

or crushed under the weight of falsehoods and calumnies." It is useless to chase them and to crush them. The more they are persecuted the more numerous they become and the more earnest will they work in the cause of the Church of Him from whom they take their title.

The *Advertiser* of this city recognizes the following facts: "Ireland is in a very perturbed state at present. Ireland has many grievances, the chief of which is the system of land tenure. It is the duty of the Government to do what it can to remedy this state of things."

"So far," it says "all is clear," but it thinks that Parnell and the agitators do not wish to have the land question settled. It claims that they are insincere, and that they keep up the excitement solely for the purpose of giving themselves prominence. This we think is a decidedly unfair view of the matter. The existence of grievances is admitted, application has been made for redress time and again in a constitutional manner, and just as often has a blank refusal been recorded by overwhelming majorities. Gladstone endeavored to make a move in the right direction. But my Lords now step in and say no even to Mr. Gladstone. Under these circumstances one cannot fairly be surprised at the prevailing uneasiness and agitation, and it is decidedly unjust to accuse the leaders of the movement of insincerity.

The average Irish landlord is a man not noted for much bravery. Let him but receive a threatening letter and immediately he packs his trunk, pockets his rent, shakes hands with his agent—tells him to keep on grinding—and emigrates. The ever-watchful cable man becomes possessed of the news, and he immediately transmits it, with copious notes and comments, all the way across the Atlantic. The most terrible occurrences in other parts of Europe are lightly skimmed over, while the receipt of a threatening letter by an Irish landlord is deemed a matter of astounding importance. A rather amusing account appears in the Irish papers why Lord Annesley ran away: He had intended to pass the winter in Ireland, but the arrangement did not suit his wife's French maid, who preferred London. One morning his lordship received a "threatening letter," and at once ordered his carriages drove to the station and started for England. He made the journey to the station, with a revolver, cupped and loaded, by his side; two friends sat with loaded rifles in the carriage, and a gallant colonel, armed to the teeth, was perched beside the coachman. The threatening letter was written by the French maid, who preferred London to Ireland, and she carried her point.

#### HAMILTON LETTER.

CHRISTMAS TREE—NEWSPAPER NOTES—LET US HAVE PEACE—THE PALACE OF JUSTICE—OPERA HOUSE—POLICE MATTERS—PRESENTATION—MISCELLANEOUS.

**CHRISTMAS TREE.**  
The Sisters of St. Joseph are making preparations for holding a Christmas tree entertainment for the benefit of the House of Providence. They have enlisted the aid of the ladies of Hamilton in the good work and will no doubt obtain a proportionate assistance from those of Dundas. The House of Providence is an institution worthy of universal support. It takes in the feeble and the helpless, and provides them with all the comforts of a well-kept home. Its existence is beneficial to the public generally and the municipality in particular, as it removes from the former a great source of anxiety and relieves the latter of a burden of care and expense which would otherwise have to be borne. Being under the management of the Sisters, whose labors are purely in the cause of charity, it is conducted in a most efficient manner and on strict economical principles. The necessary expenses are heavy and there is no other means of support than the contributions of a benevolent public. Under the circumstances, then, all who can should assist in the maintenance of this institution. The forthcoming entertainment which will be held during the holiday season is intended to be on a large scale, and it is hoped that the efforts of those who are so generously laboring in its behalf will be so far sustained as to make it a complete success.

**NEWSPAPER NOTES.**  
The *Spectator* says "the whole world is coming to believe that the Irish people have suffered wrongs and endured privations that no people should be compelled to suffer. These are words noble and true. They have been the sentiments of Irishmen always and everywhere, but it unfortunately happened that the 'whole world' never cared much about Ireland's wrongs, while the very power that could relieve them cared even less. Perhaps now that the world knows that the Irish people have been treated unjustly they will not be 'compelled to suffer' much longer."

A journalistic policeman was very much needed in town last week. Our two dailies have been rotten-egging each other without stint ever since the champion boat race. It began by one accusing the other of "amplifying" a telegram beyond law and reason. This brought from the latter an angry retort, which in turn induced the former to reiterate its charges in a more emphatic manner. Each sounded its own "enterprise" and abilities in clarion tones, while these same qualities in the other were made as insignificant as if viewed through the wrong end of a spy-glass. The *profrum vulgus* looked on with mingled feelings of amusement and disgust, wondering why these great public "teachers" should stoop so low to conquer. No one questions the enterprise or ability of either, but it would be a matter of much difficulty to decide which is en-

titled to the "belt" for vituperation. With such apparent right good will have they abused even other that one would almost think they were in earnest.

The press of Hamilton and Dundas enjoyed a social reunion in the latter place on Friday last. It was a very pleasant affair and well attended, considerable "enterprise" and "amplification" being exhibited in the science of gastronomy, which proves that even newspaper men can sometimes be at peace.

**THE NEW COURT HOUSE.**  
The architectural excellence of our new Court House has spread its fame far and wide over the land. Even mighty Toronto has condescended to admire it. Last week a deputation of notables from that city and the adjacent town of Yorkville visited Hamilton for the purpose of inspecting the buildings. They were met by our city officials who duly did the honors by them; they expressed their admiration for the beauties of the structure, and departed with the intention of putting into practice at home the useful lessons in architecture which they had learned in the ambitious city.

The Court House cost \$130,000, which is said by experts to be a very low price. It has a front of 170 feet, a depth of 55 feet, and stands on a plot of ground 310 by 255 feet.

**THE OPERA HOUSE.**  
The Opera House is finished and ready for use. Its exterior appearance is anything but handsome, and by no means comes up to the expectation of those who had estimated its greatness by its fame. Notwithstanding that some profane wit compared its exterior to that of a livery stable, it may answer all the purposes for which it was constructed, equally as well as if built according to the most approved principles of architecture.

**POLICE MATTERS.**  
Sergeant Prentice is "down" on long beards and hair. A short time ago he suspended Constable Littlehale because that officer claimed the right to have his tonsorial affairs attended to according to his own time and taste. Whether the Prentice "but" will yet become fashionable among "the boys" remains to be seen. Chief Stewart is making arrangements to have the whole force drilled regularly and systematically. The event is being anxiously watched for by the "lads" who think that if it is with great difficulty they can now keep themselves out of the hands of the "Philistines," how much more difficult will it be when the latter are regularly trained and drilled.

**PRESENTATION.**  
Capt. D. A. Kiah, formerly a resident of this city, has been presented with a valuable gold watch by the crew of his propeller, the "Canada." The good qualities of this gentlemanly mariner have been long apparent to all who knew him, and his friends will be glad to know that he is equally appreciated by all the members of his own profession. The following address speaks for itself:

To Capt. D. A. Kiah, propeller Canada:  
We, the undersigned, beg leave to present to you as a token of respect, this gold watch. Having sailed with you for the past season, and found in you a good and kind master, and knowing your superior judgment as a master, we feel ourselves quite safe in your care, and trust that we may have the pleasure of sailing with you, and while bearing this token may it remind you of our well-wishes for you and your family.

(Signed) CREW OF PROP. CANADA.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
It is now in order for business men to offer cash prizes to each and every one who will "shut the door" without slamming.

The Scott Act will not be submitted either in Hamilton or Westworth this year, its advocates having failed to comply with the legal regulations. The choir of All Saints (Episcopal) Church is on a "strike." They were ordered to sing on a recent occasion without wearing surplices, but considering that *infra dig*, they refused to sing at all. It is not decided yet whether it will be necessary to disband the congregation and lock up the church as a result of this calamity.

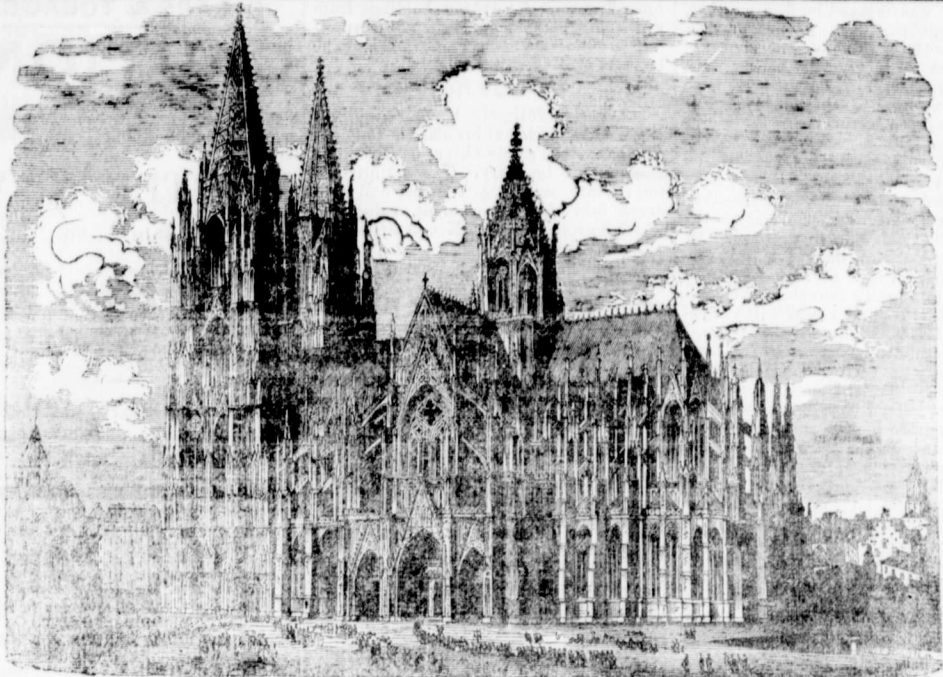
Herr, Wilkens the well-known sculptor, recently completed a bust of the American Consul, Mr. Leland, which the press of this city praises very highly.

Work has been begun on Wanzer's Screw Factory. Some people think that as a commercial speculation it will not succeed. The Dundas *Boatmen* for instance, wonder how two such establishments can flourish, when the one already in operation can scarcely exist.

The directors of the Hamilton and Dundas Street Railway purpose moving their carshops from the city to the town at an early date.

The City Park agitation is again being raised, and this time the selection of a site on the top of the mountain is advocated. There are a good many who still think that the city with its beautiful surroundings has no need of a public park.

CLANCAHILL.



COLOGNE CATHEDRAL. (See page 3.)

The Legend of Cologne Cathedral, the Archbishop, the Architect, and the Archdeacon.

"Build me," Archbishop Conrad cried To the foremost architect of Cologne, "Such a church as is not in the whole world wide—The dream of an angel carved in stone!"

A gladsome man was the architect then, Daily and nightly for weeks he wrought, Striving with compass, rule and pen On the parchment to fix his thought.

'Twas a quiet August evening fair In the year twelve hundred and forty-eight, When the architect to breathe the air Wandered out at the city's gate.

He sat him down on the river's shore, And traced with his staff in the smooth wet sand, The plan of his cathedral grand.

"It will not do," he said, with a sigh: "It should be fairer far, I see." "It will not do," made a voice reply: "But say, sir architect, would this be?"

A stranger came, with a sneering laugh, The draughtsman saw at his elbow stand; "Give me a moment," quoth he, "this staff, He waved it over the smooth, wet sand."

And there, the startled builder saw, Such a church as never the world had known, A thing of beauty, and wonder, and awe—The dream of an angel shaped in stone!

"Sell me that plan! Whatever it cost, It must be mine, I will give the whole of my fortune," quoth he, "this staff, My gold is mine—my life—my soul!"

"I have wealth eno!" the stranger said; "But come to-morrow, when sets the sun, And sign a sacred deed to me this day, And the wondrous plan is thine." "Tis done."

Archbishop Conrad sat alone, And soon the architect staggered in, And fell before him and moody man, "Save me, Lord Bishop, from mortal sin!"

"As I sat at the city's gate last night There came unto me the enemy, And he showed a cunning and a guile, Such as human eye did never see."

"Pillar and portal and lofty spire, As by the hand they were shown, Are traced in my brain in lines of fire—And I have vowed to build him a shrine!"

"Till I possess it I cannot rest, But my prebend soul is the fee I pay; The sun is hastening to the West, And the hour draws nigh to close of day."

The Archbishop's musing was long and deep; And he said to himself in a low tone, "A relic that demons fear will keep, A bone of St. Ursula set in gold."

"Go, meet the Templar at close of day, And watch the scroll that he offers thee; With the sacred relic wave him away, And the sign of the cross, and no man see."

Forward Saint Ursula hovers near, To guard her city of Cologne, And he said to himself in a low tone, "The dream of an angel carved in stone!"

Behind the hills drifted the orb of day, And turned the waters of Rhine to blood; Fearful the architect took his way, To the gate where the waiting Templar stood.

"Here master draughtsman," he sneering said, "Hold forth the plan and scroll; Sign thou this in thy life-blood red, And time is the parchment and mine the seal!"

"Hail thy dust mingle in thy vest!" The architect, with a desperate hold, Clashed the drawing close to his breast, And waved the relic in disdain!

He signed the sign that the demons fear, And he said to himself in a low tone, "The name and fame of the architect."

The baffled Templar hissed, "I go! Fear not, the sacred relic is safely protect! But this is thy doom—no soul shall know, The name and fame of the architect."

Six hundred and thirty years and two Have passed, and at last, the work is done, Cologne Cathedral all may view, The dream of an angel shaped in stone!

Six centuries have the workers wrought, With pain and patience to fashion well In stone and from the wondrous thought—But the name of the builder none can tell!

—New York World.

#### THE HARP.

The following is the table of contents of the present number of this very interesting Irish Catholic Magazine: Pamela (Poetry); The Orphan, or the Heir of Longworth; The Dying man's Death (Poetry); Canadian Essays; Sir Francis Hincks, K. C. M. G., C. B. E. Portrait and sketch of Carrie Jencks—The poet of the Vosses—This Pleads for the Butterfly; Irish Landlords and Tenants at Will; Chit Chat; Fried and True; Greeting to Mr. Forbes; English Revolution; Carlow College, illustrated; Literary Miscellany; For the Young Folks; Rules for Preserving Health; Music—Rings the Bell, Watchman; Fireside Sparks, H. Gillies, Montreal, publisher. One dollar per annum.

**CORRECTION.** A few weeks since we stated that Father O'Reilly, of Oakville, had been removed to Mount Forest. It should have read Father Francis O'Reilly, of Galt, who had been placed in charge of that parish. The rev. gentleman had been curate to Father T. J. Dowling, P. P. of Paris, for about a year, and had lately taken up his residence in Galt, but finally preferred a country to a town mission.

CLANCAHILL.

#### QUEBEC LETTER.

Winter seems to have fairly set in here. Snow fell to the depth of four or five inches on Wednesday and a sharp frost since has made sleighing roads.

His Grace the Archbishop made his annual visitation of the Ursuline Monastery this week.

The sermon for boarders of the Ursulines will be preached there by Rev. Dr. L. H. Paquet on Tuesday.

Rev. F. Vignon succeeds Rev. Saché as Superior of the Jesuit house in this city. Monseigneur Lefebvre, Bishop of Three Rivers, has, on information received from the clergy of Montreal and Quebec, publicly disapproved of the performances of the French Opera troupe.

The death of the last of five sons of Mr. P. Boyle of the Irish Consulate has evoked a deep feeling of sympathy for the afflicted parents.

The festival of St. Cecilia, patroness of music, was celebrated by a solemn High Mass in St. John's church on Sunday. An eloquent and instructive sermon, in which he traced the history of music and singing down from the earliest times and showing how in all ages it had been made subservient to the praise of the Most High was preached by the Rev. Mr. Sexton, the talented Irish cleric of St. Roch's church. As I have already stated, the celebration was advanced somewhat in date, but on the day itself, 22nd inst., a concert will be given in the Hall of the St. Patrick's Institute by the *Union Musicals*.

**THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.**  
entertained a large party at Spencer Wood on Monday, including the delegates of the *Orléans* movement at present in this country.

The dinner to Monsieur Frochet came off at the St. Louis Hotel on Wednesday night. Neither the guest nor any other of the speakers indulged in praise of Gambetta.

Over two million rounds of rifle ammunition, for the Canadian militia have been recently received by the Dominion military authorities from England, and stored in the Citadel magazines.

The Dominion government are doing a good job in removing the houses under the citadel cliff and in securing the latter by a retaining wall as well as widening the street at that point. The City Corporation have voted a sum of money for the latter purpose. Hon. Messrs. Langavie, McGreevy and Hearn deserve the thanks of the city for their action in the matter.

Mr. J. L. Blanchet, formerly Clerk of Records, House of Assembly, has been appointed clerk in the Prothonotary's office, in the room of Mr. St. Pierre, transferred to the Police office in the place of the late Mr. J. C. Murray.

**BRANNAGH.**

**THE IRISH AGITATION.**

The Government and the Landlords in a Tight Corner.

London, Nov. 18.—Gairdner, a landlord of Galway county, was turned and feathered by armed men last night. Parnell has issued a circular, announcing a reduction in the rents of all his tenants to Griffith's valuation until the land question is settled according to principles of the Land League.

Dublin, Nov. 18.—Mr. Parnell sent the following to Boston yesterday: The result of the now famous Mayo invasion by landed big game, with those always constant allies of the Tories, the Orangemen, shows the impossibility of defeating the patriotic and powerful combination that is now organized all over Ireland against the tyrannous sway of unjust landlords and their agents. Seven thousand troops will be occupied for fourteen days in securing the crops on Boycott's farm, at Lough Mask, and protecting their own communications from its threat. This one landlord agent, Boycott, in the job on hand will cost the British taxpayers \$15,000 per day, and possibly the expense may not fall far short of \$225,000 altogether. The daily expense it is now estimated makes every pound of potatoes or turnips saved cost Britannia 25 cents a day. There are thirteen other landlords' agents who are "Boyotted" in the neighborhood of this place in Mayo, and it is calculated that this new method will be adopted by the people towards 2,000 Irish landlords and their agents before Christmas. This will necessitate the employment of 1,000,000 of troops to save the crops of these landlords.

The opinion that it was safe and cheap, and, in fact, a judicious investment. Through-out he was listened to with the closest attention. Mr. Gerard sang, "My Grandmother's Old Armchair" in good voice, the choir joining in the chorus. Votes of thanks were presented to those who took part, and the entertainment closed with the National Anthem. Port Zinger presided at the organ. Mr. R. Quilly is leader of the orchestra, and Mr. James M. Feeley, choir director. All present were well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

**OTHER MATTERS.**

Mr. Thomas H. Connolly lost three fingers of his right hand a couple of weeks ago, by coming in contact with the knives of a slapper in Wisner's factory. He was able to be out last week, but will be not likely to do much for some time.

Bishop Cronin is to be in Brantford on the third Sunday of advent to administer Confirmation.

The ladies of the congregation are preparing to have a Christmas tree during the holidays.

Mr. D. Hefferman is the fortunate (?) possessor of a trotting moose.

Brantford, Nov. 22, 1880.

**OBITUARY.**—In the township of Stephen, on the 1st November, Sarah, the beloved wife of Peter Ryan, Esq., departed this life, and her remains were interred on the 3rd, followed to the grave by a very large concourse of people, testifying the respect in which the deceased was held by all her neighbors and friends. She was a native of the county Mayo, Ireland. May her soul rest in peace.

**THE CONCERT IN GODERICH.**—The date has not yet been definitely fixed upon for the concert which is to take place in aid of the Catholic Church in Goderich. Further particulars will appear next week.

**CHARLES STEWART PARNELL.**  
Dublin, Nov. 19.—The city of Watford will present Parnell with the freedom of the city on his arrival.

London, Nov. 26.—There is news from Ireland of several flagrant attempts to tamper with the loyalty of the soldiers. Money has been offered them by Fenian agents, who promised high commands in the Irish National army. The soldiers seem to have remained loyal. The police are on the track of the agents.

London, Nov. 20.—The Vatican organ

Auton denies the statement that the Irish bishops are pursuing a policy displeasing to the Pope, and says that neither the Pope nor the bishops ever thought of preventing the people from aiming at a legitimate satisfaction of their needs, provided they do not deviate from justice and rectitude in their choice of means. Rebellion, incendiarism, destruction of property and homicide are clearly not among the means that can be countenanced. It is stated that Parnell's reason for his departure to the south of France was a desire to see his sister the Viscountess.

Dublin, Nov. 20.—Accounts received from various parts of the country by agents for property represent that the country is still more disturbed and demoralized.

London, Nov. 19.—The *Pall Mall Gazette*, referred to the Irish affairs, declares every liberal newspaper in England and Scotland disavows the Government from an immediate session of Parliament and the policy of coercion. The country, it says, desires to see a new policy tried in Ireland. Coercion without a strong Land Bill would not be a new policy.

Limerick, Nov. 19.—Last night the caretaker placed in charge of a farm near Newpall, from which the tenant was recently evicted, was shot from behind a grove while on his way to the farm. He is not dead, but in a precarious condition. The nephew of the evicted tenant has been arrested and identified by the caretaker as his assailant.

Paris, Nov. 19.—It is stated that the real object of Parnell's trip to Paris is to have an interview with the prominent Fenian leaders. The proceedings of both Parnell and his allies will be closely watched by the French authorities.

The cavalry at Loughmash have been ordered to Dublin on account of their horses suffering from the severity of the weather.

Alarmingly news meanwhile comes from Ireland to the effect that several flagrant attempts have recently been made to tamper with the loyalty of the soldiers stationed there, and that money has been offered them by Fenian agents, who have also promised them high command in the National army. The soldiers, nevertheless, seemed to have remained loyal, and the police are reported to be on the track of the agent, who, if caught, will be liable to a very severe punishment.

Mr. O'Callaghan, the Secretary of the Waterford Land League, has returned to stand trial for forcibly retaking possession of a farm from which he had been evicted.

Dublin, Nov. 19.—Dillon has filed fourteen pleas of "not guilty" on behalf of the traversers.

Intelligence was received by the police in the Bala district that during the past week a large quantity of revolvers have been consigned to merchants in that neighborhood.

A despatch from Dublin says indignation is even on the march to Dublin itself, as there has been some instances of threatening letters sent to persons in Dublin county, and the Land League movement is spreading in the north of Ireland. A meeting of tenant farmers of Monaghan county strongly denominated the agitation.

**PRESENTATION TO REV. FATHER O'REILLY.**

On Wednesday evening last, the Rev. Father O'Reilly, who is about removing from Galt to accept a charge at Mount Forest, was made the recipient of a presentation from the members of his congregation. The presentation took place at the Rev. Father's house and was accompanied with the following address, which was read by Thos. Bryan, Esq., collector of customs, in presence of Rev. Father Dowling and a large number of gentlemen connected with the congregation:

To the Rev. Francis O'Reilly.  
Rev. Father, We beg leave, on behalf of the Catholic congregation of Galt, to express to you our very great sorrow at your unexpected departure from among us, and are unwilling that you should leave us without in some manner marking the occasion by testifying our esteem for yourself, and our appreciation of your self-sacrificing efforts in our regard.

We beg to assure you that we entertain a deeper sense of your devotion to our interests than it is possible for us to give expression to in this address.

We therefore request that you will accept this purse as a small token of our great esteem for you.

Signed on behalf of the congregation,  
JAMES McTAGUE, EDWARD BAIRD, THOMAS BRYAN, A. A. LANGRISH, EDWARD BAIRD, P. KILLICK.

Father O'Reilly made the following reply:

Rev. Father Dowling and Gentlemen,  
This presentation, although very flattering, was unnecessary to convince me of your friendship. I attribute it rather to your generosity than to any deserts of mine. You have at all times treated me with the utmost kindness. I assure you that it was to me a pleasure to work with you for the advancement of our common interest, both spiritual and temporal. The pain of parting is sweetened by the anticipation of re-seeing you from time to time, but whether absent or in your midst, be assured at all times of my heartfelt gratitude for all your kindness, and my good will for the prosperity of the Catholic congregation of Galt.

E. O'REILLY, Priest.

Since the gentleman who is now leaving us has been the clergyman of the Catholic Church here, he has won the affection of his parishioners and the respect and esteem of all classes of our people. The congregation unites in regret his leaving and we feel certain the church in Mount Forest is to be congratulated on his accession to it. The vacancy here will be filled by the Rev. Father McGee, of Hamilton, whose very highly spoken of—*Galt Reporter*.

William Hazlett, a resident of Tyndinaga, was assaulted and beaten with wagon stakes whilst driving home on Wednesday. He was left for dead on the road, but was picked up and cared for by some persons passing. Three parties have been arrested.

A melancholy accident occurred in the township of Torbolton by which a youth named Adams lost his life. The boy had been out hunting and in some manner accidentally discharged his gun. The contents took effect in his abdomen, inflicting injuries which caused his death a few hours afterwards.