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OUR ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER.

ST. BONIFACE, May 19th, 1893. Mr. E. J Dermody.

DEAP SIR,—I see by the last issue of the NORTH WEST REVIEW that you have been in-frusted by the directors of the journal with he management of the same, "the company or the present retaining charge of the edi-

insted by the directors of the journal with he management of the same, "the company tor the present retaining charge of the ediorial columns."

I need not tell you that I take a deep interest in the Northwest Review which is the only English Catholic paper published within the timits of Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. I hope that you will obtain a remunerative success. It is enough that the editors do their work gratuitously, it cannot be expected that the material part of the publication should remain without remuneration. I therefore strongly recommend to all Catholics under my jurisdiction to give a liberal support to the Northwest Review. It has fully my approval, though, of course, I cannot be responsible for every word contained in it. The editors write as they think proper, they are at full liberty to say what they wish and in the way they like best. The sole control I can claim is over the principlesthey express and I have no hesit tion in stating that the principles announced by them are sound and ought to be endorsed by every sound Catholic in this country.

I therefore consider that you enter a good work and I pray to God that He will bless you in its accomplishment.

Yours all devoted in Christ. †ALEX. ARCHBISHOP OF ST. RONIFACE

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER, 7.

### A HAPPY DEATH.

We recorded in the columns of the last issue of the REVIEW the sad news of the death of two holy nuns at St. Boniface, and not a week has passed ere we VIII. "Was it not peculiar that God misrepresentations and apologize to school law, abolishing all Catholic our readers another such sorrowful Academy on Notre Dame Street in this reply of the teacher, did not give that French people. One of the speakers at given as if I had given it myself. combination of consumption and asthma for six years past. Her death though expected, has caused the greatest sorrow to those who knew her, for by her humility and saintly life she endeared herself to all. The good Sisters at the Academy have our sincerest sympathy in their sadness.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

November is the month of the holy souls in Purgatory, when Catholics are urged to be mercifully mindful of the church suffering. They should not let one day of the thirty pass without its bringing about "reforms?" Had the De Profundis. The suffering souls will not be heedless of their benefactors.

London is at present in the midst of an agitation similar to that organized by immediately set to work to abolish their vincial Secretary, in the person of the not correctly represented when called blotting out the past as if it had never following remark with reference to this great capital of a Protestant nation:

"It is universally admitted, that vice flaunts itself more boldly, more offensively in the streets of London than anywhere else on earth."

The proprietor of the REVIEW and schools and your language and your friends, in company with Mr. James those in charge of its editorfal depart- French Constituencies shall remain as Fisher, now a member of the provincial ment desire to thank Mr. O'Connell Powell for the kind services which he honor and pledges of these men and of the Liberal party in this province. earnest personality. He threw his intense love of country been buttressed Dermody, our publisher and proprietor. Mr. Powell is a bright, able and graceful the little boy's teacher, said: "God tors that if the Liberal candidate were Liberal, a Quebec Nationalist, an Inde- of vanity, his success would have been writer, and is winning golden laurels in often selects the most characterless elected, the government would be pendent, an Annexationist, he was ten times as great as it was and im-The REVIEW watches with pleasure the success attending Mr. Powell's efforts.

The Northwest Review does not as a rule take part in politics. On the con- act. Surely the great army of voters which party should rule the province, and its means. trary it carefully avoids it. The exception happens when faith, morals or Catholic rights are in jeopardy. In that we consider the fact that their spiritual crucial moment. The conservative Canadians, has quite lately drawn a devoted friends. They will remember we would just as soon that the money without partisan bias or prejudice hav- ple! ing no entangling alliance with any party or organization. In elections it is injustice and duplicity of the govern- dvantage of the record to point out to the outward eye we fully agree; with that he may soon be loosed from the yet this little mental deformity says: against any and every candidate and tion of the large majority of the elec- the danger of trusting the Liberals. Laurier, the passionate warmth of Chapany and every party that affiliates with, tors? Because a jury acquits a man of They said; "the Liberals are your nat- leau, the penetrating vigor of Mercier; truckles to secretly encourages or openly perjury after the witnesses swear he ural enemies. If you elect a liberal, you but we venture to think Mr. David has favors political proscription for reasons committed it and the judge charges bring them into power and then they failed to emphasize adequately the evil or done any good. —St. Vincent de of conscience. Religious liberty is of against the prisoner, is he thereby mor- will abolish your language, and your superior earnestness and the greater Paul.

And to this the Free Press replies:

"It is a fair deduction to make that, if 1890 committed an outrage which, as the disprove. Nor Wester says, is a breach of faith which involves the honor of the whole MR. MARTIN MIS(?) HEPRESENTED. country, those who have by voice or vote approved this action of the provincial legislature are participators in the as having said: outrage' and have forfeited so much of the honor of the country as is committed to their care.

toba."

The Nor Wester is a successful rival of course, for commercial reasons alone, charge," the Free Press would like to appeal to violate public pledges, involving the truth and honor of the government, provided such pledges were given to their before, those who did so, were only following in the wake of their spiritual

was explaining the character of Henry Ifso, all we can do is to withdraw our movement to establish the present to the shades of doubtful orthodoxy.

the Greenway government in its school legislation, after a full and complete suffering from the same mental and moral delusion as that teacher, in regard to the instruments God selects for him accordingly. government made no promises to the they could attained power they would ected a Catholic for the position of pro- face of such a record as his, that he was schools and in every other way harrass Hon. Mr. Burke, and that gentleman had an enemy of the French people, must be been. And so it is supremely fitting brought up on the same small and yet be occupying the opposition benches. his constituents in accordance with con- are surprised at is that the French Cana- should be: "Let us cease our fratri-They knew this and knowing it, they stitutional usage. These constituents went to the Catholic electors of St. were French Catholics. The nominee did not hiss the impudence and expose Francols Xavier and told them. You of the opposition was an English speakelect us and bring us into power and we ling Protestant and Mr. Joseph Martin will protect you in all your rights. Your went to the assistance of his Protestant they are." The Catholics trusted to the legislature and, at that time, president ers and followers of Protestantism, like stated to these French Canadian elecmen who did it, or of the public disgrace were asked, not only to elect one of two who endorsed the Greenway Govern- On this election hung the fortunes of

But does it remove the treachery, of the Catholic minority, and they took of the three men as they appeared to ment because it received the endorsa- Catholic electors of St. Francois Xavier him we recognize the airy loftiness of penalty of his sins.

WAS IT "AN UNDESERVED ATTACK?" Have minorities no right, or may the The Nor Wester recently said that the be subjected to the greatest indignities? Manitoba schoolact of 1890 was an And does the endorsation of the major-"outrage committed by men who called ity lessen the injustice of the perpethemselves Liberals, but who have trators of the outrage or in any way prostituted the name and rendered it condone their conduct? Whether a vile in this country by enacting such a wrong is done by one or by a million ing way of increasing its circulation

> At the recent pauquet given to Mr. Lanrier, Mr. Joseph Martin is reported

Is this a just accusation to bring cause it had been represented that he interfere with your rights and privileges rivals. This distinguished trio were against the majority of men in Mani- (Mr. Martin) was an enemy to the French to your language and schools, but we born within fourteen months of each Roman Catholic priest so sacred as that? devotion he extended to the leader of French people accepted Mr. Martin at a better college training; he had lived Roman Catholics who stoned the Salva-If the world did not know that Mr.

according to his own statement, an him out of malice or any other unworthy caudidate. At that time I was President the idol of the people proved to be a sentiments or utter such a slander. motive. We were perfectly honest in of the Provincial Association of Liberals, thing of clay, it was shattered as never holding these views, and yet Mr. Mar- and Mr. Martin referred to my presence boy a very high opinion of the wisdom the banquet laid it down, and we think not able to change his opinion of God, as may it be said, that the representative theirs, but a most dishonorable and highest offices in Canada, told us the dered by its estimate of them. Rev, and Rev, gentlemen, who endorsed orable, just, fair, equitable, and, above all, in accordance with the pledges he had made, then he has a right to be knowledge of all the treachery, dishonor considered a fr end, or, at least, he and duplicity involved therein, were should not be represented as an enemy. Let us examine Mr. Martin's claim in the light of his public acts and judge

In 1888 Mr. Joseph Martin was using had they plainly told them that when province. The then premier had sel-

monstrosity of monstrosities as the does not make it less a wrong. Surely of the liberal leaders, indignantly delier's oracular pronouncements, what in submerged in the waves upon which it than by attacking a contemporary for the rights of the French people. He tations of an audience. Plainness, idea. the men who passed the school act of disprove Liberals were bad enough to do so, they hearers. You realized that he might be minister. This Protestant minister He (Mr. Martin) was glad that the may ask Mr. Fisher, who is the Presid-never lame and incomplete. As a mas-said that such a man should be degraded ablest representative at this particular ent of the Liberal party in the province, ter of the French language, he was far from his sacred office. The paper with time happened to be a Frenchman; be- If you elect us we will, not only not and away above either of his two great the little idea, replies: will protect you in all of them." The other; but Mercier had the advantage of What has the Nor Wester to say for the the Pres Press in this province and, of the Liberal party to answer fully that his word. They rejected their co-relig- with models of taste and masters of tion Army, the Baptist Mission and ionist and elected a Protestant Liberal logic and criticism; this intellectual Episcopal worshippers in Quebec? If a and brought Mr. Martin into power. efinement stood him in good stead man who "would like to choke a priest" Martin was, like Brutus, an honorable Shortly afterward there was a general throughout his whole public career; it is "not fit to associate with human pleased to call, "a large majority of the man, in fact, if they, his hearers, were election and Mr. Martin's leader, the taught him to seize the strong point in beings," what are those assaulters fit people." There can be no doubt what- not all honorable men, as public honor premier, renewed these promises to the every important question, and, although goes in Manitoba, they must have been late Archbishop Tache, and on the it did not save him from strange aberra- denounce in thunder tones the governwho endorsed the government's school somewhat surprised at the sublime strength of these pledges, won all the tions due to the velemence of his policy allowed their bigotry against audacity of the man. But as Mr. Martin French constituencies, except two. 1s feelings, it made him value the parais an honorable man and like all honor- it necessary for us to tell our readers mount claims of God so highly that his citizens in the exercise of their rights as despicable and outrageous tactics which able men, is likewise a truthful and, and the public that Mr. Joseph Martin greatest public triumph was a religious British subjects to enjoy freedom of the government had adopted in abol- withal, molest man, we can only con- was a party to the violation of all these one and the noblest act of his life was ishing the Catholic school and passing clude that he was suffering from some promises? Nay more, it was Mr. Joseph the way he laid it down. unaccountable mental aberration when Martin who forced these issues and doubt, were in ignorance of all the low he told the gentlemen present that he compelled a weak and dishonorable was glad that the ablest man in the first mini ter, to reluctantly carry Catholic faith. Glaring as were the tender embraces of a fanatical Protestant the government in bringing it about. Liberal party was a Frenchman and them ont. It was he who first pledged faults of his conduct at certain periods, minister. The Nor Wester, as well as They saw such tactics endorsed, ap- that he was not unfriendly to that race. his honor and that of his government to they simply point to the vast difference plauded and approved by the leaders of Mr. Martin very modestly and complain- the electors of St. Francois Xavier and between faith and practice. His faith country, condemned the rioters in Que-Protestant thought in the province and, ingly stated that he was represented as told them that the Liberal government was strong; his will, so masterful in bec for interfering with the Baptists no doubt, could not reconcile such lead- an enemy of the French people. It is would protect them in their schools and really too bad that so good and so true in the official use of their language. It weak as water in presence of unscrup- indulging in its old habit of misrepreand treacherous. Yet, in endorsing the a friend of the French race should be was he who forced that Liberal govern- alous friends soliciting favors. At the sentation and slander when it says that government's school law, these leaders represented as their enemy! It makes ment to violate every one of those pled-time when he settled the matter of the us feel sad to think that we have been ges. Here is what Mr. James Fisher, in Jesuits' estate his influence in the Protoba, showed to their followers and to representing Mr. Martin, for the last his masterly speech on the school vince of Quebec was immense; he had, the world that they condoned and acti- four or five years, as an enemy of the question, delivered in the Legislature on as it were, baptized the Liberals into vely endorsed the principle that it was French race. During all that time Mr March 2nd 1893, says about this pledge the Catholic Church; he might have pass- dom of worship." This is a falsehood,

dians present, from Mr. Laurier down, cidal struggles; let us be united "(Cessons the hypocrisy of the man.

### MERCIER.

The death of Honore Mercier closes were betrayed. And the spiritual lead- The Hon. Mr. Burke and his friends whole soul into everything he under- by unflinching devotion to duty, had he wretches to do His greatest works," and, forced to resign and Mr. Martin and his always deemed sincere throughout all measurably more lasting. And yet the therefore, they endorsed the good (?) party would be entrusted with the gov- these changes of opinion; few, it any, brave godliness of his end, which was work, regardless of the character of the ernment of the country. The electors questioned the patriotism that prompted these variations, though that love of a man who had at one time fought the they brought upon the country, by their men, but they were asked to decide country was often mistaken in its object battles of the Lord, atones largely for

ment are not so much to blame, when the two parties. It was a critical and who excels in pen-portraits of great Mr. L. O. David, of Montreal, a writer guides and leaders set them the examparty, whatever their other faults, had striking parallel between Mercier, Laurhow surpassingly faithful he ever was to had been given to the aforesaid churches. a record of fair dealing with the rights | ier and Chapleau. With his descriptions | all who had done him a service, and | ches as to the schools. Neither the one more worth than tariff taxes or any ally innocent of the crime? Are ma- schools and treat you as aliens." Mr. mental grasp of Mercier. While listenjorities always right in all they do? Martin and his friends knew that there ing to Mercier, you never felt, as many

was nothing the French people valued did during Chapleau's speeches, that he so much as their language and their was a seductive siren whose sweet voice schools, and they became alarmed lest was not true, whose very sentences in Rat Portage, called the Record. It is those French Canadian electors should were grammatically unfinished, though possessed of one little idea and when it believe these alleged charges of enmity, the sonorous cadence brought them to travels beyond that, and ventures to at the hands of the liberals. Mr. Joseph an elegant full stop; nor did you ask deal with any subject requiring common Martin, who was acknowledged as one yourself, as you might after one of Laur- sense and common decency, it becomes nied that it was the intention of the the world he had said besides gilding a toolishly embarked and ends up by Liberal party to interfere with any of platitude or deftly diverting the expec- falling back upon the aforesaid little these rights because they were guaran- every line of Mercier's martial face as the Nor Wester for being guilty of conteed by the constitution and, even if the he looked straight into the eyes of his demning the language of a Protestant were unable to do it. "But," said Mr. mistaken but that he meant every word wished to have an opportunity of indulg-Martin, "it is no part of the Liberal pro- he uttered. And those words were ing in the Christian (?) amusement of gramme to attempt such a thing and, backed by great, strong, clear arguments. choking a pri st. The Nor Wester called gentlemen, if you do not believe me, you His reasonings, like his sentences, were such conduct "religious fanaticism" and

ed any wholesome measures he chose; political idol was shattered before. Mer-

strict letter of the command even unto golden rule."

nos luttes fratricides, soyons unis). Mercier's chequered career carries with it a twofold lesson: the suicidal danger that lurks in the love of applause, and the Christian fortitude with which a one of the most interesting pages in the man of earnest faith can meet the bitter history of Canada. His was an intensely pangs of a premature death. Had his above all a mercy from heaven towards the broken promise of his brilliant life. Because he died so nobly he will be multitudes of grateful Catholics will pray nor the other could be used by us. And

> We should consider that day happy in which we have either prevented an

A RECORD OF SLANDER.

There is a little newspaper published

for? Have we heard the Nor Wester ment in the French Catholic province that declines to protect the Protestant worship?"

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The character of a Catholic priest is. Those who have known him intimat- in the opinion of this rag, not sufficiently ely testify to the thoroughness of his sacred tn protect his neck from the organizing a political campaign, was Mission, etc. The Record is simply testant citizens in the exercise of their pure and simple. So far from this "Mr. Martin, in a powerful speech, had he remained disinterested and truly charge being true, the very opposite is ardent admirer of the French people, denounced the statements of Burke and Catholic in deed as he then was, he the case. In no province of this Domand glad that the ablest representative his friends as false. He told the meeting might have become the foremost man inion, is the minority treated with such Catholic fellow citizens. That it was not of his political party is a Frenchman, that it had never been the policy of in all the Dominion, as he gave promise kindly consideration as in the French while we have been among those who Liberals to interfere with the language of being when he gathered about him in Catholic province of Quebec. Only an have represented him as an enemy of or institutions of the French Catholic Quebec the Liberal leaders of the varolics, by promising to conserve their the French people. We are perfectly population, and he appealed to them to ious provinces. But, alas! he was led any sense of decency, or any regard schools, and after obtaining office conscious that we did not so represent trust the Liberals, and to support their astray by a clique of flatterers, and when for truth, could give currency to such

Because there are ministers in the tin says we misrepresented him! This at the meeting, and said I could put him cier's ruin was as complete as his choke a priest" and others, who incited is a serious charge against our integrity right if he was wrong. He wentfurther, triumph had been splendid. In the the mob in Quebec, by telling them that The morals of this remind us as a journalist and our character, as a and not only said Liberals had no idea overwhelming vote that swept him from nuns and priests were immoral, forgettof an answer given to a ques. Christian, Is it possible that we have of interfering with these institutions, but power, the people of Quebec showed ing that many of their listeners had dear tion once asked by a small Catholic been guilty of misrepresenting a public he gave a positive pledge, in the name of with what intelligent swiftness they sisters and daughters, brothers and sons boy, of his Protestant teacher, in a coun- man, like Mr. Martin, through ignorance the Liberal party, that they would not could use their franchise, and once more whom they loved and revered as good try school in Ontario, while the teacher of his true character and public acts? do so. I have always thought that the relegated the Liberals of that Province and pure, among the nuns and priests, while it may explain and even paliate should select such a wicked brute to both Mr. Martin and the public for our schools, against the strong protest of the Montreal papers, bring vividly home to Record surely does not wish to place a establish a new religion?" The teacher crime. Public honesty and our common minority was, under the circumstances, us another characteristic of his which Protestant minister on the same level bereavement this time in the person of replied, after an embarrassing pause, Christianity demand that, at our hands and in the face of that promise, a gross was the outcome of his Catholic spirit of responsibility as an excited mob, or Rev. Sister Mary Agapit who departed "God often selects the most characterless Let us examine this claim of Mr. Mar. wrong. Personally I made no promise, and one of his most beautiful traits. In seek to excuse him for wishing to choke this life on Sunday November 4, at the wretches to do His greatest works." The tin's to be recognized as the friend of the butl felt as much bound by the pledge his last conscious moments he said: a priest, because a few boys disturbed a Tell my opponents that I have torgotten preacher for calling their sisters or goodness of God, and until his mother justly so, that a constituency may be frequently represented Mr. Joseph royally; he absolutely forgot the terrible of the standard of morality for explained the fallacy, and even blas- judged by the character of the man it Martin as an enemy of the French peo. knock-down blows he had received. A pugnaciously inclined ministers, we phemy, of the teacher's reply, he was elects to represent it. With equal force ple. If he is not only an enemy of Protestant, who holds one of the cannot say that they are much slan-

Could it be possible that the Right public conduct. If his conduct be hon- unjust to him. If Mr. Joseph Martin's with the magnanimity of Mercier. "He law should prevail on this fair Canada conduct to the French people, whom he was," said our distinguished friend, "the of ours, and that law is to be Protestant now professes to love, be not marked noblest Frenchman I have ever known. It says: "Because our neighbor prowith the basest duplicity, falsehood Let his worst enemy come to him with vince (Manitoba) was so progressive as treachery and dishonor, then we do not expressions of regret; he would take him to elevate its educational system from know the meaning or the force of these to his bosom, he would forgive and the slough of religious bigotry we have words. Search the political history of atterly forget the past, sooth- heard loud and long the cry of intoler-Canada since it had a political history, ing the repentant antagonist ance and fanaticism." And then it and we defy you to find anything even by reminding him that we all answers this loud and long cry by sayapproaching it for duplicity, and un- had our faults and must bear with ing: "It is most surprising that Proevery effort to bring about the defeat of blushing public dishonor. And the man one another." That supreme test of the testants can be found who will aphold Catholics, by which they attained power; the Conservative government in this who could have the breezy impudence true and generous Christian, the forgive- the perpetuation of medevialism in this and unblushing effrontery to say, in the ness of enemies, he carried beyond the enlightened age under the cloak of the

If all Protestants were created and them, the Greenway government would to go back to receive the endorsation of lost to every feeling of shame. All we that the most famous of his sayings narrow lines as this poor fellow, no doubt they would be unable to see the injustice, even 'in this enlightened age, of taxing Catholics to support Protestant schools, which they cannot use, and for the education of Protestant children. This fellow would see no wrong if Catholics were taxed to feed his children as well as educate them. It would be in perfect accord with his ideas of the enlightenment of this age to make these "medieval" Catholics build, furnish and equip Methodist churches and even provide for the salary of the preachers. They might as well ask us to pay for the propagation of Protestant principles in churches as to ask us to pay for a similar diffusion of Protestant principles and teachings in the schools. To us "medieval" Catholics, there is no difference. We have been contributing our taxes for the past four years to these schools and, as far as we are concerned,

"It is most surprising that Protestants can be found who will uphold the perpetuation of medevialism in this enlightened age under cloak of the golden rule. One law for all and that the most advanced and equitable, should

It is a holy and wholesome thought to prevail in this fair Canada of ours." If the Record knew anything about

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