

watchful care of those parents now sleeping in the grave. The Grey nuns also have this house under their maternal care and protection, two of them residing there permanently. Oh! well may the children of Ireland bless the name of that admirable institution, for its members have shown in their behalf during this time of trial and affliction, a zeal and a devotion perhaps unequalled, and yet the greater portion of these Sisters are of French origin. When will Irishmen learn to look on these good Canadians as their brethren, and holding out to them the right hand of fellowship, exclaim "We are Catholics—we worship at the same altars—we invoke the same holy names—you receive and shelter our poor, and sick, and destitute—let us then forget that our ancestors came from different countries—let us forget all our old animosity, and dwell together in peace and friendship."

It is extremely gratifying to a Catholic to travel through Lower Canada, especially if he have come from the States. Throughout the entire state of Vermont the temples in which God is worshipped, are scarcely worthy of the name of churches, consisting generally (nay almost universally) of painted wood, surmounted merely by a weathercock.—But having once crossed the St. Lawrence, truly does "a change come o'er the spirit of your dream," for then every object reminds you that you are in a christian land. On all sides you behold the emblems of man's salvation rising proudly in the air. From the line which separates the two Canadas to the shores of the gulf of St Lawrence the traveller beholds every few miles a handsome stone edifice with the Holy Cross towering above, many of these little temples fitted up in the most tasteful manner, even in parishes where the poverty of the inhabitants is the most apparent. But so it is, with Catholics (especially here in Canada) religion is the principal thing—one can see that they consider it, indeed, "the one thing needful," and that they deem the adornment of God's holy house more important far than that of their own dwellings.

Many of your American tourists on their return from Canada think fit to publish long letters on the unhappy moral condition of the Canadians, whom they are fond of designating "priest ridden"—and "blindly infatuated," &c. These gentlemen without understanding a word of the language, or even advancing into the interior of the country, venture to pronounce condemnation against a people of whom they know nothing. Now, it must be confessed that as far as making money goes, the Americans are far in advance of our people here, but so it was even in the Apostolic times, for was it not then the case, as now, "that the children of this world were wiser in their generation than the children of light?"—in the United States education is assuredly attended to, but not religious education

—every sort of information is carefully given to children that may fit them to pass through the world with credit to themselves and those who are connected with them; but in Canada religious instruction is the most sedulously cared for, under the impression (and who dares say it is a wrong one?)—that the things of this world are vain and fleeting, and that the greatest blessing they can bestow on their children is a knowledge of their duty as Christians—as heirs of immortality. Let these maligners of the French Canadians travel through the entire province of Lower Canada, and they will find a people of pure and simple minds, amongst whom the domestic and social affections are in the fullest existence. Unambitious they are, and home loving. It is true, but honest, charitable, and above all religious, they must be acknowledged. Truly do these poor Canadians "seek first the kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness," and in this they act well and wisely. It is almost incredible that so lately as last spring a subscription was set on foot by *pious seculars* for the avowed purpose of instituting a mission for the conversion of the benighted Canadians, who, poor souls, were sunk in the darkness of idolatry beneath the curse of priestcraft, and so forth? Truly if they succeeded, it would be converting this people from light to darkness—from the paths of holiness and peace to those of error and infidelity, nay vice.

Remain, Mr. Editor, very truly, &c.,

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#### CATHOLIC DEMONSTRATION IN FAVOUR OF POPE PIUS.

Last Monday night a public meeting of the Roman Catholic inhabitants of the City of London was held at the Albion, Aldersgate street, for the purpose of assisting Pope Pius IX., with their purse and sympathy in his struggle in the cause of national and religious freedom. The Revd John Moore was called to the chair, The Revd Mr. Kelly moved the first resolution, which in substance stated that Pope Pius IX., has won for himself the admiration and esteem of every lover of rational liberty, by the comprehensiveness of his policy, the practical wisdom of his views, and the general impulse he has given to social, civil, and national amelioration. The resolution was seconded by Dr Dempsey, and carried unanimously.—The next resolution, proposed by the Revd Mr. Byne, declared that while they were ready to receive with submission, respect and reverence, any spiritual ruler sent them by the Holy See, well knowing the special guidance given it from above, still the appointment of the illustrious Bishop Wiseman to the ecclesiastical government of the London vicariate at this particular crisis of the Catholic Church of England, is so peculiarly gra-