

The month of April brought us an Encyclical Letter of Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIII, proclaiming an extraordinary Jubilee *Urbi et Orbi*, commencing the 10th of March, Feast of St. Joseph, to continue, for Rome and for Europe, until All Saints' Day inclusive, for the rest of the world until the end of the present year. On Saturday, 30th, from the belfries of all the Catholic churches in this city a glad peal rang out, to announce the opening of the Jubilee in the Diocese. This great event was celebrated with most solemn ceremonies in the Basilica, and hundreds of the faithful began at once to fulfill the prescribed conditions—praying, fasting, giving alms, visiting the churches, and approaching the sacraments. Here are the marks and signs of a lively faith. Good works! Good works! "Faith without good works is dead." The Jubilee imposes extra arduous duties on the clergy. They do not complain, but rejoice as they shoulder the burden, for it is sweet and light to the minister of Christ, who labors only for the salvation of souls, the greater glory of God.

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Not the least important and interesting event to the Catholics of Canada was the arrival and installation of the Right Reverend James Vincent Cleary, D. D., Bishop of Kingston. His Lordship is, we believe, the second Irish Bishop to land upon American shores. The first was the late Bishop of Ardagh and Apostolic Delegate, of revered memory. Bishop Cleary comes to remain, to live and die with his flock—first Pastor of the premier Diocese of Ontario. His reception by priests and people was a real old Irish welcome. All the Bishops of the ecclesiastical province, except His Lordship of Hamilton who was ill, with the Bishops of Ottawa and Montreal were present to do honor to their illustrious brother. *Ad multos annos!*

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

At the reception of Bishop Cleary, the College of Ottawa was represented by the Revd. Fathers Barrett, Professor, and Provost, Bursar, and St. Michael's College, Toronto, by the Very Revd. Father Vincent, President.

The destruction by fire of the College of Rimouski is a severe loss to the lower St. Lawrence district. The building was one of the finest in Quebec, and was only partly insured.

At the closing exercises of Queen's College, Kingston, the honorary degree of L. L. D. was conferred on Mr. A. Todd, Librarian of Parliament.

The following is the High School Inspector's opinion, after examination, of the Boys' High School taught by the Christian Brothers in this city:

OTTAWA, 26th April, 1881.

I have this day visited the class in the Queen St. School under the care of Bro. Severus. I examined it

in Arithmetic and Euclid, and the performance of the pupils was very good. Their writing I also found very good.

(Signed,)

J. M. BUCHAN.

27th April, 1881.

I have this day visited the classes taught by Bros. Sanctulian and Sebastian. The performance of the pupils in the subjects in which I examined or heard them examined was satisfactory. My opinion is that this is a well managed school. It is to be regretted that the building and rooms are not better suited to the purpose for which they are used

(Signed,)

J. M. BUCHAN.

It is to be hoped the Separate School Board will attend to the last remark, and secure a more suitable building for this school.

The Reverend Brothers Claude and Cochin O. M. I., Theological Students at the College of Ottawa since September last, have left for the Indian missions of the North West. They were members of a large community of Oblates who, by the decrees of the tolerant and liberty loving Republic, were obliged to leave their native France for worshipping God according to the dictates of their conscience. May God speed them, and bless their labors!

Two of the reasons why every parish in New York City has not its school are, according to Bishop McQuaid, "because of heavy indebtedness incurred in erecting expensive churches for parents, and because in some neighborhoods fine music is held of more account than the care of the young."

The Boston *Herald* says:—"Ralph Waldo Emerson tells his daughter that it matters little what she studies, but everything with whom she studies. Our modern manipulators of educational appliances have made it appear that the reverse is true. Let but the system and the method be perfect and it matters little who guides these children to the knowledge bounds. Out of this policy has come (1) the degradation of the teacher, (2) the over-burdening of children with school work, (3) show, brilliancy at the expense of thoroughness, (4) too much supervision."

Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, thus states the Catholic position on the school question: "We are not opposed to universal education, or to taxation for schools, or to compulsory education, or to methods and contrivances of whatever kind by which knowledge and enlightenment may be diffused through the masses of the people. In this direction Catholics are willing and anxious to go as far as others; but they are opposed, necessarily and unalterably opposed, to any and all systems of education which either ignore or exclude religious knowledge."

Bishop Elder writes:—"The care of our Catholic children is probably the most urgent of all our obligations just now.

We admire, indeed, the zeal of our fellow-citizens in behalf of education; though we cannot but deplore the serious errors too commonly prevailing in their ideas of what constitutes true education; and grieve over the dreadful moral and social evils which the present method of public education manifestly fails to diminish, and we fear it much increases them.

But while we respect the liberty of our neighbors to