

dian Government, has stated that "he had always preached these doctrines, and would be at once prepared to resign his position if he believed the party with whom he acted were not equal to their maintenance."

IRISH HOME RULE LEAGUE.

We have much pleasure in making the subjoined extract from a report in the Dublin Nation of a large and influential meeting of the Irish Home Rule League, held in Dublin on the 14th ult.

The following resolution, was moved by Mr. Butt, M.P., who, in an able and complimentary speech, moved its adoption which was seconded by our friend Captain Kirwan and passed unanimously.

"That Mr. Edward Murphy, president of the Home Rule Association of Montreal, Canada, be elected a member of the council of the League, in accordance with the recommendation of the council of the 13th inst."

The resolution he had to move carried the meeting to another portion of the Irish race—to those who dwell beyond the Atlantic. Mr. Edward Murphy, who was proposed as a member of the council of the League, in addition to being the President of the Home Rule Association of Montreal, was the most influential Irishman in Montreal.

Captain Kirwan, secretary to the Home Rule Confederation of Great Britain, in seconding the resolution, explained the Federal Constitution of the Dominion of Canada as it bore on the question of Home Rule.

THE SEMINARY AND ITS CHARITIES.

Much has recently been said with reference to the charities of the Seminary, and at a meeting held at St. Joseph street lately, it was stated by one of the speakers that only \$25 had been given by the Seminary towards alleviating the distress in that particular vicinity.

We are informed that a most complete, searching and laborious statement of the whole facts of the case have been compiled, and will, in the course of a few days, be ready for publication.

TAXATION PAID BY THE SEMINARY OF ST. Sulpice.

The popular idea has been that the large property of the Seminary has had an immunity from taxation in this city. After an interview with Mr. Marler, the Treasurer of the Fabrique, we called upon the City Treasurer, Mr. Black, who very readily showed us his books, in which the account for the year 1875 was made up, and, as will be seen, dispels the popular illusion most effectually.

Table with 2 columns: City of Montreal, assessments. Rows include St. Louis Ward, St. James Ward, St. Mary's Ward, Centre Ward, St. Anne's Ward, St. Antoine Ward, St. Antoine Ward Col., St. Joseph's Ward, St. Lawrence Ward.

Table with 2 columns: St. Louis Ward, St. James Ward, St. Mary's Ward, Personal Taxes, Centre Ward. Rows include interest from 15th Oct. to date.

The above does not include \$300, the annual water tax, which makes an aggregate of \$14,514.57, which this ecclesiastical corporation contributes to the revenue of the city.

"DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, AND SO FORTH."

We should very much desire to be informed upon what authority—no rule being existent justifying such a course—the medical officer of a public hospital can dare to direct the religious inclinations of his patients.

The facts on which we write are simple. A respected Catholic clergyman of our city was earnestly appealed to on behalf of a patient in the General Hospital, who had signified his desire to become a member of the One Church.

We are aware that the cry of proselytism will be raised in this matter, and that all the stereotyped clamor about Popish aggression, &c., will be raised. But let the simple circumstances we have stated be taken into account.

IN MEMORIAM.

SISTER DE LA NATIVITE.

The great God of Light was in glory descending So grandly and calm, to his soft Western bed, The sweet Queen of Evening, was gracefully bending.

All nature seems bright, yet Death's fatal finger, Had marked the dearest and best as his own, And long will the echo of heart-wappings linger.

Ab Sister! full many a name has been lauded By a mad giddy throng for a life far less great, And many a one has the whole world applauded.

But no! 'twould be wronging thy memory sainted To publish to ears, too unworthy to hear Thy many bright virtues, thy great soul untainted.

Their frail tender life, in the "Villa" we'll leave, Let her sisters and pupils as her great path they follow, Still speak of the loved one they've laid in her grave.

Still ponder on words her friendship dictated, Or daily those thoughts in their memory renew, Admiring her strength, e'er staunch unabated, From the moment she vowed to her God to be true.

And sister, as we toss o'er Life's billowy ocean, We'll thank God for giving Earth souls like thine, And we'll cherish thy name with the tenderest emotion.

The writ for the election of a member to represent North-Brénoir in the House of Commons was issued; nomination on the 14th of January.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27th 1875.

To the Editor of the True Witness.

DEAR SIR,—In this age of enlightenment and progress when great minds are busily employed in devising schemes for the civil and social advancement of the state of mankind, there is one thing which seems to engross more attention than any other.

The eyes of the world are turned towards Rome. It is not strange that the eyes and hearts of Catholics, be constantly directed that way: but when we see those various sects who have separated from us and are no longer of us, even the infidel and the atheist, so much concerned about the affairs which are daily transpiring in the Eternal City, we may conclude, that they expect something from that quarter which will startle the world.

The Dilemma. Part VIII; Sunday Subjects.—Statistics; In a Studio.—Conversation IV; Left-handed Elsa; Notes from the Crimea; Elizabeth; The Scot at Home; Index.

THE MONTREAL "SUN."

We have to congratulate our able daily contemporary on the evidences of success afforded by an enlargement of size from 28 to 32 columns. The Sun well says this increase after only seven months existence is unexampled in the history of journalism.

TAKING THE VEIL.

On Monday morning, at half past seven o'clock, a very interesting ceremony took place in the chapel of L'Hotel Dieu, being the taking the black veil by three young ladies, who have passed, through their novitiate.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD, January 1876, Montreal.

A new Roman Catholic Church is expected to be erected at Guelph, at a cost of \$50,000. The Catholic Bishop of Charlottetown recently entertained at dinner the workmen who had been engaged in building his residence.

The sermon was preached by Father Corbett, and was an able one on Religious Vows, dwelling on the reward given to those who were faithful in the service of the Lord.

LITERATURE.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE for December, 1875, New York: The Leonard Scott Publishing Co. Montreal: Dawson Bros. The following are the contents:

The Dilemma. Part VIII; Sunday Subjects.—Statistics; In a Studio.—Conversation IV; Left-handed Elsa; Notes from the Crimea; Elizabeth; The Scot at Home; Index.

The clinax of "The Dilemma" has not yet arrived, but although this serial has reached Part VIII, the interest of the story does not diminish. There is also part of a new story in this number, called "Left-handed Elsa," in which a mysterious looking lass takes an important share.

The periodicals reprinted by THE LEONARD SCOTT PUBLISHING CO. (41 Barclay Street, N. Y.) are as follows: The London Quarterly, Edinburgh, Westminster, and British Quarterly Reviews, and Blackwood's Magazine. Price, \$4 a year for any one, or only \$15 for all, and the Postage is prepaid by the Publishers.

THE IRISH-AMERICAN ALMANAC FOR 1876, New York: Lynch, Cole and Meehan. We have to thank the enterprising proprietors of the New York Irish-American, for a copy of their Annual for 1876; it reflects the highest credit on them for the variety of interesting subjects therein treated.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD, January 1876, Montreal: D. & J. Sadtler & Co. Contents: The President's Speech at Des Moines; Sonnets in Memory of the late Sir Aubrey de Vere, Bart; A Message; The Protestant Episcopal Church Congress: Yule Haps; Christmas Epics (Poetry); Anglicans, Old Catholics, and the Conference at Bonn; Midnight Mass in a Convent; St. Louis' Bell (Poetry); From Cairo to Jerusalem; A Christmas Vigil; The Apostolic Mission to Chili; Free Will (Poetry); Nellie's Dream on Christmas Eve; Allegory's Misereere; To-day and Yesterday (Poetry); The Year of Our Lord 1875; New Publications; The Messrs. Sadtler will send the Catholic World, free of charge, to any address for 45 cents.

NEW YEAR'S ADDRESS.

Scant verse to my patrons to-day I bring, And each brief line hath a mournful ring; For despite the joy of the dawning year, With mirthful wishes and smiling cheer,

Death hath been merciless, calling to rest, Some of our noblest, most gifted, and best; In the glory of manhood, quenching the light Of their genius within the tomb's dark night;

Speak ye first of him, type of Christian worth, He, unto whom the True Witness, owes birth, Who arose in strength of intellects might, Champion undaunted of justice and right,

But his crown was gained—he was called above From warring and strife to sunshine and love, And whilst grieving beside his form, cold—still— We sadly wondered who could his place fill:

God bless you and yours on this New-Year's Day!

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MARRIED.

At Miscouche, P. E. Island, on the 27th November, by Revd. R. B. McDonald, Mr. Henry A. Saunders, of Kensington, to Miss Mary A. Gillis, Teacher, eldest daughter of D. J. Gillis, Esq. Miscouche.

J. H. SEMPLE, IMPORTER AND WHOLESALE GROCER, 53 ST. PETER STREET, (Corner of Foundling), MONTREAL.

May 1st, 1874. 37-52

JUST PUBLISHED.

THE LAST LECTURE DELIVERED BY THE LATE FATHER MURPHY, 'GRATTAN and the Volunteers of '82,' (With a Portrait of the lamented deceased). Price, 15 cents.

For Sale at True Witness Office; J. & D. Sadtler, 275 Notre Dame Street; J. T. Henderson's, 187 St. Peter street, and at Battle Bros., 21 Blouais street, Montreal.

GRAND BAZAAR.

TO be held on the 22nd JANUARY NEXT, for the benefit of the POOR of the INSTITUTE of the SISTERS OF MERCY, Montreal. Being their first Bazaar, they hope to meet with the same charity and sympathy, that they always met in their yearly collection.

NOTICE TO MASONS AND STONE-CUTTERS.—The Committee of St. Bridget's Church, Onslow, will receive Tenders for the dressing and cutting of the following description of stone:— 600 yards of Broken Ashlar, at per yard, super. 350 feet Lineal of Base Rough Bouchard, 1 foot 6 in. high, at per foot, lineal. 150 feet Lineal of Rough Bouchard, window sills, at per foot, lineal. 200 feet Lineal of Buttress Slope and Caps, at per foot, super.

Tenders to be forwarded on or before the 10th day of JANUARY next. Parties tendering to mention in their tender the description of work tendered for, and tenders to be addressed to the REV. B. CASEY, P. P., Chairman, Onslow, P. Q.

The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. Dated, Onslow, Dec. 16th, 1875. 21-1

CONSUMPTION CURED!

An old physician, retired from active practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple Vegetable Remedy for the speedy and permanent Cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a Positive and Radical Cure for Nervous Complaints, after having thoroughly tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases; feels it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive, and a conscientious desire to remove human suffering, he will send (free of charge) to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and successfully using. Sent by return mail by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper, to DR. W. C. STEVENS, Munroe Block, Syracuse, N. Y.