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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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Register of the Week.

At Ottawa our legislators cannot be said to have made much headway in the business of Parliament, little having yet been done outside the debate on the Address and its adoption. On Tuesday evening of last week the House was enlivened somewhat by the debate on Mr. McCarthy's bill, a synopsis of which appears in this issue of THE REGISTER.

On Wednesday enquiry touching the Behring Sea regulations was made by Sir Richard Cartwright, and Mr. Mills asked that the correspondence in connection with the subject be brought down—which Sir John Thompson promised to do, if the Imperial authorities did not object.

Hon. Mr. Lariviere moved for the papers in reference to the appeal made in the name of the Catholic minority of the Province of Manitoba. Mr. Lariviere also moved "for copies of all school ordinances, school regulations, or by-laws and amendments thereto, adopted by the Legislative Assembly, the Executive, and by any Board or Council of Education in reference to the establishment, maintenance and administration of schools in the Northwest Territories since 1885; for copies of all petitions, memorials and correspondence in reference thereto, and for copies of all reports to and orders in Council respecting the same."

Mr. Tarte followed with a motion for all correspondence "between Archbishop Tache of St. Boniface and any member of the Government since last session, and in particular of the memorial recently sent to the Governor-General or to the Prime Minister, respecting the Manitoba schools, and of the ordinances adopted by the Legislature of the Northwest Territories in 1892 and now in force; copies of all memorials, petitions and letters addressed to the Governor-General in Council, or to any Minister, asking for the disallowance of the ordinances; of correspondence between the Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories or the Executive Council of the said Territories and the Dominion Government, and copies of the instructions to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories, and of communications sent to the executive of the Territories in order to amend the ordinances of 1892."

Both motions were carried after warm discussion by Messrs. Tarte and Davin. Sir John Thompson moved an adjournment till the following Tuesday, and the House adjourned accordingly.

In the Local Legislature, one of the principal subjects during the past week was that relating to fees. The Opposition had moved an amendment, by the terms of which salaries were to

be substituted for fees, and the office made elective instead of being, as now, in the gift of the Government. A vote being taken the amendment was defeated by 19 to 29. So fees it will be for some time longer—for which, doubtless, the fee fed favorite will be devoutly thankful.

A Royal Commission on secondary education in England has been appointed, and is approved by Her Majesty. It will commence its labors almost at once. The commission is a large one, being comprised of seventeen members, from representative boards throughout the country; it has the interesting distinction of having three distinguished women as members. The work of a Royal Commission is always said to be proverbially slow, and it is thought there will be a few years of grace before the good Britons, so as to train up a generation of young teachers. The Cambridge Female Training College is now open for Catholic students, which is considered a step in the right direction.

The St. Patrick's Day banquet given in London, England, on the evening of the 15th was one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind ever held, the demand for tickets surpassed any previous gathering. Mr. Justin McCarthy M.P., presided, and the other guests included a great galaxy of public men. Speeches were made by Mr. Edward Blake, Mr. Sexton and several others. The guests included prominent representatives of England, Scotland and Wales.

Mr. Harry Furniss the political cartoonist of *Punch* has severed his connection with that journal, and is about to start on his own account, a new and original paper. "Mr. Furniss," says the *Liverpool Times*, "with the exception of 'Dickie Doyle,' is the only member of the staff of our leading comic journal who has ever voluntarily resigned his position. Mr. Furniss came to London when he was nineteen, and he is now in his fortieth year." "Dickie Doyle," by which name, he was generally known in London, was the father of the popular novelist Dr. Conan Doyle, he resigned his position on *Punch* on account of that journal's disgusting attitude at the time of Cardinal Wiseman's being made Archbishop of Westminster.

From time to time we are startled by the dreadful work of the anarchists in the Old World. Last week it was the beautiful Church of the Madeline, Paris, that suffered, fortunately, there was only the loss of one life, the man who threw the bomb. Now we hear of an attempt on another church in Grenoble. About 20 persons were injured by the latter outrage, some mor-

tally. The explosive was placed at the entrance of the church, it was filled with gunpowder and had a long fuse attached. When it exploded the whole church was filled with smoke, under cover of which the miscreant must have escaped. The panic created among the worshippers was terrible. They rushed shrieking and shouting for the entrance, the stronger throwing the weaker down and trampling on the prostrate bodies. The despatches say a great number of women, children and aged people were injured.

The cable despatches announce an encyclical letter from the Holy Father, it was to be published last Saturday. It is addressed to the bishops of Poland, Russia, Austria and Germany. The Holy Father treats of the religious conditions in each of the countries named, especially Poland. Referring to the latter country, he "exhorts the Catholic inhabitants to renewed constancy in their faith under the difficult circumstances in which they are placed."

The students of Buda Pesth were determined that proper honors should be paid to the memory of Louis Kosuth. The National Theatre of that place tried to give its usual evening performance, in spite of the warning given to the manager by the students to close. The first act of the play was but half done when about 200 students attacked the police at the door, and after a short struggle took possession, and demanded the curtain to be lowered and that a black flag be raised over the theatre. Many of the audience resented the interference of the students, but to avoid a riot the manager complied with their demands. Further despatches say: "Upon leaving the theatre the rioters learned that several music halls had remained open. They went through the streets where the entertainments were in progress, then threw stones through the windows and handled roughly all persons whom they found at the entrance of the halls. A strong force of police eventually overtook them, about 15 men were wounded and several were arrested."

Alexander Dumas, although a man of the world, has courage to express his opinions, and is not ashamed of the African blood that courses through his veins. He recently complimented Mgr. Perraud, Bishop of Autun, on a lecture that had been given by the latter in January in his Cathedral of Autun on the "Abolition of Slavery." M. Dumas wrote to the Bishop: "Monsignor, I have read and re-read with the greatest interest your discourses on the abolition of slavery. No one could remain deaf to such an appeal, and I least of all, since I have only to go back four generations in order to find negro slaves among my ancestors. Therefore it is not only for my brethren from a Christian

point of view that I thank you, but also for relatives that I may still have on negro-laden ships."

On Sunday next, a Catholic priest is to preach and conduct the evening service in the Chapel of Harvard University. He is the Rev. Peter O'Callaghan, a graduate of Harvard, and is now stationed in New York City, at the Paulist Fathers' until assigned to a mission. It is not the first time a Catholic occupied the pulpit, but it will be the first time a Catholic has conducted the service. The Rt. Rev. John J. Keane, Rector of the Catholic University delivered the annual Dudleyan lecture in the chapel two years ago. Rev. Francis G. Peabody Plummer, Professor of Christian Morals gives the following explanation of the invitation accorded to Father O'Callaghan:

"Three or four years ago a Catholic priest, much more prominent in the Church than Father O'Callaghan, was asked to conduct a Sunday evening service, but, after considerable deliberation, he declined. We have always intended to have Catholics represented, as well as other religious faiths. In looking over the priests who might be invited, the most likely man seemed to be Father O'Callaghan, the chief reason for selecting him being the fact that he is one of our graduates in recent years. He immediately accepted. Our action in inviting him is purely voluntary, and no pressure has been brought to bear at all. If the people are looking for significance in the action it is simply that Harvard wishes to show that her services are purely unsectarian, and that any earnest disciple of any faith is welcome in Appleton Chapel."

Committees from the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Irish Benevolent Society waited on his Honor Lieut. Gov. Howlan at the Hotel Davies, Charlottetown, P.E.I., recently, and presented him with congratulatory addresses on his being appointed to the distinguished position of Lieutenant-Governor of the Island. Mr. Howlan replied in a most happy manner, saying: "I am pleased to learn that my long political career, extending over a period of thirty years, meets with your general approval, and that I have in some degree tried to conduct myself as became a true son of the Emerald Isle."

A very handsome and interesting gift was to be presented to his Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, last Sunday the 25th of March. It is a jewel box made from wood that was part of an old mulberry tree, under which the first Mass was celebrated in Maryland, on the 25th of March, 1634. The donor was General Bradley F. Johnson, who selected the anniversary of the event for the presentation. The tree was said to be 800 or 400 years old when it blew down a few years ago. The trunk was very much decayed but the roots were quite sound. The box was made a short time after the tree fell. "It is five inches long, four inches wide and four and a half deep, and is lined with cardinal red satin. A silver plate in the shape of a Maryland cross embellishes the lid. On the cross is inscribed the dates March 25, 1634, the day of the landing at St. Mary's, May 1, 1649, when the 'act concerning religion,' which guaranteed religious toleration to Maryland was passed; August 16, 1868, when Cardinal Gibbons was consecrated, and June 7, 1886, when he was created Cardinal." The box will be used for the Cardinal's pectoral jewels.