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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

ST. BONIFACE, May 10th, 1888.

Mr. E. J. Dermody.

DEAR SIR,—I see by the last issue of the Northwest Review that you have been entrusted by the directors of the journal with the management of the same, "the company for the present retaining charge of the editorial columns."

OUR WORTHY POOR.

The rage for sensation and suggestive illustration in the daily press is bad for the newspaper and the public. There is an incredible amount of wickedness in certain newspapers and periodicals of the present day.

A sample of the treatment Catholics get from the Winnipeg Tribune, the organ of the bigots, is found in the way it mutilated an address which was presented to His Grace, Archbishop Tache, on the 42nd anniversary of his feast, by the English-speaking Catholics of Winnipeg.

"A breath of Voltaire is passing over the land," said the clergy of Montreal, in a recent address to Archbishop Fabre, and they said well. There never lived a blacker hearted hypocrite than Voltaire.

The following remarks from the Pittsburgh Catholic is very applicable to our own vicinity: "That there will be much want and even destitution among the worthy poor this winter goes without saying."

The tenor of the latest Italian news indicates that a crisis of great importance and magnitude impends over that wofully misruled land, whose ministry views the coming crash with alarm and apprehension.

The Casket says:—"Those wretched French-Canadian Voltairians are enthusiastic defenders of the 'liberty of the press'—if it be their press. And should a bishop think it his duty to warn his flock of the dangerous character of one of their journals they immediately clap their legal pistol to his ear."

Our contemporary, the Free Press, paid a deserved compliment to "our own Father Drummond" in placing him among the ablest pulpit orators of the day. Popularity in the sense in which it is understood in this sensational age is difficult to attain by a Catholic priest, because he does not indulge in sensational clap-trap, but confines himself to well defined teaching.

THE DIFFERENCE AND THE REASON.

A great many—apparently a majority of—non-Catholics appear to misunderstand the position that the practical Catholic must, if he pretends to be a practical Christian, occupy on the school question.

The Catholic man and woman realizes that the eternal happiness of the soul of the child that God has given and entrusted to their care can only be gained by instruction in the doctrine that will lead to the intelligent practice of the laws of the Christian Catholic church.

The question is not as to whether the belief of the Catholic in the all-importance of the welfare of the soul and the necessity of religious instruction for that welfare is true; but the question is: Such being the religious belief of the Catholic, to hinder his practice in accordance with this religious belief is to hinder the liberty of conscience of the Catholic citizen.

At Peace with the World. The Almighty who made the world and with whom resides the power to unmake it, is reigning over us. In His own good time He will bring about the changes and reforms that seem desirable.

A Crisis Coming. The tenor of the latest Italian news indicates that a crisis of great importance and magnitude impends over that wofully misruled land, whose ministry views the coming crash with alarm and apprehension.

Probably it is a question whether our duty is not to discontinue a self-chosen work when in its process we feel we are losing the kindness and cheerfulness and tolerance which a wholesome Christianity ought to inculcate.

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLICS PROTEST.

There are times when patience ceases to be a virtue. Patience and charity are virtues which Catholics are called upon to practice, even under the most trying circumstances. They are accustomed to see themselves grossly and often maliciously misrepresented by the secular press, by the synods of the various sects, by individual members of the community outside of the pale of the Church.

But let us examine into the claims of this gentleman to speak for us. When a man undertakes to speak for us and in the name of an intelligent and highly respectable class in the community, he should, at least, possess their confidence and be in full sympathy with their views.

A Priest's Heroism. The French Societe d'Encouragement de Bien, an association which annually decrees public rewards for distinguished acts of heroism, has lately sent its laurel crown to the Abbe Theure, the cure of Loigny, in the west of France.

CONSTITUTION is the parent of innumerable diseases, and should, therefore, be promptly remedied by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. These pills do not grip, are perfectly safe to take, and remove all tendency to liver and bowel complaints.

WINNIPEG CATHOLICS

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RESOLUTIONS PASSED. A representative meeting of the English-speaking Catholics of the city was held on Sunday afternoon at St. Mary's school-room.

At the close of Mr. Marrin's remarks it was pointed out that Mr. John O'Donohue was in the room, and as he was the party referred to it would be only courteous to allow him to speak.

Mr. O'Donohue left the meeting at the close of Dr. Barrett's speech, and Mr. Marrin then said a few words with regard to the reflections he had made on the system of education in the Catholic schools.

Moved by John O'Connor and seconded by A. D. McDonald, that whereas Mr. John O'Donohue did publicly state in the Winnipeg Tribune, that the English speaking Catholics were not in sympathy with His Grace and the clergy of this diocese on the school question; that they were satisfied with the present provincial school system; and that he resolved and it is hereby resolved that the Catholics of the city of Winnipeg re-affirm, in the most solemn manner, their constant and faithful allegiance to the teaching of our Church, not only on the school question, but on all other matters of faith and morals, and that we again renew our expressions of confidence in and devotion to His Grace, our beloved Archbishop, and his faithful and devoted clergy.

Moved by F. W. Russell and seconded by D. B. McRoy, "That whereas this meeting has heard Mr. O'Donohue's explanation of the reasons that prompted him to express himself in the manner he did; and whereas Mr. O'Donohue has failed to name a single Catholic who holds his views, and has produced the slightest evidence that he is entitled to the confidence of anyone but himself; Be it resolved that the English speaking Catholics of the city of Winnipeg affirm it as our conscientious belief that we stand alone in this matter; that we do not intend to accept him as our representative in anything affecting education, or morals; and we indignantly protest against his resumption of any office among the citizens of Winnipeg as the exponent of our views."

Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.