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almost a pity to dissipate this cherished tradition, which has served as food for so many pulpit orators in their attacks on the Catholic church.

HOLY WRIT tells us: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Ingersoll, who was in Buffalo last Sunday, gets \$20,000 a year for saying this with his lips. In his mistakes about Moses, he writes, "I will be damned if I will believe." We very much fear that his desires will be gratified. John Stuart Mill said, "to hell I wish to go;" and no doubt now wishes he could recall his rash words. We further observe, with pleasure, that that blasphemer's wrath last Sunday was chiefly directed against "Priests." We accept the compliment.—Catholic Union.

THE CATHOLIC PRESS.

TIME and time again have the enemies of Ireland asserted that immorality reigned with almost limitless sway in that fair isle, and as often have their assertions been proven false. The poor reviled Irish, whatever may be their faults, are not given to immorality, as some lately published statistics clearly prove. In Scotland out of every 100 births, 8.87 are illegitimate; in England the number is 5.11; while in Ireland it is only 2.36; almost four times less than the number of such births in Scotland, and less than half of that in England. Surely these figures speak in terms that are indisputable. To every unbiased observer of Irish character the truth of the Irish women is as apparent as the noon-day sun, and to such people statistics are unnecessary; but to those who only look with eyes of scorn and hatred upon that down-trodden race, statistics are exceedingly necessary and at the same time extremely unwholesome.—McGee's Weekly.

FREQUENTLY in our Protestant exchanges we see violent complaints that Catholic convents draw so many Protestant children into them, to be educated. Protestant parents, however, do not seem to heed this reiterated complaint. There are few thoughtful fathers of non-Catholic families in the country able to give their daughters an education of the higher order, who would hesitate, were the alternative offered them, between a secular boarding-school and a convent. In that part of the world that calls itself "society," a convent-bred girl is immediately known. There is a simplicity about her, even if she forget herself so far as to appear artificial, that is very pleasing to all who are not spoiled by the false air of worldliness which modern education gives to so many of our young girls. Purity is safely guarded in the convent-schools; it would be well if this could be said of all boarding schools—even of those controlled by the religious sisters. No book, no paper, no letter, enters a convent school without rigid supervision. This knowledge gives parents confidence. They know that their children are safe. Guarded by teachers who have devoted themselves to all that is highest and purest, what harm can come to them; this being so, it is useless for our Protestant contemporaries to complain.—Brooklyn Review.

WE SEE it sometimes stated in sectarian papers that Irish Catholics are bad citizens, as shown by criminal statistics, as e. g., in the case of the Molly Maguires. There is certainly no apology to be made for Irish Catholics, who ought to know better, banding themselves in secret societies, and pledging themselves to they know what, when they become entangled by certain oaths, administered by enemies in the guise of friends. When they join these secret societies, they at the same time leave the Church and her guidance.

When led into crime, and crime brings its retribution, then they turn to the Church, whose counsels they have scorned, to come to their aid. Some of them, we hope all of them, are then really converted and die true penitents, but still censorious critics make their lives and deaths matters of reproach to their religion and their race. The numbers of such a handful of misguided men here and there, compared with the millions of honest, upright, law-abiding Irishmen and their children distributed over the broad surface of the United States or as but as a few drops in a bucket, or as tares among wheat.—Baltimore Mirror.

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ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION TO FATHER WATTERS.

A most interesting and afflicting incident occurred here on Sunday the 18th inst., being the day upon which the Rev. Father Watters was to bid farewell to his flock in this part of his pastoral charge. After High Mass, the rev. gentleman descended from the altar to the railing, and stood for at least a minute before uttering a word, evidently bracing himself for the painful task before him. He commenced by frankly stating his inability to preach to them on that occasion. He said: You are aware that I am ordered by our good bishop to another mission, and that I must, now bid you farewell, but before doing so I deem it my duty to render you an account of my stewardship for the six years and seven months I have so happily spent amongst you. He then in a clear, concise and most satisfactory manner went over the whole field of his labors since he came to the mission, setting forth the many difficulties he had to contend with in raising money to pay off debts, to build, repair, and improve church property, none of which could he have done without their kind and generous assistance who answered his every call with Christian promptness, and that I must, now bid you farewell, but before doing so I deem it my duty to render you an account of my stewardship for the six years and seven months I have so happily spent amongst you. He then in a clear, concise and most satisfactory manner went over the whole field of his labors since he came to the mission, setting forth the many difficulties he had to contend with in raising money to pay off debts, to build, repair, and improve church property, none of which could he have done without their kind and generous assistance who answered his every call with Christian promptness, and that I must, now bid you farewell, but before doing so I deem it my duty to render you an account of my stewardship for the six years and seven months I have so happily spent amongst you.

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Thames for Corunna, accompanied to the dock by a large number of gentlemen of all creeds.

I trust you will excuse me for taking up so much of your space, but the interesting subject must plead my cause. I am, yours, &c., DUFFY.

HAMILTON LETTER.

LATEST ITEMS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

The weather yesterday, being exceedingly fine, our churches were crowded to their utmost capacity, particularly St. Mary's Cathedral, which had a very large attendance at High Mass and Vespers.

The Rev. Father McGinn preached his first sermon yesterday, and to judge from this effort, the young priest is destined to become a brilliant orator.

His Lordship preached in Oakville yesterday.

The orphan's festival bids fair to out-rival its predecessors. Of the local talent I will mention Mr. F. J. Egan, a host in himself; Miss Egan, and the choir from St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Patrick's Church and St. Joseph's Church. The splendid band of the 15th Battalion will also give some of their choicest pieces. The violinist to Queen Isabella II. of Spain, who gave such delight on his first appearance in Ottawa, has been engaged. Many other interesting features have been added which will make the festival what it has been for the last twenty-seven years, a brilliant success.

Hamilton, Jan. 26th, 1880.

BRANTFORD LETTER.

RELIEF FOR IRELAND.

From our own Correspondent.

A meeting was held in our church on the evening of the 21st, in response to a call by the priest on the previous Sunday evening, for the purpose of devising means for coming to the relief of the suffering Irish people. Though there were not as many there as might have been expected, still every one present seemed fully alive to the importance of prompt and united action. Rev. Father Barlow was called to the chair, Mr. D. O'Connor, appointed secretary of the meeting, and Rev. Father Brennan treasurer. A resolution was carried, expressive of sympathy with the sufferers, and pledging the meeting to do all in its power to provide some measure of assistance. At first there was a diversity of opinion as to the best mode of procedure, some advocating an effort to make it a general thing throughout the city, others thought that if a lecture were got up, a large amount could be realized, while others again felt that to render some immediate assistance the best way would be to take up a special collection at the church door, and that no doubt there would be a general move made in the city later in the season. All finally decided to adopt the latter idea, and Messrs. James Simon, Joseph Quinn, Dennis Hawkins, and Michael Tenney, were appointed to take up the collection on the two Sundays, Jan. 25th and Feb. 1st. On the announcement being made that the movement was on foot, our own leading Protestant citizens, John H. Stratford, Esq., forwarded a donation of \$50, and he is thus the first contributor to the good cause in Brantford. The result of the first Sunday's collection has raised this to something over \$200, and many who were not present have promised to contribute next Sunday, and it is thought the total amount raised will reach considerably over \$300. This, of course, will prove but as a small drop in the great sea of want, but there will no doubt be a general effort made throughout the city, when it is to be hoped Brantford will give a good account of herself.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

The grim tyrant has made several calls here recently, striking impartially old and young in his march. On New Year's Eve Mrs. Donovan, mother of Mr. Cornelius Donovan, moulder, Hamilton, and Patrick Donovan, of Brantford, was called to her account. She was buried on the 22nd of January. Much sympathy is felt for the family. A few days later an old man named Murphy, a comparative stranger in Brantford, passed away. It seems sadder when one in the prime of life is called, so it was felt when on the 16th of the week round that Miss Kate Harrington had died the previous evening. Though she had been suffering from consumption for some time her death was not anticipated for months to come, but on the 14th she took a sudden change for the worse, and died in about twenty-four hours. She had gone in and out amongst us all from childhood, and was universally esteemed. Her funeral on the 17th was largely attended. Our old sexton, Thomas Leary, makes the last on the list. During the mission here in December he had been so much engaged that he did not pay any heed to a severe cold he caught, and even when he did feel it thought he would be over it in a few days, and so kept up and moving. But the 14th he showed such signs of ill health that it was thought wise to send him to Guelph to the hospital, but he only survived to the 17th. His remains were interred in Brantford, and the C. M. B. Association acting as pall bearers, as he had no relatives here. We all miss his familiar face and figure, and many an earnest prayer went up for poor old "Tom." Requiescat in pace.

MARRYING AND GIVING IN MARRIAGE.

There were two calls in church last Sunday, and from the fact that several other similar occurrences are "unofficially" announced to take place soon, it is thought business will be good this spring. Some months since, when there was quite a dull season in this line, Father Barlow made a call somewhat after this fashion: "There will be well, really, it is so long since I have had anything of this kind to do that I have most forgotten how

BANS OF MARRIAGE, &c.

Two of the three Catholic candidates for the position of aldermen were returned, namely, Mr. Dennis Hawkins in

the North ward, and Mr. John Whalen in the East. They will both give good accounts of themselves.

The Separate School Trustees elected this year were Rev. Father and Messrs. M. Mullany, Wm. Ryan, Wm. Harrington, and John Ryan.

Mr. M. D. Healy, of Hamilton, started in the dry goods business here some time since, and appears to be doing well.

There was a young lady received into the church here on Sunday last as a convert.

The St. Cecilia Musical Society have a concert advertised for the 5th of February, in Palmer's Hall. Miss Keady is to sing.

Miss Jessie McGregor, one of the young ladies received into the Convent of the Sacred Heart, Toronto, Christmas week, was from Brantford.

FROM QUEBEC.

RELIEF FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

From Our Special Correspondent.

DEAR SIR.—The inhabitants of this city, without distinction of race or creed, are determined to be neither "last nor least" in succoring our fellow-countrymen at the other side of the Atlantic.

Pursuant to a requisition signed by His Grace the Archbishop, Rev. C. Hamilton, the representative of the Anglican bishop, now absent in Europe, all the pastors of the different denominations, and a large array of professional men, merchants, &c., of all creeds and nationalities, a public meeting was held in the City Hall on Tuesday last, His Lordship Mayor Chamberlain, presiding. The first resolution was proposed by His Grace, seconded by Rev. Mr. Dawson of the Anglican Cathedral, and the others were proposed and seconded by Rev. F. Henning, Hon. J. Hearn and Abraham

Manuel, Esquire, thus giving the proceedings a highly representative character. The subscription list was also opened, and nearly eleven hundred dollars were subscribed on the spot. A central committee was struck for the purpose of appointing collectors in the different wards, and here the greatest alacrity was shown in the cause, not only by our own people, but also our friends, English, Scotch, French, &c. The committee have decided to remit such money as may come into their hands to Lord Mayor Gray of Dublin, to be disposed of as may seem advisable to the "Dublin Mansion House committee."

At the request of the committee, the Mayor has issued a circular letter to the mayors of some twenty-five municipalities in the surrounding district, calling for their active co-operation in furthering the collection of funds. His Grace the Archbishop has also issued a circular letter in the same sense to the clergy, and it is expected that the movement will receive commendation from most, if not all, of the pulpits of the different Protestant churches to-morrow.

Apart from the "Irish Relief Fund," another topic has engaged the attention of our citizens during the past week or ten days. I allude to the "speaking up" of the community effected by the visit of our fellow-countrymen, General M. Butt Hewson, of Toronto. As you are no doubt aware, General Hewson has published a series of articles and pamphlets on the inadaptability of the present line of the Pacific railway. These articles attracted attention here, and the General was invited to lecture before the literary and historical society of this city, which he did on the 15th inst., in presence of perhaps one of the most critical, respectable and intelligent audiences that ever assembled on a like occasion in the ancient Capital.

When an impression did he make on the audience that the mercantile community took the matter up, and, at the request of the Board of Trade, he again lectured in their rooms on Wednesday, and he was entertained at luncheon by the same influential body on Thursday at the Russell House. General Hewson has certainly succeeded in doing what those who are acquainted with the proverbially "slow-coach" propensities of Quebecers, even where their own dearest interests are concerned, are quite surprised at—that is, in giving them such a thorough "shaking up." I need scarcely say that his action and the high appreciation he met with are a source of pride to his fellow-countrymen here.

I regret to say that the venerable Monsignor Cazeau has been seriously ill for the past week. The fatigue of the celebration of his golden jubilee was evidently too much for him. In addition to all that gave him an account of in my former letter, he accepted invitations to celebrate masses in all the religious communities and nearly all the churches in the city, this involving going out very early in the morning. Enquiry at his residence at the Good Shepherd Convent to-day, gave the pleasing assurance that although still not quite recovered, his medical attendant had pronounced him out of danger, but perfect repose is insisted upon.

Yours truly,

Quebec, Jan. 24th, 1880.

C. M. B. A.

Mr. Samuel R. Brown, deputy director of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, organized a branch of this Society in Stratford, on 24th inst. The following officers were elected and installed:

Spiritual Adviser, Rev. J. P. Molloy; President, Mr. J. D. Devereux; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Jas. Healey; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. H. Koppelerberger; Treasurer, Mr. P. O'Keefe; Rec. Secretary, Mr. O'Dwyer; Financial Secretary, Mr. Camillo Turpin; Marshall, Mr. John Hart; Guard, Mr. Thos. Gray; Board of Trustees, Messrs. Mullon, O'Dwyer, Brady, Henderson and Healey.

From the names we perceive in this list of officers, comprising as it does, some of the most prominent men in the town, we have no doubt the Stratford branch will be one of the best in Ontario.

WHAT TO EAT DURING LENT—

is a question which every year presents itself to the Catholic housewife, with a regularity as annoying as it is certain. In the hope of answering the difficulty, the pub-

lishers have issued a cook-book for Lent filled to over-flowing with plain, practical, and toothsome receipts, by aid of which the most inexperienced, even with meagre materials, can prepare wholesome and palatable food at a moderate cost. This book is the result of many years practical and observing housekeeping by a thoroughly practical woman, and cannot but prove a valuable boon to the Catholic housekeeper. It is of convenient size, 16mo, and, to be within reach of all, is published at the low price of 30 cents. Send for a copy. A liberal discount to the reverend clergy, institutions, and the trade. Benger Bros., New York, 311 Broadway.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

AIRD & CAMERON'S, meat market, 266 Dundas street, are offering to the public best quality of meats as follows: Best quality roast beef and porterhouse steak, 9c.; sirloin and round steak, 9c.; shoulder steak and shoulder roast beef, 7c.; leg of lamb, 9c.; hind quarters, 8c.; fore quarters, 7c.; lamb chops, 9c.; stewing lamb, 8c. to 6c.; shanks of beef, 10c. to 25c.; hard, 11c.; sausages, 10c.; pickled tongue, 25c.; pickled pork, 9c.; roast pork, 7c. to 2c.; pork chops, 9c.; boiling beef, 4c. to 6c.; poultry at lowest prices. Orders taken and delivered promptly. Don't forget the place. Next door to Harkness' drug store, Dundas street.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—J. McKenzie has removed to A. J. Webster's repair part and is the Sewing Machine repair part and attachment emporium of the city. Better facilities for repairing and cheaper rates than ever. Raymond's celebrated machines on sale.

J. TURNER, dealer in fruit, fish and game of all kinds in season, Dundas street, near Strong's Hotel. Goods delivered promptly at the lowest rates.

It will pay you to buy Boots and Shoes at Poveck Bros. They keep a full line of ladies' and gentlemen's fine goods. No trouble to show goods. Written orders promptly attended to.

A MOUNTAIN, importer and wholesale dealer in foreign and domestic fruits, smoked fish, game, oysters, etc., City Hall buildings, Richmond street, London, Ont.

New Advertisements.

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138 DUNDAS STREET, LONDON.

A MASS MEETING

of the citizens, under the auspices of

THE IRISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY,

Will be held at the

CITY HALL,

TUESDAY EVENING, FEB. 3rd,

To consider and devise means

To Aid in Alleviating the Existing Distress in Ireland.

The attendance of all citizens is earnestly requested.

A number of prominent clergymen and laymen have kindly consented to address the meeting.

The clergymen of the city are particularly requested to take seats on the platform.

Doors open at 7.30 o'clock; chair to be taken at 8 o'clock.

J. F. BOYLE, Sec'y I. B. S. H. D. LONG, Pres't I. B. S.

London, Jan. 29, 1880.

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