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THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

The duty of Catholics in regard to their schools is one that has been frequently dwelt upon by this journal.

We desire specially at this moment to speak of the duty of Catholics, particularly in Ontario, in regard to elementary schools.

The law, imperfect as we have declared it to be, yet gives us privileges in the Province of Ontario of which we should not be slow to avail ourselves.

itself, should we not profit by them to the very fullest extent? Let us have Catholic schools in every township and municipality wherein they can be established.

A LAST WORD.

We had not intended saying another word on the subject of Lord Lansdowne's coming to Canada in the capacity of governor general.

LORD BYRON.

We read some weeks ago a most interesting article in the American under the heading, "The Real Lord Byron."

was as frank as a school boy. A bodily infirmity added to his irritability and throughout life wounded his pride.

THE ASSUMPTION.

On the 15th of this month the Church celebrated the feast of the most glorious assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven.

The circumstances of the death of the Blessed Virgin also rendered her death most precious. To St. Elizabeth it was revealed that Jesus himself appeared to her immediately before her death with cross in hand.

the holy disciples surrounding her, she added: "I commend to thee, also, these my dear children; they are afflicted at my departure; do thou console them, who love them more than I do; bless them and give them strength to do great things for thy glory."

St. Anselm holds that Christ ascended into heaven before his mother, not only to prepare for her a throne in paradise, but also to render her entrance into heaven more glorious.

St. Antoninus says that as the mistress is incomparably above her servants, so is the glory of Mary unspeakably greater than that of the angels.

St. Bernardine holds that as the other planets are illuminated by the sun, so all the blessed receive greater light and joy from the sight of Mary.

THE DESTRUCTION OF TREES.

A French writer, discussing the subject of the destruction of trees, says that the Egyptians deified and adored the Nile on account of its fertility.

There is not a village or town in

Canada that could not be ornamented by tree planting. There is not a highway in the country that could not be benefited and beautified by trees.

THE COLLEGE OF OTTAWA.

We direct attention to the advertisement elsewhere published of the College of Ottawa. We need not in these columns, whose readers are so well acquainted with the merits and advantages of that institution, speak at any length in its praise.

But besides mental training the student of the College of Ottawa receives a religious education fitting him thoroughly for the battle of life.

Cornwall.

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THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN MONARCHY.

The Austro-Hungarian empire is the largest state in Europe save Russia alone. Its territory covers an area of 240,940 English square miles, supporting a population of 37,741,434 of various races.

The soil is in many places extremely rich and productive. The principal products are grain of all kinds, potatoes, beet-root, and wine.

Since the treaty of Berlin, Austria has been charged with the administration of Bosnia and the Herzegovina, comprising an area of 27,000 square miles, and a population of 1,160,000.

Quality not quantity should be your maxim in all undertakings. A thing well done is better than a thousand merely attempted.

govina. The position in these provinces is, of course, not a powerful aid in placing Catholicism on a firm basis.

The society of St. Peter's Pence. It is a manifestation of the animating the A.

AN UNSETTLED

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The fact is that there have been sufferers to extent, by the weak to reconcile royalty.

A Word to

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