

THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Mail from Ireland, England and Scotland.

Mr. Veasey Knox... London: Activities of Catholics in Great Land.

John Christie, a cabinetmaker was accidentally killed on the railway at Ballymanagh on April 12th.

At a specially convened meeting of the Executive Committee of the Belfast Branch of the Irish National Federation, on April 17, Mr. James McCann, J. P., presided.

Three young ladies, Miss Halfpenny, Ardee, Miss O'Malley of Agbaun, Castlbar, and Miss O'Doherty of Enniskillen, have made their profession at the Convent of Mercy, Ardee, to Cardinal Logue.

At Sligo on April 16 Thomas A. Cogan, 11 Harrington street, Dublin, and John Freeman of Windsor Terrace, Kingston, street preachers were sent to prison for seven days in default of paying a fine for obstruction of the streets.

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The Annual Spring Show of Cattle and Agricultural Implements was opened on the 11th in the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge, and is a most successful one in every respect.

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presentation to His Father Gleeson. An immense gathering, lately assembled in Victoria Hall, Dundoo, on the occasion of a concert and the presentation of an illuminated address and purse to the Rev. Father Gleeson, recalled from St. Patrick's, Dundoo, to his native place in Ireland.

Many Happy Returns. Seventy-five years will on Wednesday last 15th inst. have passed since Chevalier John Honey of Ottawa, first saw the light at the home of his parents in the county of Carlow, Ireland.

As a means of grace prosperity has never been much of a success. Whenever the devil tries to kill joy, he points his arrow with a doubt.

First Editor: "Are you going to publish that article on the servant girl question?" Second Editor: "Great Scott, yes! It was written by a policeman."

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CATHEDRAL PARISH.

Interesting Sketch of St. Michael's, Toronto.

Early Days of Hardship. A Cathedral built in the Bush. Development from Small Beginnings—Sketches of the Bishops Down to the Present Day.

The following interesting sketch appeared in a recent issue of the Standard and Times, Philadelphia.

Before entering into the history of St. Michael's Cathedral parish, which was projected and founded in the early forties, it is necessary to take a rapid glance at old St. Paul's which in 1828 was the only Catholic parish in the city.

The trials and hardships endured in those early days by these pioneer pastors cannot well be realized in the present times of advanced religious tolerance and civilization, nor need they suffice to dwell upon here.

Let it suffice to say that they considered as cheaply spent lives of pain and toil as long as they were able to gather around their fellow Catholics their faithful Irish Catholic children, which they welded into a solid congregation whose members unflinchingly clung to the faith of St. Patrick.

The growing want was supplied by the consecration of Right Rev. Dr. Power, who became the first Bishop of Toronto in 1842.

By this time old St. Paul's had an overflowing congregation, and it behooved the new episcopal leader to select a site for the erection of St. Michael's Cathedral.

He made choice of a foundation on Church street, paying £1,800 out of his own private means for the property, which was then in the outskirts of the city, and the wise prelate got laughed at for going into "the bush" for a site for his Cathedral.

The human mind may conceive, but words can hardly express the feelings of joy and pride which animated the hearts of the faithful as they saw the walls of the great church rise heavenward, far to the good Bishop and to his zealous priests and people it must have been especially conoling and reassuring to think that in a few short years they had the grace and the strength to develop themselves into a compact and progressive body in the face of so many obstacles and hampered on all sides by sectarian hatred and the unreasoning bigotry which is evoked in Protestant communities by Catholic progress and advance.

It is speaking but moderately to say that the anti-Catholic spirit in Ontario, especially in the "Queen City," was very strong and intolerant at the period of which we speak.

Although he was only 43 years old, having been born in Halifax, N. S., in 1804, Mgr. Power died in 1847, having only worn the purple for a period of five years and five months.

The throne he left vacant was filled by the Rev. Bishop Charbonnel, who ruled the growing diocese from May, 1850, till 1860, when he resigned the episcopal office and returned to France.

Slightly in advance of this latter event, however, there came a very distinguished prelate, the Most Rev. John Joseph Lynch, D.D., first Archbishop of Toronto, to guide the destinies of the see which rose to a position of great strength and influence under his firm and vigilant direction.

Before being called to the purple the late Archbishop Lynch had a very wide and varied experience in a pastoral and missionary life, both in Canada and the United States, and being by natural gift and endowment a man of shrewd judgment and keen discernment, he viewed things in a clear, calm, philosophical light, so that his decisions rarely needed revision; nor was he a prelate that refrained from occasional contact with the outside world, if he thought he could thereby

blunt the edge of non-Catholic bigotry or secure a more favorable feeling towards his flock, their sacred rights and interests. If any injury was done to his people, or a perverted notion got into the sectarian mind as to the status of the Catholic citizen in the Protestant province of Ontario, Mr. Lynch's wise words from the pulpit of his local arguments in the daily or weekly press would quickly expose the absurdity of threatened wrong.

The late lamented prelate had a very strong influence with the fair minded Premier of the province, the present distinguished Sir Oliver Mowat. The reasonable demands of the Archbishop were fairly complied with by the Government to such an extent as was permissible by the law or constitution.

Although a hostile Cabinet might have caused loss, this is not saying that the Catholics got their full rights. No, neither how well government may be disposed, it has to refer to the wishes of the majority of its supporters.

While the Archbishop was persistent in obtaining aid for his various charitable and educational institutions, his claims were always justly founded, and could not be refused unless by an open admission that Catholics had disabilities which were beyond remedy.

In the very midst of his fruitful episcopal labors Dr. Lynch was called to his eternal reward on the 12th of May, 1884. The somewhat sudden death of the highly esteemed Archbishop was a surprise to the public, as it had not been known that he was in impaired health, for he had just returned from a pastoral visitation and was resting at the palace when the summons came.

During the twenty-nine years of his eventful episcopal life his record of good deeds will ever remain as a pleasing memory in St. Michael's parish, in the archdiocese and in Canada.

After an interval of some fifteen months the vacant throne received as its distinguished occupant the Most Rev. John Walsh, D. D., who was promoted from the Diocese of London, where his long years of episcopal labors bore the mark of ardent apostolic zeal.

On coming into the more exalted sphere his great administrative ability, tact and prudence at once declared themselves and fresh impulse was given to many branches of the ecclesiastical work of the diocese. The existing institutions of the Cathedral parish were renewed and enlarged, and a complete transformation of the interior of the Cathedral itself was effected at a cost of many thousands of dollars, an improvement which entitles it to rank among the handsomest churches of the Dominion.

Be sides these fresh outlays a debt which some years ago stood at over \$50,000 has been reduced to \$17,000.

Among the noble institutions of the Cathedral parish which have sprung up under the administration of His Grace Archbishop Walsh, St. Michael's Hospital takes first rank. It is the conduct of the good Sisters of St. Joseph and is worked on broad non-sectarian principles, opening its doors to the suffering and afflicted, who receive therein the best medical and surgical treatment, no matter what creed or class they may belong.

If the stamp of affliction is upon them they need no other passport, they are taken in and cared for, and they receive at the hands of the angelic Sisters that form of tender nursing and solicitude which looks not for its reward here, but hereafter.

A humane institution run upon such liberal and beneficent lines could not help being appreciated in a Christian city, and it is, therefore, gratifying to note that it receives the permanent financial aid of the municipality of Toronto. But it has lately received more generous aid than that from one of Toronto's prominent citizens, the great contractor, Mr. Hugh Ryan, of Rosedale. At his sole expense a new wing has been added to the hospital, at a cost of over \$40,000, nor did the generous-hearted Irishman in making his princely gift, impose any hampering conditions. Recognizing that humanity has many ills that good treatment and advanced science could relieve he went to His Grace the Archbishop and offered to pay for the entire cost of the building and its complete equipment. The work was commenced forthwith, and on its opening a few months ago by Archbishop Walsh a large assemblage of noted people were present from all denominations, and able professors declared that in point of outfit the new wing had no superior on the Continent.

Another parochial institution that does great and noble work is Loretto Academy, Bond street, where over 120 pupils are taught, under direction Rev. Mother Catharine. It has a night school attached, which does preparatory work for the normal schools under the charge of Loretto nuns.

There is also the De la Salle Collegiate Institute, conducted by the Christian Brothers, whose head is Rev. Brother Edward. A novitiate is attached, where novices are received for the brotherhood. In this institute there are over 700 pupils. Then there is the High School for girls, under the charge of the Sisters of St. Joseph. In all of these blessed seats of instruction the youthful mind is set in the direction of moral religious virtues, and leaving these halls with the stamp of goodness on their souls these deductions of the world will never be wholly to profit it from their hearts.

Ap art from what is above named the