hall of the Propaganda. A distinguished assemblage was present. The Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria, held by the late Cardinal Jacobini, Secretary of State, has been assigned to Cardinal Taschereau, who will depart for Havre on his way home next Saturday.

In consequence of overtures from the French Government for an improvement of the relations between France and the Vatican, Mgr. di Rende, Papal Nuncio at Paris, has been summoned to Rome to be charged with a special mission from the Pope, on the basis of an understanding already concluded with the French bishops by the French Government.

A magnificent mass was celebrated at the Jesuit's church in Rome on the 10th inst. for the repose of the soul of the Very Rev. Father Pierre Jean Beckx, the late General of the Order of the Jesuits, who died on the 4th inst. The church is one of the finest in Rome. It was erected by Cardinal Alexander Farnese in 1575, and was designed by Vignoli. The front is adorned with Corinthian and composite columns, and the interior is very handsomely ornamented with paintings, bas-reliefs and marble pillars. The edifice consists of a nave, with lateral chapels. The high altar and the chapels of St. Ignatius and of St. Francois Xavier are unsurpassed for magnificence. The former is crowned with a painting of the "Circumcision," by Maziano. The church was crowded to witness the imposing services. Among those present were the American Cardinals.