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EPISCOPAL APPROBATION

If the English speaking Catholics of Mourent and of this Province consult of their best interests, they would soon make of the "True Wit ness" one of the most prosperous and powerful Catholic papers in this coun v I heartily bless those noho en ourage this excellent work.

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ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI BEFORE THE CHARTER COMMITTEE.

The Charter Committee is persisting In its purpose of having, if it can, the religious property in this city taxed. It is to be regretted that no Englishspeaking Catholic lawyer was appointed a member of the commission of four legal gentlemen whose allotted tank was to draft a new charter for Montreal. It we had had a representa tive, as was our obvious right, upon that commission, the proposal to tax properly devoted to religious, chariteble and edu-ational purposes would not have been adopted unanimously, as has been the case. On the contrary there would have been strong opposition on his part to such a scheme. We have on several occasions given the reasons why such property should continue to be exempted from t x dion. It is ofportune, nevertucless, to emphas z . the vast and imporant services rend red by curreligious institutions not only An the matter of education, but in the way of relieving and maintaining the poor, the blind, the deaf and dumb and also in chivating the general metal tone of the con namity If these * r-at mercicis were properly considered the City Canacil would be inclined to mak Aarge struck gratte to several of our religious and classicable institutions, Emetead of desiring to impose upon them the furden of tax dion.

His Gr ce Archbishop Bruchesi, in his address to the Charter Committee. lucidly defined the Catholic position stowards the proposed tax ation of these reroperates. He said "Such a project is sgrave, and for several days I made a merious study of it. It involves a revo-Lution in the midst of our society, and it is full of consequences which one cannot foresee at the present moment. law "

"It must needs be examined, die Tresed theroughly, without rassion, or islae, with a complete intelligence of the people's requirements, the sicustien in which the different denomina wions of our city are placed, and of the immense service rendered by our religious institutions in matters of edu cation and charity.

"I understard, gentlemen, that it is y.t a. drait. You will see, however iyou study it well, that its execution will mean the roination of institutions, of which our city is so proud, as well as of Montreal's most glorious montements; and, finally, it will largely increase the people's taxation, while: mecessarily diminishing the amount of good accomplished through generous souls for the benefit of the phorathe cick, the orphan, the old people children and your g men.

"It is not a legal argument that I wish to put be one you this evening and I trust I shall not be obliged to do so before our law-makers. I simply desire to put forch a demand inspired In the stronges, conviction.

"The law under which we are now living and which can onty-be modified This was abnormal. There were no by the Quibic Legislature, orders for the city of Mon real the exemption of the fallewing from t x dion:

"The churcher, pro:byteries, episocmal palaces, charitable institutionlibraries, op m free of charge for the public; and such schools as are con troll d by (atholic and Protestant commissioners, and other educations. Institutions, are exempted from the or dinary and annual assessment, but n from special taxation or the cost of water; the word 'presbytery' will apple to any premises used as a residence by denomination in the city, be he pro- have gine up to.

prietor or centul provided, however that the ex mption applies to only one presby tery for each oburoh:

"If any real estate in the city be dispensed from the payment of the ordinary and annual a-sessment either The Tite Witness Printing & Publishing Co. | by virtue of the present law or any other law or s the and is occupied by any person wild des not use it in a sum official capacity as will entitle h or to that exemption, that tenant will be based in the same proportion as ne would be'if he was not exempted. but the premises themselves will be exempted from the assessment."

"Gentlemen, here are privileges us contested to this day in favor of our churches, schools, universities, calleges, hospitals and charitable institutions. The reasons for which they were forme lineremated are still in existen e; and are he present financial tro bles a suffici n maive for their abolition?

"Upon exempting there institutions from certain taxes, Montreal follows the examples of all the cities in Canada and the United States. There cities, motowr, pay every year enormous sums not only for elementary instruction, but also for secondary classes, science schools, universities and all estab ishments where charitable works are being dine. They have in their municipal councils a special department for the poor, and in some of them the subsidies voted for that purpose amount to hundreds of thous ands of dollars and even millions I the water tax is imposed on those in stitutions it is only in due proportion to the co sumption of water.

"I do not solicit for our churches and presbyte: i.e. veritable bouses of the people, nor for our educational and charm ble institutions, what is being practised in oti er places. No I do not exact a rovel privilege, alth ugh in more than one case. It seems to me, I would have the incontestible right to do so. The taxes weighing upon our temples and congregations are already heavy, as you know y urself, gentlemen, even if a considerable port of the population ignores it. I: I may be permitted to cite but one example: the Cathedral pays \$863 a year in water tues out, and the widening of a shore strictin ... carcely two acres long cost \$1'.0 to to archbishopric.

"Yes, or rehirmes, he a st dass deen vents pay tax : and the exemption allowed them is only on one point, v.z., the real ir pert . They do not cm plain of it, as they contribute as much as possible to the maintenance and em. bellist me it of the city. But truly, to e o ct a ore would be falling into a grave mis ake aid giving to all the cities of the Canadian confederation, and the neighboring Republic, an example which woold not turn to cur boner

"Accordingly, as long as the present state of things will not charge in Montre : .. m : ca » city as architahop, on, what I think is my duty, I adress Protestants as well as Outholies and relying on the patriotism ame mity of both, in the name of the wellunder tood rights of the people, in the name of religion and the citizen alife and happiness, in the nome of the holy causes of concation and charity, so nobly served until to-day by that devotedness which never failed, I simply ask for the maintenance of the law row in f ree; law, and nothing but the

PROGRESS AND WAGES.

The vast progress in material wealth made by the United States during the century which is now drawing to its close is exemplified in the diff rencbetween the calaries of public function aries and the wag and laborers at different perio's. In 1821 the annual salary of the governor of a State varied from \$600 in Rhode Island to \$7 500 in Louein. At that time, fourteen States , aid \$2,000 or more; nine S ater less than \$2.00. The President of the Unit or tate received \$25,000 a year and membra .. Copgress \$8 a day. The (a of unskill d labor was from 25 to 40 cents a day, that of skilled labor from \$1 to \$1.25. District scho 4 teacher received \$6 a month, and were 'boarded found" among the famil es from whice their pupils were drawn Tend dire a minh was consided a large stipend for a clerk; \$50) a year a princely salary for a clergyman. A physician's sit cost a sulling. Daniel Webster, who was then about 33 years old, is thought to have had a practice worth \$15,000 a year. millionaires, unless that title could even then he apile to John Jacob | the sort of persons suitable for the Astor and to Stephen Girard. Sellom purpose?--men like St. Peter, who, did a child have a pe . y to Frind; when Simon Magus attempted "to there was little man y in circulation. Clergymen were paid mostly in kind. One parishioner wouls bing potition, one apples, another buster and eggs, another a theep, another a mess of pork, another a bag of flour, another ay for the cless; m into lorse. Farm abovers received 80 con a day, But. it.should not be for ot en that, while alaries and wage have increased, the the misialing priest or minister of any p ious of all kinds of sommodities

PREJUDICE OF NON CATHOLION JOURNALS:

Few will question the statement that the principal of ject which the Canadian press should ever have in view is tue festering of a common Canadian nationality, based on peace, barmory mutual respect and equal rights for all. | ed form arguments which, if elaborat-Some of the daily journals, however, ed, would make a bulky volume. He evidently entertain a different opinion. Amongst these are the Daily Wilness, the Montreal Herald and the Montreal S.ar. These papers are continually in enting Catholics because of their faith, either directly or by inuendo. A sample of the inuendo style was surplied by the Star recently in an illustrative article, entitled "The Convent of the Holy Face." In this article inaccuracy was added to inuendo. The

obvious intention being to hold Catho

lica up to the ridicule of their tellow citizens. In the first place there is no such a 'convent" in Montreal. In the accond place the building is a private house where an individual and an entausiastic Catholic practices a devotion which has not the sanction of the authorairs of the Caurch, Why is it that his privacy is invaded, and his private practices, which are personal to bimsell, are paraded before the public? Simply because he is a Catholic, and his austere mode of hving furnishes a pretext to endeavor to ridicule the Catholic Ciuren. No Catholic journal resorts to such means of bringing contempt upon Protestantism.

IS WEALTH THE TEST OF RELIGION ?

It has long been a source of surprise to us that Protestants, who profess to believe in the teachings of the Divine Founder of Christianity, should persistently regard worldly wealth and worldly prosperity as a proof of Heaven's blessing. Catholic writers have over and over again refuted the fallacy; but it nevertheless continues to find expression in Protestant books and Protestant newspapers. A writer in the "Spectator," London, has been recently putting it forward again. To his way of thinking, there is "something seriously faulty" in the Catholic religion, because the countries where it is professed and practised by the majorities are not, as a rule, as wealthy and prosperous as Protestant count-

Now, Monsignor Vaughan states, in reply to the "Spectator" writer, there is no warrant for such a view in the pages of the New Testament. No 'estige or shadow of such a principle is discernible in the teaching of Christ, On the contrary, the whole trend of His teaching, in so far as it bears on the subject at all, tells the other wey:

"Hardly shall a rich man enter into

the Ringdom of Heaven," "It were easier for a cantel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter Heaven," etc., are but samples of hundreds of similar texts that might be quoted. The one solitary instance in the New Testament, in which any promise of riches and dominion is pade is found in Matthew iv., 9; but then it is the Devil who makes it: "All the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them will I give to thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me," reward promised to Devil-worshippors will hardly be invoked by Christians. Even though they be members of that kingdom upon whose possessions we are constantly reminded the sun never

sets.' ' The writer in the "Spectator" tries to twist the text "Ye are the salt of the earth," into a proof of his con tention; but Monsignor Vaughan makes short work of his newfangled interpretation. These words, he points out, were most certainly addressed primarily to the Apostles and Disciples. and it is difficult to see how they are applicable to others except in so far as others resemble the Apostles, and in the measure in which they inherit their spirit and religious temperament. But would men of the character and training of the Apostles ever build up an Empire such as the British Empire?--men totally indifferent to wealth and reputation, and dominion, and worldly success? Would they, whose chief bosst was that they had "left all things to follow Christ," be transact a little bitsiness" with him, exclaimed: "Thy silver perish with thee" (Acts viii., 20: or St. Paul, who confessed that, "having food and covering, we are therewith content" (Tim. vi., 8); or indeed any of the others? Scarcely? Yet they are par for to this God Himself bears witness.

The Church of Christ is not a com- of the "almighty dollar."

The state of the s

ure in this life is not inconsistent with the most signal triumph in the There is a Gaslic Deague in the Unitnext. Monsignor Vaughan's reasoning, is logically irrefutable; and it is for this reason that we quote so copiously from his letter, which contains in abbreviatproceeds:---

Mr. Henson, in the "Spectator,

seems to wish religion to be judged by

its results. This is fair enough se long as the results looked for are spiritual rather than commercial and political, and so long as our survey is not confined to this world. The Church of Christ is not a commercial syndicate. The greatest failure in this life is not inconsistent with the most eignal triumph in the next. Christ's Church is, of course, His Kingdom, but some of us seem to forget that His Kingdom is "not of this world." Nay, more; we are expressly told that the world is the enemy of God," not His friend, Moreover, it is "seated (which implies a settled state) in wickedness." But let us wave every objection and assume--- merely for the sake of argument --- that national prosperity and power are unmistakable signs of Divine approval. Consider into what a quagmire such a theory lands us. To start with: if the theory is sound, it must be applicable to al. time. I must be allowed to look out upon the world, right down through the ages, and to deal with it as a whole. With what result: Well, that I find the balance of national prosperity sways and shifts in different and often opposite directions. At present it in deed points to Protestantism; a few hundred years ago --- say in the time of Philip II. of Spain--- it pointed to Catholicism; but, as a whole, its tendency is most certainly in favor of paganism and rank infidelity. Egypt, and Greece, and pagan Rome will serve as illustrations. Considered in the moment of their greatest development and highest achievement, they have no parallel in any State at the present day. Neither Great Britain nor Germany can compare with the Roman Empire at the zenith of its prosperity. From the point of view of splendor, magnificence, power, dominion, military glory and conquest, and purely worldly greatness, it eclipses every modern Empire on the face of the earth. A wellknown historian speaks of it as "the most mighty empire the world has ever seen." Did something in paganism favor development and account for this success? And, if so, are we to favor paganism? It is surely evident that any educated pagan living, let us say, in the reign of Augustus, might have taken as his theme "Idolatry and National Success," and have argued about it very much as Mr. Henson now argues about Protestantism and national success, or about "Romanism and Decay," only probably his arguments would have been more subtle and his rheteric more stirring.

his words while the infallible words of Christ are ringing in our ears. England is rich, and wealthy indeed, but then Christ says: "Woe to you who are rich." She has extended her dominions, and added to her territory and possessions, but, again, it is written: "Woe to you who join house to house, and lay field to field" (Isaiss v., 8). Where the Roman Church has had free hand. . . national greatness has declined," writes Mr. Henson. If "greatness" be taken, not in a spiritual and supernatural, but in a worldly and material sense, this may be true. Speaking broadly it is no doubt the wealthy and prosperous nations and races that abandoned the Catholic Faith in the sixteenth century, but this fact serves merely to enforce and to light up the truth contained in St. Paul's warning words: "They that will be rich, fall into temptation and a spare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition" (I Tim. vi., 9). In our opinion the richer and more prosperous States did actually "fall into a snare," when they fell into heresy. And while we lament their defection from the centre of Christian unity, we cannot be wholly surprised, for we have been warned by God, through the mouth of His Apostle, that "the love of money is the root of all evil; which some reaching after having been "Led Astray from the Falth," yes, that toour minds describes precisely what has happened to the wealthy, luxurious, moneyseeking, money-making, money-loving nations, with their keen commercial inexcellence and before all "the sait of stinots, their business habits, their the earth and the light of the world;" daring speculating spirit, their astounding enterprise, and their worship

Yet what weight can one attach to

ed States; and one of its objects at present-besides - the preservation and cultivation of the Gaelic language and of Celtic-Americans, with those Americans who delight to call themselves Anglo-Saxons. The league has issued a timely protest against "the persistent attempt of a group of persons" in the United States "to classify the American people as Anglo-Saxons." In the first place, they say, such a classification "is utterly false and absurd," and in the second place, it must be known to be sor by phose who make it if they

be persons of intelligence. The Gaelic League is of course right. The Celtic is the dominating element in the United States, and, together with the Teuton element, which comes next in point of numbers, it controls the destiny of the great republic. Some months ago, Professor Waldstein, in the course of a lecture delivered in the Imperial Institute. London, on "The English-speaking Brotherhood," showed that the term "Anglo-Saxon" was not merely scientifically incorrect, but was "absurdly inaccurate." Lord Roseberry, who has recently blossomed into an out-and-out Jingo, was present at the lecture, and in the speech which he delivered after the lecture he evinced a decided fondness for the term. And in his enthusiasm for the shadowy 'Anglo-Saxon Alliance" he went on to commit a grave blunder, by which he unconsciously demonstrated the absurdity of the term. He said: ... "When a nation has inhabited certain boundaries without disturbance for a considerable number of centuries, even though it has received accessions from foreign nations, and when it has fused those accessions from foreign nations into its own nationality, and made them accept the name and language, and the laws and facts of that nationality, it seems to me, for all practical purposes, you have a nation and a race. Is not that the case with ourselves and the United States: "

If that is the case with the United States, it follows that the term "American" is the proper one to use in reference to that nation and race, and that "Anglo-Saxon" is altogether inapplicable.

ST. ANN'S SCHOOL ROLL OF HON-OR.

First Class B. Healy, J. Nolan, J. Butler, J. McCarron, J. McGuire, J. Kiely, M. McMahon, M. Donnelly, J.

Driscell. Second Class .-- W. Kennedy, E. Curran, H. Manning, J. Shields, E. Charboneau, F. Supple, P. Moore, J. Corcoran, W. O'Flaherty, J. Curran, J. Mullins.

Third Class .-- E. Shanahan, J. Gallery, J. Benoit, J. Höbert, W. Madigan, J. McShane, F. Hamill, C. McDonald, T. Sheeran, H. Thompson, F. Hogan.

Fourth Class .-- H. Wyer, Jos. Malon, P. Cosgrove, S. Craig, F. Scullion, J. Boland, C. Gallery, W. Murphy, Thos. McEntee, Jno. Clancy, M. Hubbard, H. Moffett, E. Murphy, C. McNamara, W. Withers, Jno. Kelly.

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Sixth Class .- T. Oslen, E. Ryan, S. Paquette, P.Coughlan, J. Kenna, R. Fitzgerald, T. Kennedy, W. Frosbre, J. Fennell, D. Neeson, P. Broderick, W. Norris, P. Tobin, A Briere.

Seventh Class .-- R. McDonald, T. Kenns, T. Shanaban, T. Rosseter, E. Ryan, J. Brennan, H. Charlebois, J. Carroll, P. Nelen.

Eighth Class .-- E. Costello, P. Glover. P. Golden, H. Benoit, G. McKenna, H. Larin, E. McCrory, Jno. Sheeran, P. Clancy, M. Mooney, S. Curran, J. Cloran, P. Horan.

St. Mary's parish Calendar in its last issue makes the following pointed references to bachelors, young and old, especially to the latter. Here is what

it sava :--We need some one to in use courage into our young men. We say young men advisedly, although some of them have long since passed the period of extreme youth. Many are well settled at life's work; but they have not married. We should be sorr; to think that through the length and breadth of our city there are no young women worthy to win the regard of these fastidious ones. Must we not conclude, then, that selfishness is at the root of the matter? We are forced to think that the young business man, or clerk, or professional, reasons that when he must share his income, his own expenditures must be much lessened, so he concludes to smile on all the fair ones im partially. To give this sort of man his due, he somehow never seems to break any one's heart by his coldness. Many young man say that the girls nowadays expect to be supported in style, want to begin life where their parents are leaving off; etc. All bosh! The girlof to day are too sensible to want such noncense. If they have been taught

ania into all the better wives and mothers for having had them. Our ell ascriffcing an they have ever been in the world's history. So we need some one to open the eyes of the young men of our city, to give them courage to put aside all seifishness and unwor. literature -- is to prevent the inclusion | thiness and establish themselves as men of responsible and generous lives.

OBITUARY.

MR. THOMAS WALL.

During the week an old resident of Montre d and a member of St. Patrick's parish passed away in the person of Mr. Thomas Wall. Deceased was well known in railway circles, having been connected with the G.T R., in the Eagineer's department, for nearly a quarter of a century. He came to this city about 40 years ago, and by his earnest and untiring efforts succeeded in attaining a place in life both for himselt and family of whom any arts. made man might be proud. Mr. Wall was prominent in the militia circles. in the ranks of our charitable and national societies, and was a welcome visitor to many a social gathering. He had retired from active work for some years, and at the time of his death had reached the turning point leading up to the octogenarian stage, Mr. Wall leaves a widow, two sons and two daugters to mourn his loss. The two latter are members of the well known educational Order, the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, while the two son occupy prominent positions in commercial circles, one in the neighboring Republic and one in this city. The tamily of which deceased was a memer is highly respected in Montreal, Many of its members have consecrated their lives to the service of Gad; among those may be mentioned the venerable and kindly Mother St. Magdalen, of the Congregation de Notre Dame, sister of the deceased, now associated with St. Patrick's Academy, St. Alexander Street, whose interest and motherly enthusiasm in all that concerns the pupils of the Academy has won for her a warm

To Mrs. Wall and family, and to Rev. Mother St. Magdalen, the True WITNESS offer its most protound sympathy in their sad to-s. RIP.

place in the hearts of all the parish

LILIAN M ELLIOTT.

It is also our sad and painful duty this week to record the death of Linan Margaret Elliott second daughter of Mr. Edward Elliot the well known procèr, whose promising young life was brought to a close at the age of fourteen years.

She was suddenly attacked a few days ago by tant fell discene appendicitis, and despite all the efforts of the best medical practitioners, she passed away atter an illness of only four days.

She was one of the brightest students of St. Urbain's Academy, conducted by the Si-ters of the Congregation de Notre Dome, and a warm tavorite, not only with her teachers, but also with her young companions, who will miss her cheering presence amongst them.

The funeral took place on Friday merning and was largely attended by many prominent men of the city and sympathizing riends of the family. The TRUE WITNESS off, rs to Mr. and Mrs. Effect its usep sympathy in this the nour of their grief and addiction.

DEATH OF A PIONEER NUN.

The "Free Press" in referring to the death of Sister Mary Navier of the Grey Nuns, whose death occurred re-

cently at Calgary, says:--She was one of the little basic of noble women, who came west to he struct the Indians and half-breeds of Red River in the rudiments of Christis anity and civilization, to nurse treain distress. The journey in those days was gaite as difficult and attended with as many dangers as a trip to the Yakon is at present. Arrived at St. Bonliace the sisters were established in a small log house which had to serve them as a recidence, work room, school and hospital. There in that poor hut, Sister Mary Xavier entered unnon a life of unremitting toil which only ended with her death. The old Red River Families, Catholic and Protestant alike, knew and esteemed her as a dear friend, a kind teacher, and a ministering angel when sickness or sorrow entered their homes.

The Northwest "Review," in chronicling the death of sister Mary Xuvier,

says:--Margaret Dunn, whose father was Michael Dunn, and mother Elizabeth Kennedy, was born at St. John's Newfoundlined, on June 10th, £1897. She came to the Red River country, Sept. 11th, 1853, and entered the Grey Nun Order here, taking her yows as a professed nun January 21st, 1856. From her arrival in this country she so thoroughly devoted herself to the Northwest that she never returned to the east until two years ago, when she visited Montreal for the first time.

Her death occurred from congestion of the brain after a few hour's illness on the 17th of this month at the Calgary hospital, of which she was superior.

These are the chief dates in a life which must ever remain a sweet memory and a shining example to those who knew Sister Mary, For fully a quarter of a century, to the Englishspeaking people of the Canadian Northwest, the most admired and best be-16ven names were Monseigneur Tache and Sister Mary. With the latter the St. Bohlinge Hospital was so completely identified that they wondered how that hospital could continue to exist without her. She was, so quick at seeing, so wise at guiding, so experienced in the ways of the world and withal so tender and strong and true. She was born with only the stump of a left arm, and yet she was as handy with her knitting and sewing needles as the best of the seamstresses. She had the broad grosp of the mesculine mind without any of the slightest tinge of unwomanliness. Her piety was of the solid, undemonstrative sort. The sight of a soul drifting unshriven into the laws of death would rack her face with a visible pang, Now that she has "crossed the bar," all ye who love accomplishments, had some extra refine King in His hearty.—R. I. P.