My Faith.

I've heard enlightened persons say
With show of logic keen and clever,
"The world will roll in the ancient way,
And the honest man will be down forever.
Honor and Truth are an idle dream;
Self is the rule good sense advises,
Worth will sink like the dregs in the stream
And the sun will shine on all that rises."
But I say No,
It cannot be so!
And if my reasons must be given,
So weak am I,
That my sole reply
Is, "A just Goo sits on the throne of heaven."

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When men grow rich, by the fraud of years, Loll in their rooms, or coaches splendid, Laugh when they hear of the poor man's tears And say it is all as Heaven intended:

When proudly neath the summer sky, Deceiver, Har, cheat, and spoiler

With gaudy gilt go flashing by,
And scorn the eare-worn, thin-clad toller,
Still an I weak
Enough to speak.

My changeless faith in the old, old story—
That marry's frust
That God is just
And virtue still the way to glory.

— T. D. Sullivan, M. D.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

N. Y. Catholic Review.

One of the most striking illustrations of the liberality of the Catholic Church in contrast with the natural bigotry and exclusiveness of Protestantism, 18 furnished by the different treatment of Catholics and Protestants, in the matter Catholics and Protestants, in the matter of educational privileges, in the two Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec. In Ontario, where Protes-tants are in the majority, Primary Catholics olic schools are recognized by the Goverment and supported under the separate system, but there are no such things as publicly-sustained Catholic high schools; or Catholic normal schools; or a Catholic Council of Public Instruction. In Catholic Quebec, on the contrary, where the population is overwhelmingly Catholic, the most liberal provision is made for the Protestant minority. Under the denominational system, which works so splendidly in Quebec there are State-supported Protestant elementary schools. Protestant high schools, a Protestant normal school and a Protestant Council of Public Instruction. Now in view of this striking disparity in favor of Catholic liberality one would suppose that a sense of shame, not to speak of a better motive, would induce the Protestants to make haste to be at least as liberal as Catholics in their educational arrangements, especially in view of the fact that the arrangements in Quebec work so well and are so gener ally satisfactory.

Pittsburg Catholic.

Does the Church in France desired freedom? Then cut loose from the State. A church allied to a State is hampered, choked, its sphere of useful-ness is abridged. If clerics look to the State for their salaries, they must expect to be limited in their freedom.

The new era has dawned. Let there be an absolute divorce from the old regime. The young republic of the western world, with the marvellous growth of the Church within its bor-

ders, points out the way.

Catholic Columbian. Every day is a mile-stone passed on our way to eternity. Every second takes us a step nearer the grave. The hours are passing. No hand can stay tide or time. Queen Elizabeth, on her death-bed, moaned aloud for one more hour of life, but when her last moment came, throne and sceptre were of no avail. So, with us -every tick of the clock checks off so much more of our time past, so much nearer the end. Let us rejoice that what we call life is passing away We are going home. Our Father is there. Our relatives are there. Our friends are there. That is our abiding-place forever. Let us be glad that we are hastening thither. There sickness will be over, sorrow shall be unknown, trouble will not intrude, and "God shall wipe away the tears from every eye." Blessed be His name, we are going home!

Among the penances anciently in flicted on public sinners, was to sentthem to stand outside of the church and beg the prayers of those who were privileged to enter during the whole time of catechism, preaching and Holy Mass. Sometimes they stood there barefooted, and always bare-headed, and not infrequently with ropes around their necks. This was especially the case with the Traditores, betrayers of the Sacred Books in Africa. Nowadays, a great many public sinners stand around the doors of the church during Mass. They are not penitents, however, but loungers. If they would preserve the fitness of things, then they would put ropes around their necks, and say to those entering the church: "Pray to God for me, that I may regain my faith, and my reverence and love for Him who died for me on the cross, so that I may not be ashamed or afraid to go nigh to His altar while He immolates Himself for me."

Boston Pilot.

In reading the oracular utterances of Sir Edwin Arnold, K. C. I. E. C. I., on things in general and the affairs of the universe in particular, one is tempted to address him in the words of John Leech's butcher to a fellow-craftsman: "I don't know as I ever knowed a man as knows as much as you knows!" Sir Edwin was caught by a Chicago reporter, last week, and straightway delivered himself on the Anglo-Russian trouble: "Yes, yes, British blood has been spilled

know the English Government without the faintest show of hesitancy, but with great gravity, will demand satisfaction. Of course a fort was taken, but it was promptly recaptured, though I sincerely regret to say at the cost of some British blood." After washing his hands of this gory subject, Sir Edwin spoke of the Future of Literature, praising Walt Whitman and Longfellow and Eugene Field and Tennyson; of Japan, and Science, and Music, and Art, and most other things which may begin with a capital letter, including Himself and Home Rule. He approves of Himself, but not of Home Rule. "I must state," he said, that while I am a personal friend of Mr. Gladstone, Iam hisopponent, politically." Home Rule, he thought, would mean civil war inside of six weeks. but that was a thing hardly worth conwith Parnell, and I think it died happily. It will be revived sometime, but not in this century." But suppose the Czar should not be so tremendously impressed by the sanctity of "British bleed," and should not be the Parnir. blood," and should push the Pamir question to a fighting settlement, what of the death of the Irish question We think that Sir Edwin and his countrymen would find it a very lively ghost, not to be laid by poetical Podsnap in all his majesty. Ave Maria.

Thirty-five years ago, in the little town of Ellsworth, Me., the Rev. Father Bapst, S. J., was tarred and feathered by Protestant fanatics for exercising the duties of his sacred calling. In the same town, a few weeks ago, another Catholic priest, the Rev. T. F. Butler, delivered by invitation an address before a meeting of ministers held there. Father Butler's address was an able paper, and, while not offensively antagonistic, gave the reverend gentlemen who listened to him a number of points that may well occupy their best attention for some time to come.

Signor Crispi, late chief manager of United Italy, and active persecutor of the Church, is supposed by some Americans to be a well-informed man in all international questions. We have been told that he thoroughly understands American institutions and loves them ardently. He says, in the December number of the North American Review, that he admits three forms of religion as worthy of place in the world : the Oriental Orthodox, the Roman Catholic, and the American. "The American and the American. "The American Church," he tells us blandly, sweetly naively, "has for its chief a magistrate who acts as Bishop and as king." We do not think Mr. Porter, our able Minister at Rome, ever told him this. It is possible that somebody has translated Mark Twain or Bill Nye into the language of Italian diplomacy. And Signor Crispi is a statesman!

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON.

PARISH OF PICTON. Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

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The ladies of St. Gregory's congregation have been busily engaged for the past month making preparations for the grand bazaar which has been in operation for the past four days in the Town Hall, and successfully terminated on Thursday evening by a grand promenade concert. Father McDonagh was superintendent of affairs. The different ladies and gentlemen, under his direction, made a most perfect organization. Never in promenade concert. Father McDonagh was superintendent of affairs. The different ladies and gentlemen, under his direction, made a most perfect organization. Never in the history of the parish has there been a more successful bazaar held or a larger sum realized. The best of good feeling prevailed during the proceedings, not only among his own congregation but our fellow-citizens of all denominations helped to make our bazaar the grand success it was. I might here mention that Father McDonagh has not only endeared himself to the Catholics during his short stay in Picton and vicinity, but the Protestant community hold him in high esteem, which was evinced by the large numbers who attended the bazaar nightly. The great contest between D. C. Millar and Dr. Platt, for the elegant gold-headed came presented by the C. M. B. A., also created a great deal of excitement. The voting was spirited on both sides. The Dr. proved to be too strong for Mr. Millar, and won the handsome came by six hundred majority. After Father McDonagh announced the state of the polls the wildest excitement prevailed for some time, so elated were the Doctor's many friends. The Doctor received congratulations from Reform and Tory alike. The crowd wanted a speech. The Doctor then ascended the platform and spoke eloquently in his usual good style, saying he would ever prize dearly the magnificent cane the Catholies won for him to-day.

The contest for the lady's gold watch, between five young ladies of the congregation, created quite a flutter of friendly excitement. Each young lady's friends worked hard, and a handsome sum was realized. Miss Lizzie Horrigan was successful in winning the watch. Miss Horrigan, of Syracuse, held the lucky number on the gent's gold watch.

The Citizens Band farnished music during the bazaar.

Father McDonagh has a right to feel proud at the signal success of his bazaar. From the start to the close he worked luncersingly for the success of his hard. An organizer and manager he has no peer.

The handsome sum of nearly \$

I. C. B. U., Hamilton.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS—BRANCH NO. 3.

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C. RANGER, Rec. Sec.

I suppose people never feel so much like

glo-Russian trouble: "Yes, yes, tish blood has been spilled Pamir, and of course you Tables angels as when they are doing what little good they may.—Hawthorne, House of Seven Gables.

ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO.

Interesting Ceremony at Port Credit.

Streetsville Review, Dec. 24, 1891. A very beautiful and interesting ceremony took place at the Cataolic church, Port Credit, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, viz., the blessing and consecration of a handsome bell purchased by Father Trayling from McNealey Bros., of Troy, N. The church was exquisitely decorated with wreaths of evergreen, and the altar was artistically arrayed with lighted tapers and with flowers, all of which was supervised by the rev. pastor, who seems to be an adept in the unique arrangement of matters of that kind.

Kind.

This was but a preparation to make more solemn the blessing and consecration of the bell—an office inherent in the Episcopacy—which, owing to unavoidable circumstances, was delegated by His Grace the Archbishop to the Very Rev. Vicar-General Rooney for the above mentioned occasion.

The church was filled to overflowing, all anxiously looking for the advent of His Grace the Archbishop, who, on account of illness, could not be present; and only after the lucid and satisfactory explanation of his Vicar-General, Rev. F. P. Rooney, were the hearts of the people satisfied to abandon the longing look for the face of their belowed Archbishop. Then the Rev. Vicar-General, twested in amice, 4th, stole and cope, began the solemn ceremony of blessing and consecrating the bell to the honor of God, and, placing it under the invocation of the Mother of God, named it "Star of the Sea." Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann, Father Trayling and Father Duffy were present. Father Trayling sang the Mass, at which Father Duffy acted as master of ceremonies.

At the end Very Rev. Vicar-General McCann ascended the altar and delivered, in his own dignified and cloquent manner, a powerful discourse relative to the ceremony of the day, the following being a synopsis:

To understand the meaning of the beautiful ceremony you have just witnessed—the blessing of a bell—it is necessary to call to mind that in the beginning God created all things good that is adapted to the double end of their existence, the glory of God and the physical and moral welfare of man. But by sin man fell beneath the power of the demon, and the malign influence of the spirit of darkness was felt by all creatures dependant on man. God did not abandon, however, the work of His hands, and Christ our Lord came in the fulness of time to cast out the devil and destroy his empire. God can restrain the devil and destroy his empire of the spirit of darkness was felt by all creatures dependant on man, God did not abandon, however, the work of the benefit of the propriety of

over by Dr. Vardon, and resulted as follows:—

TABLE NO. 1.

Bishop Dowling's portrait, 23, K. Krappier, St. Agatha; 310 gold piece, 275, S. Siggins, Woodstock; easy chair, 311, J. F. Chaine, Dundas; ottoman, 90, Wm. Genfeld, Woodstock; sewing machine, 67, A. R. Dunham, Hamilton; wahnut clock, 115, L. Buckel, Hamburg; china tea set, 256, J. Philips, Preston; gold-headed cane, 64, Rev. J. S. O'Leary, Freelion; lamp, 54, Mrs. McCaffray, Hespeler; biscuit bowl, 59, Mrs. M. F. Goodwin, Strafford; comforter, 84, Mrs. J. Campbell, Galt; ton of coal, 49, Mrs. C. Bart, Galt; fur cape, 36, Lizzie Little, Galt; box of tea, 51, R. Patrick, Galt; tolled set, 76, Mary Riddle, Galt; China flower pot, 73, Dolly Lanigan, Galt; brile doll, 200, Margie Kelly, Galt; footrest, 43, R. Patrick, Galt.

REFRIESHMENT TABLE.

FOURSTORY dish and spoon, 118, Mr. Sinclair,

Berry dish and snoon, 118, Mr. Sinclair, Guelph; silver cruet, 70, 8, A. Heifernan, Guelph; Smyrna rugs, 211, Teresa Fogarty, Rochester; \$5 gold piece, 324, P. F. Madden, Rochester; barrel of Jersey Lily flour, 127, P. Walsh, Hamilton; plush satchel, 6, Mr.

Moll, Hamilton; oil painted panel, 62, M.
Hagarity, Hamilton; Rev. R. T. Burke's
portrait, 127, Rev. E. P. Slaven, Galt; antique rocker, 95, Mrs. J. Weber, Galt; silver
butter cooler, 23, M. Biggar, Galt; drawn
work scarf, 49, M. Coleman, Galt; Rev. J.
Feeney's portrait, 7, Rev. E. P. Slaven, Galt;
parlor table and scarf, 60, D. Hogan, Galt;
box of cigars, 183, F. G. Wells, Galt; china
cheese dish, 105, T. F. Barrett, Galt; counterpane, 70, Rev. E. P. Slaven, Galt; dressing
gown, 64, W. F. Coulthard, Galt; knight doll,
57, Ida McKeown, Galt; handsome painting,
167, M. T. McCowell, Galt; barrel of purity
flour, 91, Daisy Connor, Galt; doll, 696,
Idella Spellan, Galt; mechanical toy, 56, W.
Radigan, Galt; pair of blankets, I. L. Gorman, Galt; cake, 91, Mrs. Gress, Galt; box of
candy, 6, K. Clark, Galt.

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REFRESHMENT.
Miss M. Egan, President; Miss M. E.
Johnson, Secretary; Miss M. E. Connor Johnson, Secretary; Miss M. E. Connor, Treasurer.
The following musical talent volunteered their services: Miss Rena Heffernan, Toronto conservatory of music; Mr. Chas. Walstenholme soloist, Galt; Mr. Fred Bond, concertinist, Galt; choruses by the members of the Orphans' Society; also the following literary talent: Miss Mabel Doran, elocutionist, Guelph; Mary, O'Brien elocutionist, Hamilton; accompanists, Mrs Walstenholme and Miss Ada Stevens, Galt. Miss Hena Heffernan, the well-known sweet sopranoist, shows that she is rapidly improving under her trained teachers and promises to be a great success as a soloist.

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Although the weather yesterday was not as favorable as desired, at an early hour scores of all classes of citizens could be seen wending their way to the late residence of a comparison of the comparison of th

THE EDUCATION ACT.

To the Editor of the Winnipeg Tribune:
SIR—In Saturday's issue of the Tribune the school question and its supposed evil concomitants is treated at considerable length, to a part of which exception may justly be taken, and you will, no doubt, with your usual desire for fair play, give space in your columns for a few comments thereon.
The school question in Manitoba has been pretty well threshed out, and it is but a waste of time to worry over it any further until the decision of the Privy Council has been obtained, except inasmuch as the fanatics may wish to use it to promote strife and ill-feeling among a people who had lived together in peace and harmony up to the time that the Martin Act was sprung upon them. Previous to that period the schools, both Catholic and Protestant, were in a very efficient state; no complaints were made except, perhaps, by some meddling busybodies, who are never at peace with themselves except, perhaps, by some meddling busybodies, who are never at peace with themselves except, perhaps, by some meddling busybodies, who are never at peace with themselves except, perhaps, by some meddling busybodies, who are never at peace with themselves except, perhaps, by some meddling busybodies, who are never at peace of others. The pessimistic writer in the Tribane draws a sad picture of the "abomination of desolation" that is to overtake our unhappy country if the Catholics are not deprived of their constitutional right to give a Christian education to their children; the same rights that have been assured to them in common with the Episcopalians and Presbyterians—rights which they enjoyed and were willing to accord to others when they were largely in the anjoiity, but which, now that they are in the minority, a few enthusiasts would deprive them if they could. Your writer, in a spirit of holy frenzy, asks in a sepulchral tone:

"Shall this country be tied to ignorance through two words (by practice) in an act of parliament?" and "shall one Church, which finds its profits in the by Mr. Prank Moher. The crawing of the Christmas Queen by the girls of the school was a very acceptable part of the programme and was well performed. A comic song by Mr. Edward Lessly wolly and so presistently encored that Mr. Leahy had to reappear, much against his will however, for though his abilities are great his excessive modesty near photored by the excessive modesty near photored by the excessive modesty near photored by the exteemed and energetic pastor of the parish of Doure, the Roy. Father Keitely, in which, in a few appropriate and well-closent words, he complimented militored by them in the proformance of the several parts allotted to them; their teacher, Miss McTrath, on the success of the entertainment, which was in a great manifested by her in the discharge of her duries as teacher of the school; the ladies and genthem who kindly gave their valuable assistance on the occasion, and the participant of the several parts allotted to them; which is a standard of the complement of the several parts allotted to them; their teacher, Miss McTrath, on the success of the entertainment, which was in a great manifested by her in the discharge of her duries as teacher of the school; the ladies and genthem who kindly gave their valuable assistance on the occasion, and the participant of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the standard of the several parts allotted to them; the several parts allotted to the several parts allotted to them; the st

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The election in Waterford County on the 23rd, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Richard Power, passed off without serious disturbance. The McCarthyites and Parnellites worked hard all day in the interests of their respective candidates, and, though there were many wordy arguments, yet, as a whole, the election was remarkably quiet. The McCarthyites were confident of victory, even going so far as to say how much their majority would be. The official announcement made this morning, however, shows they were over-confident, and that the Parnellites have won the seat. This is the first by-election won by that section of the Irish party since the split in the party occurred, and they are, of course, correspondingly jubilant. The returns show that John E. Kedmond (Parnellite) received 1,725 votes, and Michael Davitt (McCarthylie), 1,220. Mr. Redmond is highly elated by his success.

Successful Educationists.

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The Christian Brothers, from Ireland, have charge of all the boys' schools in St. Johns, Nild., and within the last two years have also assumed control of St. Bonaventure's College, in that city, and have made wonderful improvements in the institution. The Superior is Rev. J. L. Slatterly, one of the most finished scholars on this side of the Adantic. Parents may feel assured that if they place their children in charge of Brother Slattery a training will be given them which will fit them for any position which they may desire to fill in the world's busy mart; and not only this, they may also feel convinced that a kind, fatherly care is always at hand in time of sickness.

A Fine Presen .

Rev. Father Allain, of St. Mary's parish, seems to have won his way completely into the hearts of the people of Port Dalhousie. His parishioners there made him an elegant present a year ago, and this Christmas they surprised him by giving him a magnificent swinging water pitcher of elaborate workmanship and design, and with a Christmas greeting neatly engraved on it. The rev. gentleman referred very feelingly to the kindness of the Day, and thanked them cordially for their expression of esteem.—St. Cathartnes Star, Dec. 26.

A Fiendish Act.

While midnight Mass, in celebration of the Christmas festival, was being performed in a church in the city of Valencia, four bombs exploded in the editice in rapid succession. The high altar was destroyed, and several persons who were standing near it were injured. The side of the church was completely wrecked, and a number of the worshippers were bruised by the falling debris. Two persons were arrested on suspicion of having exploded the bombs.

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Monsignor Charles Emile Freppel, Bishop of Angers and leader of the clerical party in the French Chamber of Deputies, is dead.

It transpires that members of the Jesuit order formerly residents of Paris have of late been quietly returning to that city. These movements have attracted the attention of the government. The Minister of Education has ordered that a report on the subject be compiled, for the purpose of submitting it to the Cabinet.

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