

Milton wrote a sensible poem, called "Canterbury Tales."

Henry II, got drinking intoxicating liquors until he was commonly called drunk."

Magna Charta was so that the people should not worship the place where Moses died."

Magna Charta was ordered by the king to be beheaded. He fled to Italy, but was captured and executed."

"Free trade means not connected with any other establishment and charging no discount."

Finally a boy described Henry II, as doing penance for his share in Thomas-a-Becket's death by walking bar-foot and receiving whacks with a birch," a style of penance with which, we take it, the candidate was not personally unacquainted. The publication of these answers has brought forth a flood of recollections of similar blunders, one of the newest being that of an under-graduate who last year rendered a passage from Sophocles. "It is a fearful thing for a public man of reputation to have a public reputation for lying," while another made Theocritus say—not. The four year-old seal was broken from the mouth of the wine-jars, but—The monkey was scratching from his head the dirt of four years standing. It may be doubted whether these answers would not be eclipsed in ludicrousness by a series of selections from our own civil service reform examination papers, nor is there any parallel among them for this melodious description of the suspense of the English people during the Prince of Wales's illness ten years ago, which is taken from an English college poem, the author of which must have expected a prize, else he would not have entered the competition.

And day by day the electric message came.

The Prince no better, but still much the same!

Let this couplet be an awful warning to worthy folk who may think of imitating President Garfield's hours of convalescence by calling on the poets for prize poems.—*N. Y. World.*

#### THE COLLEGE OF OTTAWA.

Among the educational establishments of the Dominion, the College of Ottawa is to be found in the first rank. It is an institution of which the Catholics of Canada have reason to be proud, and especially the people of Ottawa, for it has grown up with their beautiful city and kept pace with its material and intellectual progress. The Old-time Fathers who were the first missionaries to arrive in Canada, after it became an English colony, whose name is a household word in the city of Ottawa and in almost every Catholic home in the Dominion, have spared neither trouble nor expense to make this College fit to compete with any institution of the kind in North America. Not only do students from all parts of Canada hasten thither to profit of the many advantages which it affords, but its fame has spread to the neighboring Republic, and every state and almost every city in the Union has representatives among the students of Ottawa. No wonder then, as will be seen by the following extracts taken from among many others, that not only our own city papers, but the most influential journals of Canada and the United States are loud in their praises of the College of Ottawa.

"This institution which has in a great measure adopted the English University system has been rapidly growing in favour for the past thirty-three years, and now stands in the first rank of classical and commercial colleges in the Dominion. *Canadian (Montreal).*

"In the Catholic University of Ottawa, the course of study has been adapted to the requirements of the country and is such as will enable our Catholic young men to high successfully the battle of life. *True Witness, (Montreal)*

"Every Catholic in the Dominion should manifest a lively interest in this one of the greatest Catholic educational institutions in the country, in which English is the official language and is taught with special care, and which having a University charter may yet be developed into a successful though friendly rival to the great institutions of Toronto, Montreal and Quebec. *The Tribune, (Toronto)*

It is with pleasure that we bring under the notice of parents the old-established and well-known institution of the Oblate Fathers of Mary Immaculate, the College of Ottawa. Under the patronage of St. Joseph, this institution for over thirty years has formed to virtue and learning a large portion of the youth of Canada and the United States. It is the *Ursa Mater* of the present Bishop of Ottawa and of several most prominent men in the Dominion of Canada, men who have distinguished themselves in every walk of life. *Irish Constitution, (Toronto)*

The thorough, comprehensive and practical course of studies followed at the College of Ottawa, its numerous and highly efficient staff of professors, together with its central and attractive situation have endeavored to make it widely and very favorably known

throughout the Dominion and in the different states of the neighboring Republic. *Catholic Record, (London, Ont)*

The *Tablet, Catholic Herald, and Weekly Union*, of New York, the *Pilot* of Boston, the *Western Home Journal* of Detroit, the *Pilot* of Chicago, the *North Western Chronicle* of St. Paul, Minn., and many other American journals re-echo the praises of the Canadian papers and highly recommend the College of Ottawa as a medium of religious and secular education.

It would be unworthy then of the Catholics of the Diocese of Ottawa, not to patronize an institution of which even strangers are proud and which has done so much to supply the diocese with pious and learned ecclesiastics and lay men, conspicuous as well for their virtues as for their talents and deep intellectual acquirements.

#### IMPORTANT WANTS

We publish elsewhere in this issue a very able and timely article from our contemporary the *Catholic Shield* of Ottawa. We endorse that article with our whole heart, and join the *Shield* in calling public attention to the wants of the Separate School system in this Province, and reminding Catholic parents that they are not in full possession of their educational rights, for which they are bound to agitate, and which they must demand, till the wants are satisfied.

During the past week we have seen that the members of the Teachers' Association were in session to consider the needs and drawbacks of the Public Schools, and to make known to the Minister of Education the result of their deliberation, but there was to me in the meeting to point out what might tend to promote the interests of the Separate Schools, none to say a single word in their favor. Can it be that the Separate Schools are so well provided for by law, so thoroughly equipped and managed, that no alterations in the law are necessary, no improvements possible? Would that it were so! But alas! it is not so. It is meet, therefore, that the supporters of Catholic Education should raise their voices and make themselves be heard before the bar of public opinion, otherwise their claims will be ignored, their rights be trampled upon, and the Catholic youth of the country will suffer an irreparable loss.

We want the Minister of Education and the public to know that the Catholics of Ontario should enjoy the same educational rights and privileges as the Catholics of Quebec granted to the Protestants of that Province. To be placed on equal footing with the Protestants of the sister Province, the Catholics of Ontario must have their own School Inspectors, their own training schools for teachers, and be represented in the Council of Public Instruction, or Central Committee. The taxes that they are now paying to High Schools and collegiate Institutes should go to the support of the Separate Schools, so as to raise their standard and render them more efficient, and what they contribute for the support of Model and Normal Schools should be given to training schools for Catholic teachers.

To a portion of the school rates, paid by companies and all corporate institutions, the Separate Schools are justly entitled, because in such companies or firms Catholics have vested rights, either by becoming shareholders or by paying a part of the bonus granted them. With a Deputy Minister of Education that will look after the interests of Separate Schools, with a Catholic Board of Examiners to grant certificates to teachers, along with the requirements mentioned above, the Catholics will be in possession of their educational rights and upon an equal footing with the Protestant minority of the latter Province. Such, then, are the chief wants of our schools, and for such we must agitate—*Irish Canadian.*

We shall return to this subject next month, when we hope to be able to quote the views of some of the most eminent Separate School teachers in the Province—Ed

The following is a record of the Belleville Separate Schools, at the examinations held during the past year for High School Entrance and Teachers' Certificates: 1.—Nine pupils have passed the High School Entrance Examination, a pupil from the Separate Schools heading the list of successful candidates from the City Schools on two occasions. 11.—At the recent High School Entrance Examination, Mary Durand took 408 and James Dolan, but twelve years of age, 392 marks out of a possible 500. 11.—Two pupils took Third Class Certificates last summer, and five who have written for Second Class certificates at the recent examination are yet to be heard from, three of them being only fourteen years of age.