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THE LOWEST STAGE.

I do most solemnly promise and swear ** * that I will not employ a Roman Catholic in any capacity, if I can procure the services of a Protestant; that I will not aid in building or in maintaining, by my resources any Roman Catholic church or institution of their sect or creed whatsoever, but will do all in power to retard and break down the power of the Pope.

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The above is an extract from the oath taken by the members of the P. P. A. We were therefore more than astonished to hear that many employees of the civil service, both in the Post Office and Custom House, are not only members of the organization, but most actively engaged in promoting its extension. Furthermore, it has come to our knowledge that Protestants who refuse to join the ranks of the conspirators are subjected to many taunts and no little persecution and threatenings. We do not know any class of people whose conduct is so execrable as public servants who join the P. P. A. The money of Catholics helps to buy their bread and butter; and yet they take a solemn oath to prevent Catholics earning a livelihood, if they can employ any one else, be he Turk, Jew or Atheist! The crime committed by these men has a meanness and hypocrisy attached to it which would bring the blood to the cheek of the ordinary criminal confined in our county jail. They will meet Catholics on the street with a smiling face; they will associate with them; they will do business with them, and take their money; and yet in their heart of hearts they hold towards them sentiments which are as un Christian as they are causeless. We are sure Sir John Carling and the Postmaster General will be surprised to find that persons they have placed in the civil service have proved so recreant to justice, to truth, to Ontario is very distasteful to the humanity; and it is time, we think, that some inquiry be made in regard to the matter. Money from the public purse should not be devoted to the payment of salaries of conspirators, whose business it is to create dissension between man and man.

DIVORCE STATISTICS.

Statistical statements regarding the frequency of divorce in different of the Political Science Quarterly from the pen of Walter F. Wilcox, under the title "Marriage and Divorce." The year for which these figures are for the most part given is 1886, for the reason that authentic reports were not available whereby all the countries named could be compared at a more

recent date. According to these figures there were in England and Wales 3.79 divorces to the thousand marriages; in Italy, 3.75; in Australia, 11.14; in Canada, 4.881; in the German Empire, 25.97; in France, 32.51; in Switzerland, 64.49. In the United States the number is much higher than in any other Christian country, the rate being 88.-71. Japan, however, has the highest rate, the number of divorces being 608.45 to the thousand marriages. Ireland has the smallest rate, .28, which

is equal to 1 in 3,571. Of course it will be readily understood that the most powerful factor in preventing divorces is the Catholic law of the indissolubility of marriage. Some Protestant Churches have indeed pronounced against divorces; but such pronouncements do not exercise much influence in preventing divorces among Protestants, because their Churches are not able to control Protestant opinion, and because every Protestant claims the right to follow his individual opinion in religion. It is true that they profess to be guided by scripture; but we all know that a private individual not subject to authority is very apt to form his opinions to suit his fancy, and as a matter of fact this is what the Protestants have been doing all along, and this why there are so many sects. The truth is that it is the influence and example of the Catholic Church which has kept the marriage contract to be regarded even as sacred as is the case now. There is teaching of the Catholic Church could

at once much more trequent. France is the only Catholic country which has a bad record in the large number of divorces. But the divorces are not among the Catholics. It is well known that the French Protes tants, Jews and Infidels, frequently obtain divorces, and this is what makes the French figures so large.

The figures for Ireland are very small, the reason being of course its intense Catholicity. The divorces there are almost exclusively confined tants, especially on the Education ques-

named, except Japan, which is heathen.

The rate for Canada is not nearly as high as that for the United States; nevertheless they show a progress toward the relaxation of the marriage tie which is sufficiently alarming, and unless there be a halt called the evil have as many divorces as our neighbors to the south of us.

The evil will probably grow in the United States, as it has been growing year after year, and it now is alarming thoughtful men. How is it to be is only one satisfactory mode, and that 000 and Methodists at about 650,000. is to admit the Catholic doctrine; but But we do not expect honesty from the in this Dominion, with Protestantism doctor, so we let him pass with what we predominating, it is scarcely to be ex- have said. pected that the Catholic doctrine of the sacred character of marriage will prevail. It is unfortunate for the country that such is the case. Divorce breaks up the peace of families and destroys especially the happiness of the woman and the children. The Catholie Church in maintaining that marriage is a religious rite, and that by the law of God it is indissoluble, protects the woman; and we cannot help regretting to see this evil growing. Probably the most feasible means of arresting it would be legislation prohibiting divorce; but if such legislation could not be passed in Parliament, it should at least be made more difficult to obtain.

MEDDLERS.

The Mail is quite astonished or having ascertained that the discussion of the educational affairs of Quebec in people there and calculated to thwart reforms, and wonders why such discussion should be prohibited, whereas we can freely speak of the matters of other countries. Well, we are certainly free enough under our laws to speak of the affairs of other countries, and there is no prohibition to speak of those of Quebec either; still there is a boundary of moderation and discretion. We might say of Russia or of Germany, or even of the United countries are given in the last number | States, that unless they mend and make their laws to suit our notions we will send over our brave volunteers to whip them into submission, or our braves who are not volunteers. The talk would probably be simply laughed at, but it is just as probable that we might get into very serious trouble, especially if we carried the matter a little too far. Now Quebec is not as powerful as the States we have named, and it becomes a serious matter when it is made next to evident that her neighboring Province is actually hostile to her, and that there are some traitors within her own boundaries who declare that they are ready to help the invader. Does the Mail see Ontario, as a whole, is hostile to Quebec, her "beloved sister;" but we know that there is a considerable faction here which is hostile, and that is the point. Quebec is a sister Province,

in sisterly fashion.

and should be spoken of and treated

DR. DOUGLAS ONCE MORE. It appears that Dr. Douglas, of Montreal, is not to be repressed, and that the Ontario Methodist Conferences like his style. Last Saturday he assisted at Conference in Owen Sound and delivered a characteristic address. He did not abuse Sir John Thompson on account of his religion this time, but he has a new crotchet : " Why is there not a representative Methodist in the Ontario Cabinet as well as a representative Catholic?" He says: "Doubtless unintentionally, but none the less really does Mr. Mowat fling an insult into the face of the Methodist Church of Canada." We have not the objection to a Methodist which Dr. Douglas has shown to a Catholic; yet we may say scarcely room to doubt that if the there is a reason for Catholic representation which does not exist for special Methodist representation. The differbe set aside divorces would become ences between Protestant denominations are not of a kind to require special representation, and all political questions between Protestants can be readily settled by a committee of Protestants indiscriminately chosen. We have no objection to offer therefore to one or several Methodists in the Cabinet, and we are sure the question was never seriously thought of. But there are serious differences in belief and opinion between Catholics and Protes-

tion; and the same holds good in that our interests and rights will be Princess showed her a picture of herregard to the other countries above protected. By numbers we are entitled to at least one ; but Dr. Douglas cunningly makes it appear that Methodists more than double the Catholics of Ontario. This is not the case. He gives the "Catholics 300,000," and the "Methodists 600,000 or 700,-000." Of course round numbers are never exact, but in this case they will continue to grow till Canada will are rounded with an evident purpose By the census Catholics number 358,300, and Methodists 653,942. If the doctor had wished to be honest in his round numbers he might have put "Catholics at 300,000 or 400,000, and Methodists at 600,000 or 700,000, ' or, remedied? It appears to us that there better still, "Catholics at about 350,-

> THE P. P. A. DISCOUNTEN-ANCED.

The following article from the Huntsville Forester speaks well for the intelligence and liberality of the people of that vicinity:

people of that vicinity:

"Rev. Jas. Madill, at one time, years ago, owner and driver of the stage between Huntsville and Burk's Falls, now a resident of Toronto, and pastor of a church near the city, drawing a salary of \$1000 annually, was in town one day last week. He looked as though he enjoyed life. His mission here was in the interest of the P. P. A. (Protestant Protective Association), but to the credit of Huntsville, enough ignorance and bigotry could not be found in the place to start such an organization. The Rev. Jas. could be better employed than hunting up recruits for the P. P. A.—an organization that is a menace to any free country."

Doubtless this ex-stage driver ex-

Doubtless this ex-stage driver expected an easy conquust for the P. P. A. Surely his old friends would flock to the standard and protect themselves from the twenty-five or thirty Catholics of the village! He could whip them into line with all the ease and facility with which he drove his horses in days gone by! But not only does he fail to organize a branch of this obnoxious society, but he is told in plain language that his pet organization is composed of both bigoted and ignorant men; that it is a menace to the liberties of the country, and that he should mind his own business.

Huntsville is a prosperous village in Muskoka, on the North Pacific paying them marked honor in the Junction line of the Grand Trunk, between Gravenhurst and North Bay, and is beautifully situated in the midst of a fairly good country. There are some very fine residences, a number of stores and good hotels, besides a very extensive tannery which gives employment to a large number of people in the village. The population is about 1,000 or 1,200. There are about a dozen Catholic families (some in the country), whose spiritual wants are supplied by Rev. Father Maguire, of Bracebridge. As yet they are without a church, but it is the intention to build one at an early date. Huntsville and vicinity is a favorite resort for tourists.

We congratulate the pastor and the point? Well we have read over congregation on the fact that their and over again in its columns just such Protestant friends have thus evinced threats against Quebec as we have in a most practical manner their intenmentioned. We do not think that tion to live at peace with their Catho lic neighbors and to discourage any effort that tends otherwise.

A GENTLEMAN.

"Kit," the brilliant writer of the ladies' department in the Toronto Mail, last week gave us the following tid-bit, which will be read with pleasure and interest:

interest:

"What is a gentleman?" asks somobody. A gentleman is like a race horse, and has to be bred that way, though he may not necessarily come from palaces nor have cerulean blood in his veins. The finest gentleman I ever knew was the son of an Irish peasant who came over here and made a fortune, and kept the dear old people at home in comfort until, when his father died, and only his mother was left, he went for her and brought her to his lovely home because she wanted to be with "her boy." And there was no man nor woman too rich or grand to be presented to "my mother." and made feel what an honor it was, too. And here was where my gentleman showed the fineness of his gentlity. The man wasn't ashamed of his people, of his old home, of his humble origin. He dared call his soul his own, and dared to honor his mother, though she had never been to a ladies' college, and didn't bother her head about finger-glasses. Self-made, well educated, he was not afraid to stand on his own feet with the dear old mother on his strong arm and face the toadies who were glad to be asked to the rich house, but who never dared to fail in respect to the dear old lady, who was honored and respected by her manly boy in her tired old age. That's the stuff gentlemen are made of.

THE INFANTA EULALIE'S WIT.

The Spanish Infanta Eulalie, who is now on a visit to the United States, made a bonmot a few days ago which proved not only that she is highly educated, having an excellent knowledge of English, so that she can appreciate English humor, but also that she has herself a fund of humor and good nature, and that it does not offend her even when she is made herself the object of a witty hit.

A New York committee man who

to the Protestant portion of the popula- tion, and we need a Catholic to be sure had the honor of dining with the voted for national education in Ireself represented as riding on a fiercelooking Tammany Tiger. Below was the inscription "The Lady and the Tiger."

She enjoyed the joke greatly and

"Oh, I hope I shall not be like the young woman about whom it was written:

'There was a young lady of Niger Who went out to ride on a tiger They came back from their ride With the lady inside. And a smile on the face of the tiger.'

She had seen these lines in a paper a few days previously, and she was se impressed with their humor that she committed them to memory, and she was thus able to make her witty and prompt repartee.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE are informed that Margaret L Shepherd is about to address a thirtypage pamphlet to certain dignitaries of the Catholic Church and the CATHOLIC RECORD, and we are further advised that it is a most thrilling one. All we wish to say, Margaret, is, "Let it thrill." It pleases you, but it will not hurt us. You are in the cause for money; and doubtless you will reap a harvest from those who like to purchase the wares you have in your basket. This is a free country, and you and the German band (the latter will please pardon us for the comparison) have a legal right to pick up as many nickels as possible. But you will please pardon us if we decline to enter into a controversy with you. With respectable Protestant friends, lay or cleric, we are always ready to have a quiet chat on theological matters, and, if we cannot agree, agree to disagree. But with escapes and ex-criminals we wish to have nothing to do, save to pray that their feet may be directed in the path that leads to eternal life.

Our American friends are enthusiastic in attentions to Duke de Veragua and to the Infanta. It is perfectly right, but we cannot understand our democratic cousins preaching sermons on the distinguished visitors and churches. Surely democracy is departing from its pristine rigor.

Few Catholic writers of our day have attained such prominence as Christian Reid. Her charming tales are read by thousands. She is the daughter of a Colonel Fisher who was killed while leading a charge at the battle of Manasses. After his death she devoted herself to literary work that has gained for her well-merited fame. She discarded the opinions of some of her predecessors of Catholic fiction, that Catholic doctrine might compensate for crudity of style and poverty of diction, and proved that

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smach she discarded the opinions of some of her predecessors of Catholic herion, that Catholic doctrine might compensate for crudity of style and prevery of diction, and proved that a novel could be Catholic and yet interesting.

A shour time ago the New York papers chronicled the death of Mr. Lenez: and few who read the an nouncement thought of the noble life of the man. He was a noble example of a God-fearing business man. When the Mctrorolitan bank, of which he was manager, failed, through the dishonest operations of the firm of Grant and Ward, he chose poverty rather than ovade the payment of debt for which he was legally responsible. He lost his money, but he found in comparative poverty the treasure of a more a disgrace to many communities than ovade the payment of debt for which he was legally responsible corrected of New York he devoted a great part of his fortune to charitable objects. "I am only a trustee," he used to say when remonstrated with by friends for what seemed them to be an excess of generosity. Truly a noble saying, and one that the other of the man who has money. A pitiable thing it is some one devoting wealth to selfish aims or to gratification of passions; but the most pitiable thing is to see one devoting wealth to selfish aims or to gratification of passions; but the most pitiable thing is to see a man, after long and fruitful labor in the service of the world, going to meet the God who blessed his efforts without be queathing a cent to charitable thing it to see a man, after long and fruitful labor in the service of the world, going to meet the God who blessed his efforts without bequeathing a cent to charitable where we have the God who blessed his efforts without bequeathing a cent to charitable where we have the general members of his family a model of the control of the cent of the control of the contro of the man. He was a noble example than evade the payment of debt for

LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL astonished his adherents by his manly defence of the Christian Brothers, in the House of Commons. An Orange the House of Commons. An Orange member, with the characteristic liberality that is so distinctive of our saffron-hued brethren, undertook to saffron-hued brethren, undertook to the character were distributed throughout the way and we absence the cover of darkness. We deeply regret that the monor and hitherto to contain the cover of darkness. pilot a bill through the House that would prevent the Brothers from obtaining their lawful share of the money we willied and made the objects of hatred and bigory.

We wish to express our disapproval and depilot a bill through the House that ing their lawful share of the money

Divine mercy.

pected rebuff. Churchill pleaded earnestly against the bill, and paid an eloquent tribute to the devotion and zeal of the Christian Brothers. They have, he remarked, "most wonderful methods surprised all present by answering at of teaching. I should say their methods of teaching are superior to ordinary schools in Ireland. They have gained -although they do not profess to go in for a very high standard of education - they have gained for many of their pupils in many parts of Ireland, scholarships and prizes in great numbers under the Intermediate Act, and, Sir, what is the fault of the Chris tian Brothers, who bestow undoubtedly the greatest possible educational benefit on Ireland. The fault is that they will not give up-and I declare I think it greatly to their credit, and I praise them for it-religious instruction." Irishmen will remember Lord Randolph for his kindly words. They were gall and wormwood for the Ulsterites, who imagine they have a

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mortgage on the nobility.

LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE OF

NEW CHURCH AT FOREST. From the Forest Free Press of June 1st we learn that on Tuesday, May 30th, the Catholic people of that parish had the pleasure of seeing laid the corner-stone of the new edifice which is to take the place of the old building in which they have worshipped for many years past. The stone was laid with the usual impressive ceremonies His Lordship the Right Rev. D. O'Connor, Bishop of London, assisted by the following priests: Rev. Jos. Bayard, of Sarnia; Rev. John Connolly, of Lucan ; Rev. H. G. Traher, Mount Carmel; Rev. Kenneth McRae, Brechin, Archdiocese of Toronto: Rev. P. J. Gnam, of Wyoming, and Rev. D. A. McRae, of Forest and Parkhill. There was a large attendance of the members of the congregation, adherents of the other churches in town and visitors from Sarnia, Parkhill, Watford and other places. In the stone were placed copies o the leading Toronto and London daily papers; the Catholic Record and Forest Free Press; the various current

coins of the country, and a parchment bearing an historical sketch of the parish down to the present time.

At the conclusion the Bishop stated that the Rev. Dr. Kilroy, of Stratford, who was expected to be present to give an address, was unable to attend, owing to illness. His Lordship then He addressed those present briefly explained the nature of the ceremony just performed, and the necessity of proper place in which to meet for the purposes of prayer and praise. the duty of all to pray to God in private, in the family circle and in church, and all should praise God for the many advantages He has given us as individuals and citizens. All who would come to this church to worship

the God of power and glory and good-ness in the spirit in which He should be worshipped would be strengthened in their faith, fear of God, and also in

one hour shall her judgment come."

The following expression of disapproval by a number of the leading citizens of the town speaks for itself:

We, the undersigned citizens of Forest and vicinity, and adherents of the several Protest ant churches in Forest, wish to hereby express our regret that some timeduring Monday night last, the 25th lint, a number of hand-bills containing matter of a blasphemous and obscene

nunciation of the distribution in our midst of the vile and slanderous bills referred to above. We also denounce as unworthy citizens any and all persons who had anything to do, directly or indirectly, with the printing and distribution of the said handbils.

(Signed)—Richard Karr, Mayor; R. A. Hill, Reeve; J. C. Pollock, Captain No. 2 Co.; M. A. Smith, J. D. Livingston, L. H. Smith, W. H. Bartram, G. M. Van Valkenburg, C. Wichmann, A. McFarlane, J. M. Mackenzie, S. E. Cornell, J. N. Dillon, Ralph E. Scott, John Shaw, W. Forte, Alex, Scott, M. D.; W. G. Owens, W. C. Beddy, N. Tripp, David Hamilton, O. Totten, M. D.; D. McDougall, T. A. Reid, Jas, Prichard, D. S. Hamilton, H. J. Pettypiece, W. Seaton, A. S. Anderson, F. W. Shaw, W. M. Scott, J. A. Łeigar, W. Lochead, R. R. Dickey, W. Lemon, Geo. Webster, Chas. Anderson, W. D. Griggs, F. W. Hall, H. Barron. CORPUS CHRISTI IN LONDON

On last Sunday the feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated in a most solemn manner in St. Peter's Cathedral, London. In the morning there were three Masses—the first, a low Mass, at 7 o'clock; the second, at 8:30. The last Mass, at 10:30, was a pontifical High Mass, sung by Rev. Father Noonan, lev. Fathers Tiernan and Gahan acting as deacen and sub-deacon, respectively. His Lordship Bishop O'Connor presided. He also delivered a sermon explanatory of the feast we were celebrating—Corpus Christi—the feast of the Biessed Sacrament. Let us ever remember that Jesus dwells in our churches; that He remains with us to help, bless, comfort and protect us. If we could but see the myriads of angels that surround Jesus in the Elessed Sacrament, what adoring respect would we show! When entering the church we should salute Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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we should salute Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Christ instituted the Blessed Eucharist on the eve of His Sacred Passion, on Holy Thursday. When we remember the extraordinary display of joy manifested throughout the Christian world on the feast of Corpus Christi, it is manifest that such exultation is inconsistent during Lent when we commemorate the institution; therefore the Church has added the feast of Corpus Christi in order to give full vent to her joy and happiness in possessing this Sacrament of Love.

Immediately after the High Mass there was a solemn procession in honor of the Blessed Eucharist, in the cathedral and around the grounds.

The honor of carrying the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament belonged to-four young gentlemen of the congregation—Messrs, J.

Blessed Sacrament belonged to four young gentlemen of the congregation—Messrs, J. Cook, F. Forestall, W. Coles and J. Garvey. During the afternoon the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for the veneration and adoration of the faithful, who, in large numbers, availed themselves of the opportunity of making reparation to Jesus for the lukewarmness and carelessness of negligent Catholics and for the insults of unbelievers, and of making acts of fath and love. The members of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary formed a guard of honor for the Blessed Eucharist during the afternoon.

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In the evening at 7 o'clock there was a grand musical Vespers.

AT ST. MARY'S.

The usual number of Masses were celebrated at St. Mary's by the pastor, Rev. M. McCornnack, who also preached a sermon suitable to the occasion, at the last Mass.

THE LATE MR. JAMES A. SADLIER.

In our editorial notes we refer to the great loss which Catholic Montreal has sustained in the death of our fellow-citizen Mr. James A. Sadlier. This city was his home, and here he spent the useful years of his manhood. We take the following tribute to his memory from the columns of the New York Catholic Review. After speaking of the mournful event, which took place in that city, the Review says:

event, which took place in that city, the Review says:

It is difficult to speak with due appreciation of the high qualities of him, who has passed to his eternal reward. Death has unsealed the lips of many in this regard and made known the many beautiful deeds, the more beautiful that they were hidden, which he has carried with him into the after life. Innumerable were the acts of truly noble and always delicate charity, which marked each day of his busy and useful career. Truly his right hand knew not what his left hand did. Nor was he less charitable in word than in deed. Never was he heard to pass an uncharitable judgment on any one. His piety, always unostentatious, was deep, fervent and sincere. He was a daily assistant at Mass and a frequent communicant. It may be said of him:

"His faith was as the tested gold, His hope assured, not overbold. His charities past count, untold."

On Wednesday evening last some twenty men of the congregation of St. Stephen's Church, Cayuga, assembled at the residence of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Bardou, to offer their congratulations to him on the acquisition of his new titles of Doctor of Divinity and Missionary Apostolic, recently conferred by His Hollness. An address was read by Mr. John A. Murphy warmly congratulating the doctor on his new dignities, assuring him of the love and gratification of his parishioners, and closing with an earnest prayer that God might spare him to the church and the people of Cayuga and surrounding country. The address was accompanied by a well filled purse.

Who knows what graces he has lost, and may be losing at this moment from want of aspiration?