of daring spirits-the Young Ireland party. Revolution was the watchword, but enthusiasm was never yet a match for the wondrous implements of modern warfare.

History tells us of their failure to burst the chains that bound their native land, but it tells us also of the revolution they effected in the minds and hearts of their countrymen. Their ballad and prose writings chanted the anthems of Ireland's pristine glorieshow her saints and scholars shed the lustre of science and sanctity upon her shores; and how her warriors-before treason divided her children-cast off, and more than once, the invader. Such was their task, and right well was it accomplished; for Lords Macaulay and Jeffries and Matthew Arnold do not hesitate to say that the Young Ireland poets produced a collection of poems, songs and ballads that were a distinct gain to the literature of the world, and created a desire among Irishmen to know more of their country's history.

Thomas Davis, Gavan Duffy, Lady Wylde, Clarence Mangan and Judge O'Hagan are names that will live forever in the memory of Irishmen. Their writings, judged by the cold rules of technique, are not perfect, but as outpourings of fervid hearts, as songs that tell of martial glory, and more peaceful scenes, they are unsurpassed. Campbell, we venture to say, has not written a more inspiring ballad than the long-swinging poem of Davis "On Fontenoy."

The lecturer spoke of the influence of Celtic literature on Shakespeare, so evident in Hamlet.

From the fourth to the tenth century Ireland's sons gave the bright light of Christianity and literature to every nation in Europe. The names of St. Brendan, Palladius, Isidore, are known to every student of history.

of much good. It may dispel the error from the Englishmen who fondly imagine that English it has failed. If met with courage it literature owes no debt to Ireland, and it may teach them that their ancestors were uncouth and savage barbarians when Irishmen were leading humanity up the avenues that lead to civiliza-

BIGOTRY AT A DISCOUNT.

From our exchanges, and especially from an interesting communication sent to the Catholic Universe, of Cleveland, Ohio, we learn some particulars of the doings of the A. P. A. in the flourishing town of Ashtabula in that State. The facts show that, with determined action, the machinations of a clique that operates in darkness may be frustrated even in the midst of a very Protestant community.

Catholics are no weaker in Ontario than in Ohio, and Ashtabula has no larger proportion of Catholic citizens than most towns of Ontario, and the A. P. A. bigots Ontario, and the A. P. A. bigots majority of our divisons, both thought it a suitable place to try their in race and creed, are the direct power and influence. For this pur-result of the appeals made by the un-sertly directed their efforts a few scrupulous and lower grades of party pose they directed their efforts a few days ago towards the defeat of a Catholic candidate for the office of Councilman, and of two Protestant gentlemen of the Board of Education whom they considered too favorable to Catholics. All three were eminently fitted for the positions they sought, and the two Protestants had served ably and faithfully on the School Board for years, but they were objectionable to the bigots, who openly proclaimed their intention to defeat them. The Catholics of the town wished for no favor, but as a matter of justice they objected to be proscribed on account of their religion, and on this issue the contest took place, with the result that the three gentlemen who were marked out by the A. P. A. for defeat were victorious, the two Protestants by very large majorities, and the Catholic Councilman by a majority of fifty. It is evident from this that the respect able Protestants disapprove of the methods of the bigots, for without their aid this result would not have been attained.

The Democratic Standard, a paper edited by a respectable and able Protestant, took occasion to say, under the heading, "Time to Call a Halt,"

"Probably there is no religious denomination in America which is abused and slandered more than the Roman Catholic Church, yet we boast of our wonderful civilization and free dom of thought, speech and press, and we also talk frequently about 'charity,' freedom of worship, etc. Nothing has and candid man will be, No: and we pained us more than to read such have no hesitation in saying that the seditious and slanderous articles as have been recently published in several western (Nebraska) papers, about the Roman Catholic Church and the Pope. These attacks are outrages and by elbowing his way through, and rebeneath the notice of true Americans. sorting to all the little tricks of little

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pure hatred.
"It is time that true American patriotism should speak out its dis-approval of such un-American methods. Such sectarian and narrow-minded effusions are far beneath the spirit which laid the foundations of a free people under a free government. It is said there are organizations in various parts of our free country whose chief purpose is to create a narrow sectarian spirit. If this is so it is time that the press and pulpit and all liberty-loving citizens cried out against such short-sightedness. If we are to have a really free country we must show unto others such charity as we would that they should manifest to

The course of the P. P. A., whose ritual we made public last week, is similar to that of the A. P. A. of the United States, and they must be met by Catholics with calmness and determination equal to that shown by the Catholics of Ashtabula.

We may record here that in January last, at the municipal elections, a similar contest took place in Brockville, Ont., with similar results. The notorious Mrs. Margaret L. Shepherd was the moving spirit on the side of fanaticism, and it was stated by the Brockville Recorder that the editorial chair of the Times was actually given to her during the campaign that she might conduct the fray. The result was the utter rout of the bigots. In three wards out of five the P. P. A. candidates were defeated, and one successful gentleman of one of the two remaining wards also publicly repudiated the P. P. A. cause. One of the candidates in this case was a Catholic, and it was the design of the fanatics to burn him in effigy after his defeat, but they were spared the trouble.

We take pleasure in mentioning such facts as these as they serve to show that fanaticism is not so potent a force in our Province as those who have given themselves up to it would, by their loud boasting, have us be-The lecture will be productive lieve. It has before made as strenuous efforts to take control of the reins of Government as it is doing now, and will fail again. Of course it will have some local triumphs; this is to be expected: but the liberal sentiments of the public will be sufficient to secure the general triumph for the cause of toleration and equity.

HARD HITTING.

Mr. John A. Cornell, a prominent farmer of Beverley Tp., county of Wentworth, has a strong letter in the Galt Reporter of May 12th, in which he administers a very severe but well deserved castigation to the political Witkins Micawbers who are now glorying in the little tempest in a teapot they are raising on creed and race issues. The following extracts from his able letter will be read with inter est

"I appeal to every honest and candid man in Canada, when we sayand we say it without a fear of successful contradiction-that a very large politicians and party heelers. . . . The laws of Canada give an undis

puted right to every man to worship God in any way that he or she sees fit, unmolested, so long as that form is not immoral. I ask: What more can people ask? What more do they want? Anything more would be to ask something unreasonable; and unreasonable; and then, the principle laid down by the great Founder over eighteen hundred years ago was, "Peace and Good Will." It was intended to act as a strong cord to bind the whole human family together. Mankind emanated

is to make people believe that they have been wronged. We say with such ground to work on it gives these men plenty of room to work at their mean and contemptible trade with no higher motives than pitting race and creed against race and creed-trying to set one kind of employment against another;—and then want to crown this ragged looking edifice by asking to be placed at the head of affairs so that they could make laws to consummate these designs. Such leaders have only to be looked at to be despised. Let me ask every honest and candid Catholic in Canada to day what they suffered by having for 25 or 30 years a Protestant Prime Minister; or let me ask every honest Protestant whether ey suffered any wrong because John McDonald, a Catholic, was Prime Minister of Ontario; or, take it at the present time, do the Catholics suffer because Sir Oliver Mowat is at the head of the Ontario Government, or do the Protestants suffer because Sir John Thompson is at the head of the Dominion Government; and the answer that will come back from every honest and candid man will be, No: and we

advocate of such pernicious principles

is not only an enemy to Canada, but he is an enemy to his race, and

should he ever get to the top it will be

notice them it will only do so by alluding to them as a national calamity, a scourge that is more to be dreaded than the pestilence or the famine. To counteract and to overthrow such a principle, and instead of encouraging strife and divisions between the different races, creeds and religions, to throw down the bars that divide us, let us rally, without any distinction of race, creed or color, into one grand funera procession, and bury our little differences, our prejudices and our want of liberality, and make this Canada of ours one of the fairest lands under the

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sun.'

Ir is stated that the Princess of Wales, the Duke of York, and his sister showed more than ordinary respect to Pope Leo XIII. on the occasion of their visit to him just before leaving Rome. Contrary to the usual custom of Protestant princes and princesses, they kissed the Holy Father's hand; the usual course being for Protestants merely to shake hands with the Holy Father.

COUNT DE MUNN, at the Toulouse Catholic Congress, showed again how justly he held his title as a leader of French Catholics. He outlined the mission of the Church with regard to capital and labor and pleaded for the re-establishment of Christianity in his country. It was a most eloquent and forcible address, and will no doubt remove much misrepresentation of the Papal policy.

The New York Sun is enthusiastic in its desire to see foreigners who immigrate into America become Americanized, but it does not propose that this shall be effected by persecuting them on account of their religion, as the A. P. A. would do, or the P. P. A. on our side of the line. The Sun thus defines the Americanism it would wish to see established:

"There are lots of people now in this country who stand very much in need of Americanization. Ameri canism means freedom, political and and religious, the right to choose one's own party and one's own religion, the right of personal independence in all matters of opinion without prejudice to one's good name in the community. We desire to Americanize all the Christians, Jews, Pagans, Infidels, foreigners and natives in this country, whether they be of the white, black, red, brown or yellow race. In the word Americanize there is a lotty idea, an organic characteristic, construc-tive idea. The continued existence of our Republican-Democratic system can be maintained only under Americanism.

It does not even propose to force its Americans of foreign birth to give up their language-though time will, of course, bring this about as they become more and more intimately associated with their English-speaking

men; and should history ever deign to encyclical letter said to have emanated from Pope Leo XIII., commanding Catholics to rise in arms next September to seize the Government of the United States. It was pretended that one of the employees or reporters picked up a copy of this encyclical, which had fallen out of a priest's pocket.

CATHOLIC PRESS.

Baltimore Mirror.

A good deal of derision is expended upon the ex-priest, Loyson Hyacinthe, who is said to be in serious finan cial difficulties, and who, at least, has closed his church in Paris for want of support. His wife also failed in this ountry in her mission of seeking aid. The Protestants gave some excellent advice about carrying on a vigorous combat against the errors of Rome, but no money. And now M. Loyson, who is approaching seventy, probably finds it a serious matter to obtain a subsistence. An old man in this strait, notwithstanding it is by his own fault, is to be pitied. His mistake was the same that others have made. In his pride he thought he would be able to pit himself successfully against the Church of God, and he has fallen. The crowds he expected to rush to his support did not do so. The unfrocked priest with a wife—is there a more unseemly, a more painful spectacle? Even Protestants, although they may say nothing, instinctively find in it something repugnant.

Ave Maria.

Probably by the time this reaches the eye of the reader, the Mohammedan propaganda of Mr. Alexander Russell Webb will be in full force. Mr. Webb is a native of New York, and our late Consul to Manila, resigning his position to become a missionary of the faith of the Prophet. About eleven years ago he undertook the study of the Oriental languages, and came to consider the system of Mohammed the only remedy for the ills which afflict Christianity. He believes that the time is near when Islam will once more be the glory of the world and the teacher and example of mankind. It can not be denied that there is a revival of interest among the more spiritual division of Mohammedans, but we have no idea that this renegade Christian is to work any very notable change in the pre judices or beliefs of his native land He may, however, serve to strengthen the faith of the weak and cement the bonds which bind the followers of the Cross together. God has often used the false enthusiasm of Islam as a scourge to rebuke indifference.

Catholic Times.

What strange events the whirligig of time turns out! Pittsburg has for the first time elected a Catholic Mayor. We remember very distinctly when this same city elected by an over-whelming majority Joe Barker, a notorious anti-Catholic street preacher, after a riotous anti-Catholic and anti-Irish canvass. As McKenna is the name of the newly elected Magistrate we infer that he is an Irishman. those irrepressible Irish! How they will persist in forging ahead and coming to the front! The cry in the ing to the front! The cry in the Smoky City in Barker's time was:

STRATFORD SEPARATE SCHOOL.

Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.

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Catholic education in Stratford, the Classic City, is in a flourishing condition. The Board of Trustees is a live body of men—with the Rev. Dr. Kilroy at its head—to whose zeal and ever-increasing interest and watchfulness is very largely due the eminently satisfactory condition of affairs with our neighbors.

The school house consists of a very handsome white brick structure with ornamental stone facings, containing six commodious and well lighted class-rooms fitted and furnished with all necessary apparatus and modern conveniences. The ceilings are of wood, and the walls are tinted apple-green, which is now considered the best color for school-rooms. There are two large play-rooms in the basement, intended to recreation rooms in wet or very cold weather.

The building also contains a large and handsome hall do by 40—well seated and with a permanent stage. This hall, which has only lately been completed, is intended to be used by the St. Anthony Literary Society, which is doing a good work here, especially amongst our young people; the calisthenic classes, and generally for all purposes necessary to the Catholic people.

Great attention has been paid in the erection of this fine structure, to ventilation, and indeed to everything which could in any way add to the confort of both teachers and pupils; all of which was most carefully looked atter by the rev. chairman, who has made a study of this very important subject.

Ten thousand dollars have been spent on the building alone, and the money has been so well and judiciously laid out that all are perfectly satisfied, and would gladly contribute any further necessary sum that might be needed for the good cause of Catholic education.

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"Pupils on roll, 317; pupils present 253, "There are four forms and six divisions, "Proficiency, from excellent to good in almost every subject marked.
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"Lighting, satisfactory.
"Heating, satisfactory.
"Wentilation, satisfactory.
"Blackboards, excellent in quality and abundant in quantity.
"The changes made here within the past year have largely increased the value and importance of the school work. Dispensing with the rather remote school-room across the river, centralizing the classes in the more convenient locality and enlarging and renovating the main premises, have given due roundness, completeness and strength to the system, always remarkable for its respectable character. The new arrangement has also strengthened the professional spirit and tone of the school, and afforded increased facilities for the performance of school work. The affairs of the school are admirably managed; the staff of teachers are zealous and competent; the attendance of pupils is steadily increasing and the general proficiency of the classes, always creditable, is now higher than before."

REPORT OF GALT SEPARATE SCHOOL.

Schools.

C. Donovan, M. A., Inspector of Separate Schools, paid an official visit to the Galt Separate school on Friday, April 28, and examined all the classes. He expressed himself as particularly well pleased with the oral and written work of the pupils and their good order, and spoke in complimentary terms of the efficient state of the school at the present time. His efficial report, as transmitted to the Trustees from the department, is as follows:

Attendome—Pupils enrolled, 31; pupils present, 73; pupils sent to High School during 1892, 2.

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Organization and Discipline—The classification is as good as can be in an ungraded school. As the attendance has largely increased within the past two years, there is quite enough work for two teachers. State of discipline and order, excellent.

Proficiency of the classes examined in reading, drawing and calisthenics, excellent and good; spelling, writing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, music (singing), composition, English literature, Christian doctrine, business forms, good; history, fair.

Accommodations—School buildings, frament built for a school at first; now old, worn, awkward and generally unsuitable. Grounds: two, well-kept yards.

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Ventitation—By windows.
Equipment—Desks: generally good but not enough. Maps, globes and charts, generally good. Blackboards, good.
A new and suitable two roomed school is now a matter of necessity as well as of propriety, and the trustees are respectfully advised to proceed in the matter without delay. Educationally speaking, this is a vigorous, progressive school as successful in this respect as the best schools in my division.

sentative of the Bureau for Ontario, and by remitting him a dollar, a membership card, which alone entitles the holder to the advantages narrated above, will be sent on return of mail.

HIGH CLASS AMATEUR CONCERT.

THE PUPILS OF LORETTO ACADEMY, STRATFORD, ACQUITTED THEMSELVES NOBLY.

The concert given last evening by the pupils attending Loretto Academy proved a thorough success. The concert room was crowded with friends who went prepared to appreciate and enjoy; nor could there possibly have been one of the large number present who was not well pleased with both the music and the recitations. The pupils themselves deserve to be highly complimented for their success; but it is evident that a good deal of the praise should g to Prof. Soellner (singing and violin teacher), and the Sisters who comprise the teaching staff. It is generally believed that to teach several persons to read or recite a given passage in concert is a difficult task, and as to having the united voices express anything but the monotony, that would be impossible, and yet that is just what has been accomplished at Loretto Academy.

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The programme was opened by a chorus entitled "Welcome to May," with piano and violin accompaniments, which showed careful training. A recitation, given in unison by fixeen little juniors ("Under the Curfew"), was well rendered, both as to time and promunciation. One tot, little Miss Craig, gave a short individual recitation in this number, and gave it charmingly. The "Marionette Overture" by the Misses Richardson, Kennedy, Taylor, Lyons, Boyd, Murphy, Nield and O'Flaherty was well received and beautifully played. Four pianos, six violins and a kettle drum were used in this piece. The recitation in unison, "The Little Quaker Maiden," by a dozen little girls ranging in age from four to six, was given with good effect. It depicted the folly of a little Quaker Maiden who allowed vanity to enter her mind in the form of a ruffle on her skirt and the consequent remorse that grew until she was obliged to rip it off to ease her conscience. The "Military Galop," by the Misses O'Brien, Hergott, Quarrie, Barnsdale, Goodwin, O'Flaherty, Dillon and Lyons was another selection on four pianos. The full chorus, "The Gleaners," was well received and perfectly given. The first part of the programme closed with the gem of the evening in the form of a chorus recitation from Hiawatha. This was given by tourteen young ladies, of whom Miss K. Blair and Miss L. O'Loane took the principal parts. The death of Minnihaha was portrayed with a vividness which brought the picture before the audience in all its sadness and beauty. The second part opened with a solo entitled "Madeline," by Miss Phelan, who possesses a sweet and sympathetic voice, and sang her selection with expression. A chorus recitation, "The Legend," by seven little girls, was well rendered. The weird music of the Norweigian dances was beautifully played on all the pianos. Miss Katie Blair then gave the "Sculptured Christ," a beautifully played on all the pianos. Miss Katie Blair then gave the "Sculptured Christ," a beautiful part of the program of The Sculpture and s

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