

CONVENT BURNING AT TOLEDO.—We learn from a letter published in the *Minerve* of the 18th instant, that, after an investigation which established the fact that the fire which destroyed a portion of the Grey Nuns' Hospital, and caused such a sad loss of life as that which we recorded in our last, was the work of incendiaries, the city authorities have taken steps to discover the perpetrators of the crime. We anticipate little result from this action, for Convent Burning is not a thing, which we can expect Protestants generally to look upon with much disfavor, or likely to excite their feelings strongly against its authors. Indeed Protestants cannot without condemning their spiritual progenitors, and denouncing the Reformation, condemn the work of the Toledo Orangemen. "Pull down the nests and the rooks will fly away"—was the advice of John Knox to his disciples—the words where-with he stimulated the fury of the rabble rout to destroy all that was beautiful and venerable in the land. The laws of morality vary not; they are to day what they were in the days of Knox, the same in the United States, as in Scotland. Now if it was a moral and praiseworthy thing to destroy Convents and monasteries in the latter, and in the XVI century, it must be equally moral and praiseworthy to destroy similar establishments in Toledo in the XIX; and if the men who a few days ago set fire to the Grey Nuns' Hospital are scoundrels deserving of punishment, so also, and to a far greater degree, were the burners and destroyers of those glorious Hospitals, Convents, and Monasteries with which the surface of Great Britain was covered before the days of Poor Laws, and whilst as yet no accursed Bastilles for the incarceration of the desolate and distressed, raised their filthy heads to heaven. Convent Burning is in short a practise so thoroughly Protestant, so essentially a part, and the prominent part indeed, of the "Glorious Reformation" that we do not see how Protestants of the present day can pretend even to look on it with aversion or even suspicion. They may condemn the practise if they will; but they can do so only by admitting that the fathers of Protestantism were a precious set of scoundrels, who deserved to be treated as felons, and to whom it is the most absurd of misnomers to apply the epithet of martyrs.

This our opinion of the feelings entertained by the Toledo authorities to the Convent Burners of their City, is confirmed by the reward offered by the former for the arrest of the incendiaries. Fifty dollars!—about as much as would be offered for the discovery of the burners of a stable, or for the recovery of a valuable horse—is the sum offered by the Magistrates of Toledo for the arrest of the perpetrators of the execrable outrage of the 5th instant. This fact is conclusive as to the estimation in which the offence of Convent Burning is held in the United States.

In reply to some friends who have done us the honor to ask our opinion as to the respective merits of two candidates for a seat in the Legislative Council, we would observe that it would be presumptuous on our part to appear even to give an opinion upon such a subject. We can as Catholics lay down certain general rules or principles by which Catholic electors should be guided in their choice of representatives; but we dare not presume to discriminate betwixt individuals.

We may safely lay down as a general rule that an honest Protestant is always to be preferred to a lax, or liberal Catholic; and that a supporter of the right of the Catholic minority of Upper Canada to the enjoyment of separate schools, and an advocate of the extension of the separate school system, is always—other things being the same—to be preferred to a supporter of the Common School system. Further than this we dare not go in our advice to our Catholic friends. The "Education Question" is the question most important to Catholics, for on the education of their children depends the future fortunes of the Church. It should therefore be made a test question; and a pledge, if possible, should be exacted from the candidate for Catholic votes, to use all his legislative influence to carry out that principle of Freedom of Education, which, thank God, is fully recognised and acted upon in Lower Canada and which we desire to see established in the Protestant section of the Province.

THE CANADIAN PRESS AND L'ORDRE.—We are sorry to see that *L'Ordre* has not yet seriously replied to the very damaging charges made against it, and the honor of its conductors. By the majority of its contemporaries, *L'Ordre* is accused of wilful and deliberate falsehood, in stating that Mr. Cartier, at a meeting of the Ministry held in August last to discuss the Orange difficulty, expressed himself strongly against an official recognition of the Orange Society and its members, and went so far as to tender his resignation, in case his opinions were not adopted by the Governor General.

For this statement *L'Ordre* is responsible, and is bound to give to the world the authority upon which it made it. Far be it from us to suspect the gentlemen charged with the editorial department of that journal, of the infamous crime laid to their charge by the majority of the Canadian press; but the former are bound to reply, and that quickly, to the accusations of falsehood, and to show that they are not justly obnoxious to the reproach of having originated, or knowingly given circulation to, a false report. On the faith of the statement in *L'Ordre*, believing, we hope correctly, its editors to be men of honor, we reproduced the story about Mr. Cartier, the truth of which has now been seriously impugned. We ask therefore, and with right, that *L'Ordre* shall give us its authority for the said story; and thus convince us that our confidence in the honor and veracity of its conductors has not been misplaced. We pause for a reply.

On Monday next the Bazaar in aid of the funds of the *Salle D'Asyle* in Bonaventure street will commence, and continue open throughout the week. The co-operation of the charitable is earnestly invited. The Bazaar will be held in the large room of the *Salle D'Asyle*.

On Sunday next the collection in aid of the Sisters of Toledo will be taken up in St. Patrick's, St. Ann's and St. Bridget's Churches. We are confident that as usual, the Irish congregations will distinguish themselves by their generosity.

The opening of the English Classes of the Academy of St. Mary, situated at the *Pied du Courant*, and under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, will take place on Monday the first of October next.

SIR EDMUND HEAD.—The Governor is certainly going home in October. By the *Globe* and its friends it is announced that this departure will be succeeded by the appointment of his successor; by the *Leader* and the Ministerial press generally, we are told that the absence of Sir Edmund Head will not be for more than a few months, and that he will return to Canada as Governor General.

The *Hamilton Spectator*, though at first unwilling to believe that the insults offered to the Prince of Wales and his Suite by the Orangemen of Upper Canada were instigated or directed by Mr. J. H. Cameron their Grand Master, feels itself obliged to admit the truth of that which it at first discredited, and to believe "all that has been said to the contrary." For this change of opinion the *Hamilton Spectator* cites its reasons, which are indeed conclusive, and quotes the words of Mr. Cameron's Toronto speech wherein that worthy seemed "to glory in the fact that his brethren offered an indignity of the most insulting character to His Royal Highness." We believe that most impartial persons will recognise the cogency of the *Spectator's* argument, and will hold Cameron-Gowan & Co. responsible for the brutal outrages offered to their guests by the churlish and inhospitable Orangemen of Toronto.

SOCIAL PERSECUTION IN KINGSTON.—From the subjoined letter over the signature *Kingston's Friend* which we clip from the *British Whig*, it will be seen that a low dirty persecution is being waged against the most helpless class of the Catholic community—we mean the poor Catholic servant girls, who it seems, are to be made to suffer for the sins of the Orange rowdies. This will not last; this game has been tried before by Protestants, and has been found a losing one. Protestant masters and mistresses are far more in need of Catholic servant girls, than the latter are of situations. The advantages of having a Catholic servant girl, her superior honesty and chastity, are well known even to those masters and mistresses who mostly rail at poor Biddy, and "poke fun" at her awkward Irish ways. A mistress likes to have a servant who goes regularly to confession; and though in the excitement of the moment a few simperons may pay attention to the satirical ravings of the *Daily News*, common sense, and their own interests, will ere long assert their rights over the Protestant employers of labour. With these remarks we lay before our readers the letter of *Kingston's Friend* as a specimen of the means adopted to avenge the official snubbing of Orangemen:—

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN KINGSTON.
(To the Editor of the *British Whig*.)

"In every department of domestic and commercial life among Protestants are living instruments with which the priesthood build up their ecclesiastical structures, and extend their ramifications throughout the length and breadth of our country. Protestant money has mainly contributed to establish their colleges, schools and nunneries, those nurseries of that bigotry and intolerance which have for ages marred the pages of Christian history. In self-defence Protestants must turn over a new leaf, and adopt the tactics of their wily opponents, by keeping their own counsel and money among themselves. It is a notorious fact, that scarcely a domestic servant male or female, in this city is of the Protestant faith. Even some of the Protestant clergy have around them domestics who serve as spies upon their words and acts, and at confession disembody any scandal they may witness or invent, to the honour and glory of Popery. This may be called bigotry or anything else, but it is a conviction that has struck deeply in the minds of many who now call for a radical reform."

The above extract is taken from a leading article in the *Daily News* of Friday. It portrays, in striking colors, the religious rancor and hate that animate the conductors of that journal towards their Catholic fellow-citizens. The Kingston Catholics are in the midst of a fearful persecution, and God only knows where it will end.—The war of extermination has already commenced; the tocsin of a religious crusade has been sounded; the first victim is the poor Catholic servant girl. A number have already been thrown into the streets, and more are to follow, friendless and unprotected. The Catholic merchant may close his shop—the Catholic artisan cease his labors, his children to starve or beg, for the furious edict has gone abroad, and their extermination advised through the columns of the Orange organ of this city. Alas! that we should live in such times, and that in the present age of enlightenment and civilization, among Christian peoples, such a spirit of intolerance should be displayed. The bigotry and religious strife that have been inaugurated in this portion of Canada since the untoward events of the last few unhappy days, already exist in Ireland, and have been productive of evils the most lamentable; but never even in times of the most fearful persecution in that unfortunate land, were the *Women* singled out as the special objects of religious hate. It remained for the fanatics of Kingston to distinguish themselves in this uncivilized and barbarous mode of warfare. Not satisfied with piteously thrusting those unprotected females from their doors, but insult must be added to injury by falsely attributing to them acts the most revolting and perfidious. Surely the Christian religion does not inculcate the belief that falsehood is pleasing to the Almighty, or that the Catholic penitent in the confessional, conceives it necessary for the honor of his religion to violate one of God's Commandments? So puerile and unfounded an accusation could only originate with men demented by fanaticism, or whose minds have been so heated by party feelings and prejudices, that they blindly use every weapon within reach, to strike down their opponents.

Bat Faith, fanatic Faith, once wedded fast To some dear falsehood, bugs it to the last. Kingston was not sufficiently disgraced already by the conduct of the Orangemen, who prevented the Heir to the Throne of England from landing in our midst, but they must go further, and imprint a fresh stain upon its hitherto fair name, and make Kingston a bye-word and a reproach, both at home and

abroad. But, is the trade of Kingston in so flourishing a state that it can afford to lose over one-third of its population? Are there not "houses to let" or tenements unoccupied? Is real estate appreciated and held at so high a figure that a further decline in the market is advisable? or, perhaps, the burden of a city debt of \$300,000, with the taxes at 4s. in the pound, is so pleasant a feature in our affairs, and adds so much to our credit, that we can, with impunity, turn round and attempt literally to destroy each other, all forsooth because the Roman Catholics exercised a constitutional right in protesting against a premeditated and offensive display of Orange flags and Orange banners upon the arrival of His Royal Highness in this city, and that, too, after the Orangemen were officially called upon to assemble to the number of ten thousand, with one hundred banners. But, I may ask, is it desirable that the Catholic merchant should withdraw from the city and take his wares to another market? that the Catholic artisan should ply his trade in another and more congenial clime, where less intolerance is displayed, and where a more charitable Christian spirit pervades? to some locality where business is solely governed and directed by a healthy spirit of rivalry and manly competition; and where the wheels of commerce are not clogged by religious dissensions and party feuds? In all other parts of the civilized globe, the customer never enquires or asks the religion of the merchant before he purchases. It is an admitted fact, that the commercial prosperity and greatness of England is owing to her freedom from fanaticism in trade; her ships are on every sea, and her merchants are to be found in every country, pursuing their honorable calling without being questioned as to their religious faith. Why, then, may I again ask, is it left to the inhabitants of this stunted city to pursue an exclusive trade, fettered by religious and party distinctions? But, it is to be hoped that the fires of persecution that at present burn so fiercely in the breasts of the Kingston zealots, may soon be extinguished; that more charitable counsels will hereafter prevail, and that harmony, peace and good-will in the end shall resume their sway, where all is now unutterable confusion.

KINGSTON'S FRIEND.

Sept. 15, 1860.

AMENDS HONORABLE.—At the meeting of the Council on Monday, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Moved by Councillor Bellemare, seconded by Councillor Grenier,—"That this Council, deeply affected in their dignity by the gross language and disgraceful conduct of some members of their body, at the meeting held on the 3rd of August, deem it due to themselves, and to the city of which they are the representatives, to offer a reparation of honor by solemnly acknowledging their respectful devotion to our gracious Sovereign, Queen Victoria, their loyal attachment to her throne, and by repudiating with indignation and wanton insults proffered within this Council room, and which were of a nature to wound the dearest and noblest feelings of a numerous class of the population.

"That they deem it also their duty, under the circumstances, loudly to proclaim that the various nationalities forming the component parts of the population of this city possess equal rights to their respect, consideration and regard.

"That every member of the Council who has been so far forgetful of this sacred principle and of the respect due to this Council as to wantonly insult any portion of his fellow citizens, or to be guilty of low buffoonery, such as was unfortunately witnessed on the occasion above referred to, has thereby forfeited all right to the consideration and regard of his colleagues and rendered himself unworthy of a seat in this Council unless an ample apology be made to atone for the evil done."

A motion to enter the names of the offending members in the minute book was also carried.

REMITTANCES RECEIVED.

Morrisburgh, Rev. J. R. Mead, 10s; Lansdown, J. Hickey, 5s; St. Didace, R. McFadden, 5s; L'Assomption, J. Collins, 10s; St. Hyacinthe, Rev. Mr. La France, 10s; Williamstown, J. McRae, 10s; Marysville, Rev. Mr. Mackey, 10s; Whitehall, U. S. E. McCarthy, 5s; Belleville, W. Donovan, £1; Portsmouth, O. K. J. Cameron, 10s; Amherst Island, H. McKenty, 10s; Drayton, P. Flanagan, 10s; Paris, W. Herry, 10s; Nicolet, J. F. Leonard, 7s 6d; Norton Creek, A. McCallum, 5s; Halifax, J. Brennan, 5s; Bromley, B. Reynolds, 10s; Dundas, Rev. J. O'Reilly, 5s; St. Remi, Rev. M. Gravel, 5s; St. Sylvester, P. Scanlan, 15s; Finch, T. Kennedy, 10s; Norwood, T. Connors, £1; Alexandria, A. McKinnon, 10s; Drumbo, D. Cremin, 12s 6d.

Per J. Ford, Prescott—P. Moran, 10s; D. Moran, 10s; Per M. O'Leary, Quebec—Rev. M. Casault, 15s; The Seminary, 15s; J. Cunningham, £1 5s; J. O'Connor, 15s; M. Powell, 15s; T. Delaney, 15s; T. Pope, £1 2s 6d; J. O'Dowd, 15s; E. B. Lindsay, 12s 6d; G. M. Muir, 12s 6d.—Eratum, T. Corrigan, on the 29th aug., 10s, not 15s as acknowledged.

Per F. C. Chamouneau, St. Hyacinthe—College, £1 8s 9d; G. J. Nagle, 6s 3d; F. Cadoret, £1 5s.

Per F. McRae, Dundee—Self, 10s; M. Bannon 10s.

Per Rev. E. Bayard, London—Self 10s; P. J. Duon, 10s; J. Scanlan, 10s.

Per P. Purcell, Kingston—T. McDermott, 5s; H. Sands, 5s; T. Doherty, 6s 3d; P. Elyand, 12s 6d; M. Goulden, 10s; M. Bayes, 10s; W. O'Neill, 12s 6d; R. Gardner, 5s; J. Davis, 10s; H. Cummins, 12s 6d; J. King, £1 5s; J. Carrigan, 8s 9d; M. Parrell, £1 5s.

Per P. Doyle, Toronto—Self, 10s; W. Patterson, 15s.

Per A. Fraser, Brockville—L. O'Brien, 10s.

Per Rev. Mr. Dupuis, L'Assomption—E. Mailhot, 10s.

Per J. Dillon, Norton Creek—Est of W. Power, 12s 6d.

Per P. Maguire, Cobourg—E. Farrey, 10s; T. Magenis, 5s; P. Lynch, 10s.

Per J. Doran, Lanark—J. Bain, 10s.

Per D. McDonnell, Vankleekhill—Self, 10s; W. McRae, 15s.

The following Commercial Review has been taken from the *Montreal Witness* of Wednesday last.

Wheat and Flour.—The latest telegram from Liverpool says there was a panic in the grain market on account of the fair weather, and though Flour was only quoted 1s less, it could not, in fact, be forced off at a considerably greater reduction. The latest quotations from Chicago are 86c for No. 1 Spring Wheat, and 30c freight to Montreal. A sale has been made here of Chicago Wheat at \$1.20; and some parcels of good Superfine Flour changed hands yesterday at \$5.60.

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Freights are very high, 12s being asked for grain by steamers, and 5s 6d for flour; these prices have not yet been paid.

MAN SENTENCED TO DEATH IN THREE RIVERS.—A man named William Ezra Brainard, who had been convicted of having murdered his mother, was sentenced in the Court of Three Rivers to be executed on the 26th October.—The plea of insanity was set up by the friends of the criminal in his defence.

Married.
At Quebec, on the 10th instant, at St. Patrick's Church, by the Rev. B. Magauran, Mr. Thomas Martin Quigley, to Mary Martha, youngest daughter of Mr. Thomas Murphy, all of Quebec.

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