PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH . IS NOT AN UNMIXED EVIL.

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It is impossible not to be struck by the calamities which in these present times are threatening the Church of God. The Sovereign Pontiff is still a prisoner, unable to stir outside the gates of the Vatican. The kingdom of Italy, nominally Catholic, binds the Catholic religion in fetters. The anti-Christian government of France has not only repudiated the illustrious Church which is the chief glory of France, but denies to Catholicism even the rights of the common law, and strikes at religion whenever it dares to raise its head. Throughout the German Empire there is a sort of tolerance, but even in the Throughout the German Empire there is a sort of tolerance, but even in the Catholic parts the Church has to watch and fight for bare justice. In Cat lic Austria the government yields step y step to the demands of what are cal the anti-clericals—that is, the modern infidels, with their jargon of "progress" and "independent thought." Catholic Spain is following in the same path, and no government can maintain itself and no government can maintain itself there without compromising on vital matters of Catholic law and tradition.

The state of conflict which prevails widely over the world is not wholly so widely over the world is not wholly disadvantageous. It is not an unmixed evil for the religious interests which are so dear to us. It is a good thing that Catholics should be roused to stand up for their faith. When a Catholic country has grown slack in Catholic spirit, it is a good thing that men should be made to feel that those who are not with our Lord are against Him. When danger is at the door, the instinct of resistance and defense keeps Catholics on the alert, and they must Catholics on the alert, and they must think, speak and vote in order to hold think, speak and vote in order to hold their own. Persecution may succeed here and there, and for a time, in de stroying faith and making religious duty very difficult, but it calls out the courage and sacrifice of the good, and it is very seldom that it does not end in the visible triumph of the Church.

THE DUTY OF EVERY CATHOLIC.

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Whenever the interests of the Catholic religion are threatened it is the duty of every Catholic to exert himself in their defense. If a Catholic wants to know how, or in what way, the Church is tried and afflicted, let him listen to the Sovereign Pontiff and to the Bishops. It is from the Church's divinely appointed rulers that he will learn the meaning of events, the bearing of political measures, the limits of lawful compromise and the precise direction which Catholic action ought to take. In the confusion of voices and of causes—in the Babel that is raised by politicians, schismatics, journalists Whenever the interests of the Catho of causes—in the Babel that is raised by politicians, schismatics, journalists and gainsayers of every color—the only guide for a Catholic is the Catholic pastorals. When we hear the warnings and the exhortation of those appointed to rule the Church of God, it is our plain duty to pay attention and to act. Where action can be effective there a Catholic is bound to act. The interest of Catholics should not be confined to their own locality or their own country. A Catholic belongs to the Church of Christ's redemption before he belongs to his country, his race or his family. In the interests of that holy kingdom of God on earth he must be prepared to God on earth he must be prepared to labor and suffer. And if he cannot do anything else, he must always be ready

to pray
His Lordship then points out the advantage of helping the Church by the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, and advises the faithful to make use of the Holy Rosary.

November brings to mind our duty the dear departe', our relatives, ier ds, benefactors and former exercises. ALL SOULS - PRAY FOR THEM

to the dear departe', our relatives, frier ds, benefactors and former associates who have "fallen asleep in the Lord," but whose souls may yet be immersed in that "wide, silent, sinless kingdom of suffering" we call Purga-tory. The Church has not defined the nature nor the duration of the suffernature nor the duration of the sautifungs inflicted on those who form the middle state of souls. That there is a Purgatory, and that the souls detained there are helped by the prayers of the faithful, and above all, by the accept able "sacrifice of the altar" is authoritatively declared; the fathers of the tatively declared; the fathers of the Church, saints and theologians, have written very positively upon the sub-ject. It is almost unanimously agreed among them that the purification of the soul is accomplished by material fire as well as by the rain of longing or de-sire that afflicts the just spirit in temporary banishment from the beatific temporary banishment from the blatine vision. Many of the mysteries of that realm of pain have been revealed to the saints and what we learn from them is not reassuring to the careless, easy-going individual who thinks Ged is too indulgent and merciful to exact so severe penalties for sin. — Catholic Columbian.

DIOCESE OF LONDON.

PRESENTATION TO REV. PATHER BEAUDOIN
Rev. L. A. Beaudoin, P. P. Walkerville, Oct.
is about to take a trip to Rome for the benefit
of his health. On the 3rd of Nov. his good
people extended to him a token of regard
which proved that his faithful services as
their parish priest has been duly appreciated,
An address was presented on behalf of the
congregation, including the Altar Society and
M. Charles Montreull, and the French by Mr.
Joseph Lapierre. Mr. Alex. Sc. Llouis made
the presentation of a cheque for a goodly
amount An address was also presented by
the school children, accompanied by a purse of
gold. It was read by Master Gilbert Bayard
and Master Sadin made the presentation of
the purse. The address from the Children of
Mary which was also accompanied by a purse of
gold expressed sen imente of the warmest appreciation of the pastoral labours of the good
priest of Walker ville.
Rev. Father Beauden in acknowledging the
addresses and presentations thank d his parishoner for the tangible expression of their good
will and esteem and spoke appreciatively and
in such a friendly manner.
At the conclusion of the proceedings prizes
were distributed to the children who attended
school most regularly during the year.
The CATHOLIO REGORD also belies to join
the may fire add of Father Beaudoin in wishing him a pleassant voyage and a safe return to
his faithful flock, to continue with renewed
the Walkerville. PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER BEAUDOIN

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

Rev. Father Brownigg who was lately appointed to the important parish of Richmond, Archdiocese of Ottawa, was given an affectionate leave-taking by his late parishioners of South March On Sunday evening, Oct. 28, he was presented with an address accompanied by a well filled pure. The address was read by Miss G. Burk.

After the address and presentation Father Browning responded in touching terms to the kindiv sentiments thus given expression to. He reminded his hearers of the salient points of the duises of fathful souis, and promised always to remember them, and expressed the hope that the good work that had gone on through his humble instrumentality by their mutual triumph over all adversaries and eternal reunion in Heaven.

DIOCESE OF PEMBROKE.

ISHOP LORRAIN VISITS THE COBALT COUNTRY.

The Cobalt or Temiskaming country is part of the wast diocese of Bishop Lorrain of Pembroke. His Lordship paid a visit recently to the wast diocese of Bishop Lorrain of Pembroke. His Lordship paid a visit recently to the temperature of the wast diocese of Bishop Lorrain of Pembroke. His Lordship paid a visit recently to the Communication of the Lordship Lordshi

Eighbeen persons were confirmed the following morning.

Saturday evening His Lordship was welcomed to the town of Cobalt. Preceded by the town band, and passing through the decorated streets, he was driven to the new and commodious church erected this summer in Cobalt, to accommodate the large Catholic population of the neighborhood. The chapel erected last year is now used as a Separate school. Rev Father Beaudry O. M. I. accompanied His Lordship to Cobalt. Sunday, Pontifical High Mass was; celebrated by the Bishop. After wards he confirmed fifty three persons. His Lordship was then presented with addresses in Eoglish and French, read by Mayor Finlan and Mr. Darl, expressing the pleasure that the Catholics of Cobalt felt upon the occasion of his visit. The Bishop left for home Sunday afternoon.

That His Lordship was pleased with his visit was evidenced by the congratulations which he offered to the people of these new missions, upon the Zeal and energy which they have shown in erecting such large and beautiful churches in so short a time. Next year when courenes in so short a time. Next year when he comes upon his regular visit to the northern part of his diocese the Bishop of Pembroke will probably see further advances, and perhaps be welcomed to chapels in other parts of the Temiskaming country which are being rapidly opened up.

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