

it. If boys and girls are well trained in reading and literature they will be able, at the proper time, to study history for themselves, and perhaps to make a wiser selection of periods and authors than is made by the department. Few would complain if the subject were struck off the programme. It crowds out other and more important subjects that can be taught successfully without a knowledge of theology. In the meantime, if history must be tinged with theology, we will take good care that, in the Separate schools, that theology shall be Roman.

Yours, &c.,

TOLERATION.

Joseph Chamberlain, according to *Punch*, told a weird tale in the House of Commons lately, and flippantly added, "You must not doubt my word. Truth, you know, is stranger than fiction." "To you, possibly," put in an Irish member, who was one of his listeners.

CANADIAN CHURCH NEWS.

Rev. Father Turgeon, S. J., and Mgr. Pacquet, of Laval University, have arrived in Rome.

The new Catholic church of Notre Dame de Lourdes on the Montreal road, Ottawa, was consecrated by Archbishop Duhamel on Sunday.

The clergy of the archdiocese of Ottawa went into retreat at the Ottawa College Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and will continue in seclusion until Sunday morning, when solemn High Mass will be sung and the clergy in retreat will approach the Communion table. During the retreat the time of the clergy will be given to meditation, prayer, and the hearing of special sermons. On Sunday a synod will be held in the Archbishop's palace.

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