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CONSECRATION OF THE BISHOP OF PETERBORO.

We are authorized to state that Bishop elect Dowling will be consecrated at St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, on Sunday, the 1st day of May, an Apostolic Feast.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

The election of the Labor candidate as Mayor of Cincinnati is an event of no mere passing importance, but an indication of a social movement, the gravity of which it were idle if not criminal to belittle or overlook.

Archbishop Gibbons has not, on the labor question, taken a new or a surprising stand for a Catholic prelate. Cardinal Manning, in a late remarkable letter truly said: "We are at this day as a church the mother, friend and protector of the people."

What a pity that we are not more united in our sympathy with the Irish nation in its striving for Home Rule. But the Dominion will not speak out in the firm and irrefragable tone it should employ, if we Canadians of Irish origin seek to use the occasion of its expression of sympathy with the old land for the furtherance of purely factional or partisan interests.

with our contemporary in the opinion that "the Church neglects the question." The Catholic Church has been from the beginning the protectress of labor.

same everywhere, but the reduction to practice of these rights may require in one country means not at all adapted to the circumstances of another.

UNION IS STRENGTH.

Now that the Irish nation is, by the malice of the landowning elements in Britain and Ireland, driven into a position of resistance to the tyrannical majority in the Imperial Parliament, the duty devolves upon Irishmen and their descendants the world over, to assist their brethren in the old land to overcome as base and bloody an attempt as was ever made to exterminate a whole people.

THE PAPAL JUBILEE.

The Catholic world is already busy and enthusiastic in preparation for the coming celebration of the Golden Jubilee of Pope Leo's priestly ordination. Fifty years ago a lengthened period and a multitude of significant events? France has had four revolutions, two different reigning dynasties, and met with the greatest military disasters of modern times.

of the illustrious Patriarch Moran—one time Bishop of Osnabruck, in Ireland, and now Archbishop of Sydney, in New South Wales. Within the same span of life, America has made gigantic strides in moral, material and religious development, unknown since the days of the Roman Republic's greatest prosperity and the Christian Church's first apostolic expansion.

ment. To Pope Leo is a special manner is this country indebted for care and favors of a marked character. Our hierarchy has been honored by the promotion of one of its most eminent and exalted members to the rank of Archbishop, and the formation of new dioceses and vicariates.

THE RESURRECTION AS AN EVIDENCE OF CHRISTIANITY.

Among the miracles wrought on earth by our Blessed Lord, His resurrection stands pre-eminent, whether we regard the astounding character of the act itself, or its force as a decisive evidence of the divinity of the Christian religion.

Miracles being events beyond the power of man, and surpassing the capabilities of natural law, prove the interposition of God. They are the only demonstrative proof of which we can conceive, which establishes or can establish the fact that God has spoken to men.

But it is not the world's changes, nor nations' vicissitudes that ought specially to occupy our minds in anticipation of the golden jubilee of the illustrious Leo XIII. His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, in his pastoral letter to the faithful of his diocese, inviting them to do honor to the Holy Father on this touching and momentous occasion, offers us reflections that appeal to every Christian heart.

The work undertaken at Windsor by the Very Rev. Dean Wagner, towards spreading the faith amongst the colored people, is advancing so rapidly that the rev. gentleman sees himself necessitated to take steps towards the building of a school house and church in the immediate future.

CATHOLIC COLORED MISSION OF WINDSOR.

London, Ont., St. Patrick's Day, 1887. MY DEAR DEAN WAGNER—I heartily approve of your mission amongst the colored people of Windsor, and I earnestly hope that a generous public will help you in its prosecution.

Let us next consider more specially the fact of the Resurrection. We have seen that it is attested by a large number of Christian witnesses. In their testimony reliable! For forty days after His Resurrection they were living in His company. They eat and drank with Him and conversed with Him as before His death; and they, therefore, could not be deceived regarding it.

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As, therefore, a miracle is God's attestation to the truth of the doctrine which it is intended to prove, the miracle of the Resurrection, the most stupendous of all that have ever been wrought, attests the divinity of Christ and His mission, for to his miraculous works he appeals constantly for this purpose, as in St. Matt. xii., 23: "Woe to thee Carazai, woe to thee Bethsaida; for if in Tyre and Sidon had been wrought the miracles that have been wrought in you, they had long ago done penance in sack-cloth and ashes."

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soldiers came to examine the bodies before they were taken down from the cross, they found the two thieves living, but Jesus was dead. For this reason they did not break his bones; but one of them "with a spear opened his side and there came out blood and water."

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