

and to secure your eternal salvation.

In the first place, Beloved Brethren, take care of your poor, and the Lord, who has adopted them as his sufferings members, will return you a hundredfold, for what you shall have given to relieve their sufferings. Lend your aid to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and to those pious associations of charitable ladies, who devote themselves with so much zeal, not only to the relief of the temporal wants of the poor, but above all to procuring them spiritual aid, which is a matter of still greater necessity for them.

Amongst your privileged works, beloved Brethren, do not forget St. Peter's Pence, which has for its object to enable the Holy Father to meet, in these days of affliction, the outlay necessary for the preservation of the sacred deposit of the Faith, for the government of the church, and for the relief of so many sufferings the result of political convulsions.

Give an ever increasing encouragement to the extension, in your midst, of that admirable work of the Propagation of the Faith; and bear in mind, above all, that there are in the vast territories of the North-west, of Hudson's Bay, of Oregon, and of Vancouver, Religions of both sexes, formed amongst you, who are cultivating at the cost of the greatest sacrifices, that most interesting portion of the field of the Father of the family.

With our prayers and with our aims, let us help them, and those other apostles of both sexes, who are laboring to extend the Kingdom of God throughout the whole world; and thus we shall have a share in the merits of their labors and of their sufferings.

In fine, Beloved Brethren, there is another work, both religious and patriotic, in which you are called upon to assist, to wit, the settlement of the wild lands, which is destined to be of an immense benefit to this country, by promoting the continued extension of Catholic influence.—Let us remember, Beloved Brethren, that true patriotism is inseparable from true Faith; it derives its inspiration from the heart of the God of mercies, Who, in His fatherly Providence, desires to see the whole Earth covered with inhabitants, called to bless His Holy Name, and to adore Him in spirit and in truth.

Our object, Beloved Brethren, in addressing you those recommendations in common, is to create, in all parts of our Ecclesiastical Province a praiseworthy emulation for the maintenance of good discipline, the success of holy works inspired by Faith and Charity, and the prosperity of our noble Country.

Therefore, you will repeat with heartfelt transports of joy and happiness, the acclamations with which we have just caused the metropolitan Church to resound, on separating to return to our dioceses.

"To our country and to all Christian people Zeal for the Catholic Religion, justice and the abundance of peace, and victory over all the enemies of the Christian Faith."

"To the city and Province of Quebec, Tranquility, health, and an abundance of Divine graces." May these our ardent wishes be happily realized, under the powerful protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,—of the apostles St. Peter and Saint Paul, and of all the holy Patrons of this Province! Fiat! Fiat! Amen! Amen!

This Pastoral Letter shall be read and published, in whole, or in part only, as it may be deemed advisable, from the pulpit, in all the churches of the Province; and in Chapter in the Religious Communities.

Given at the Archbishop's Palace, Quebec, under our signatures, and the seal of the Archdiocese, and countersign of the Secretary of his Grace the Archbishop, the twenty first day of May, one thousand, eight hundred and sixty-three, being the octave of the Ascension of Our Lord.

† C. F. Bishop of Tioa.
† G. Bishop of Montreal.
† Jos. E. Bishop of Ottawa.
† Alex. Bishop of St. Boniface.
† Thos. Bishop of Three Rivers.
† Jos. Bishop of St. Hyacinth.
† John Bishop of Hamilton.
† Peter, AD. Bp of Sandwich.
† E. J. Bishop of Kingston.
† John Jos. Bishop of Toronto.

By Order of Their Lordships,
EDMUND LANGEVIN, Priest,
Secretary to the Archdiocese.

CONVENT OF ST. CROIX, ST. LAURENT.—The solemn distribution of prizes for the pupils of this Institution will take place on Monday, 13th instant, and will be preceded by the Literary Exercises of the Pupils, whose parents, together with the friends of education, are particularly requested to attend. The *seance* will commence at 8 a.m.

COLLEGE OF ST. LAURENT.—This solemn distribution of prizes to the students of this Institution will take place on Wednesday, 15th inst., and will be preceded by the Literary Exercises of the Academicians of the College. The *seance* will open at 9 a.m., and the relatives of the students, as well as the friends of education, are respectfully invited to assist.

The *Montreal Witness* comments on the above document in the style of the "devil's advocate," indeed he seems to consider himself not only competent to set the Catholic Church right on all matters of doctrine and discipline, but he writes as if he had a special commission to watch over, and protect her interests against both Pope and Bishops, who are, if we may believe the *Witness*, in league to destroy her.—If our contemporary could but persuade the public at large to entertain the same exalted opinion that he himself entertains of his privileges and endowments, he would be a lucky fellow indeed. As it is, however, we fear that the editor of the *Witness* is in a minority of one, against the world, on this very interesting question.

Our critic discusses the Pastoral; and though he admits that there is much in it which commends itself as "excellent"—an admission which no doubt the Fathers of the Church must feel highly gratified, and for which they can never be sufficiently thankful—there is also a great deal which the *Witness* deems deserving of severe reprobation.

First, he contrasts the Catholic Church with the different Protestant sects: and complains that "the proceedings of the Session of the Catholic Bishops of Canada are not public like those of the Protestant Synods;" that "while the one is represented only by a few of her highest dignitaries," and "shuns publicity," the other or the Protestant Synod "courts investigation—discusses its most sacred interests with open doors—has nothing to conceal—and invites even the press to report in full all its decisions."

The above is not destitute of a semblance of truth, but the *Witness* does not thence draw the right conclusion. The members of a Protestant Synod are in duty bound to conduct their deliberations openly, or *coram populo*, to submit all their decisions to public opinion, and to invoke the co-operation of the press, because a Protestant Synod is a thing of purely human origin: whose members derive all their authority or right to legislate, from the people, and are therefore responsible to the people for all their acts, and are bound to submit all their decisions to the "tribunal of public opinion." This is as it should be.

So also is the conduct of the Catholic Council. Its members derive their authority, not from the people, but, immediately from God.—To God therefore alone, and not at all to the people or to public opinion, are they responsible; and it suffices therefore that their proceedings, their deliberations and decisions be patent to, and carried on in the presence of, Him to Whom alone they are responsible, and from Whom they hold their authority. We, as citizens, have a perfect right to know what our City Councillors, what our members of Parliament and other public functionaries are about, and may claim admittance to all their assemblies, because from us they hold, and through us, and by our good will, they meet and deliberate, and vote and have their being. But as the Bishops of the Catholic Church do not in any sense hold from us, the people or laity—as they are responsible not to us, but for us, and to God alone, from Whom alone they hold—it follows that the right which we have as against public functionaries who hold from, and are therefore responsible to, us, cannot be asserted against our Prelates and the Pastors of the Church. God, and God alone has the right to demand that their deliberations be conducted in His presence, and that their decisions be submitted to His tribunal, and this right the Fathers of the Council recognise to the fullest extent; but as they are not responsible or in any sense accountable to the people, they very properly and consistently abstain from making the latter privy to their deliberations, and do not deem it incumbent on them to submit their decisions to any earthly or human tribunal whatsoever. Were they to act otherwise, they would stand self-convicted of attempted imposture: just as the publicity-courting, and deference to public opinion, of the Protestant Synod is proof incontrovertible that the latter is, and is conscious that it is, a thing of purely human origin—an institution no more divine than a City Corporation, or a Board of Bank Directors. The Protestant Synod therefore properly adopts towards the people the manner and language of an agent towards his employers and masters;—whilst, on the contrary, the Bishops of the Catholic Church still speak as of old spake, the Apostles—"It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."—*Videtur enim Spiritus Sancto, et nobis.*—Acts, xv. 28.

This consciousness on the part of the Catholic Council of its divine origin, and therefore of its irresponsibility to man or to any human authority, is the very head and front of its offending, and we need not therefore take up *seriatim* the *nitesceris* which the *Witness* in default of argument, vents against the Bishops of the Province of Quebec. It is perfectly true that they do not recognise as in any way connected with the Church of Christ, any one of the numerous Protestant sects around them; that they see therein only unauthorised and ridiculous assumptions of ecclesiastical titles on the part of the ministers, and gross spiritual delusions on the part of those who attend upon the ministrations of the latter. It is perfectly true that Free Masons are included in the condemnation which without exception, the Church has pronounced against all Secret Societies, by whatsoever names distinguished, or upon whatsoever pretences originated. But what does our silly contemporary mean when he talks of "the Jesuits as another Secret Society?" and is it from sheer ignorance on his own part, of the facts of history, or merely from a strong reliance upon the ignorance and stupidity of his readers, that he reiterates the silly falsehoods about the torturing of Galileo, and "the decisions of the Church against the rotation of the earth on its axis?"—We would also take the liberty of reminding the *Witness* that there is just as good evidence of the truth of those Romish miracles at which he sneers as there is of any of those recorded in the Bible; and that the same line of argument which he employs against the one, may be employed with equal effect against the other. It is in vain to pretend that "the age of miracles" has ceased; for, if Christ were not an impostor, and His promises an empty lie, miracles never have ceased, and never can cease in the Church which He Himself founded.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.—It is announced positively that Parliament will meet for the despatch of business on the 15th of next month.

The officers of the St. Patrick's Society, of the St. Patrick's Temperance Society, and of the St. Patrick's Benevolent Society, are requested to meet the Director and Trustees of the St. Patrick's Asylum in the Sacristy of St. Patrick's Church, immediately after Grand Mass, on Sunday next, the 12th instant, to make arrangements for the Annual Pic-nic, in aid of the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum.

"A True Catholic" in our next.

ANNUAL PIC-NIC OF THE ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY.

The large and respectable assemblage which proceeded to Vaudreuil on Wednesday, 1st inst., with the officers of the St. Patrick's Society, will ever revert, we may safely say, to that day as one of the pleasantest and happiest which it has been their lot to enjoy. Every condition favored the excursion—splendid weather, one of the most romantic and historic sites in the country, and above all a right good company determined to enjoy itself with all the gusto and merriment of the Irishman. About 600 proceeded by the early train and as many more in the afternoon train. Shortly after the arrival of a later train, the games began and were proceeded with in a very spirited manner.

The games being over the company assembled around the music stand, and was addressed by Hons. Messrs. Ryan, McGee and Cartier; by Mr. Harwood, the recently elected member for Vaudreuil, a gentleman who very kindly gave the use of his delightfully situated grounds for the occasion, and welcomed the company most heartily to the place in French and English,—by Messrs. J. H. Daly and H. J. Clarke, and last but not least, by the worthy President of the Society, Mr. Thomas McKenna.

The officers of the St. Patrick's Society merit the thanks of their countrymen and of the company present for the spirited way with which the picnic came off without the slightest defect or accident.—*Montreal Gazette.*

EXAMINATION AT REGIOPOLIS COLLEGE.
(From the Kingston British Whig.)

We lately had the pleasure of attending an examination of the Students of Regiopolis College, and were much delighted with the manner in which they acquitted themselves. Judging from the extent and variety of the exercises, and the ease and exactitude with which they were gone through, this fine institution bids fair to rival, in course of time, the oldest Colleges in the country. The examination was not a mere formality, but each scholar was subjected to the most rigid scrutiny. The gentlemen who questioned them were evidently desirous of satisfying themselves of the progress of each one during the year. The most difficult questions of Philosophy were discussed with a clearness and force that left nothing to be desired. In Mathematics, the results were equally gratifying, exhibiting careful study and excellent instruction. The Latin authors, from Cæsar to Tacitus, were represented; and what surprised us most was the cleverness with which the Students entered into the spirit and meaning of their authors, their elegant construction of the most intricate sentences, and the correct English in which they expressed themselves. The same praise is due to the rendering of the immortal productions of Grecian genius. Xenophon, Homer, Sophocles and Euripides, with other authors, were beautifully translated. Indeed, we have seldom observed greater justice done to the chief authors of those great men.

But it is not to be imagined that the classical course is so exclusively followed as not to admit the claims of a commercial training. The importance of a thorough English education is fully appreciated. From the elementary to the higher branches, the Students were equally successful, and seemed to have acquired a large share of the qualifications necessary for commercial pursuits.

On the whole, the examination was a great success, and speaks much for the past and hope for the future. At the conclusion of the exercises, the distribution of Prizes took place, after which His Lordship the Bishop addressed the Students in a few appropriate remarks, concluding with a justly deserved encomium on the zealous and able Director, Rev. J. O'Brien.

PRIZE LIST.

MATHEMATICS.
Prize, James Clarke, Storrington.

ARITHMETIC CLASS.
Latin Theme.
1st Prize, John F. Leonard, Peterboro'.
2nd do Michael Parell, Kingston.
1st Acc, Edward Jordan, Frankfort.
2nd do James Harper, Waterloo.

Latin Version.
1st Prize, John F. Leonard, Peterboro'.
2nd do Edward Jordan, Frankfort.

1st Acc, Michael Parell, Kingston.
2nd do Joseph Baker, do.

GREEK VERSION.
1st Prize, John F. Leonard, Peterboro'.
2nd do Michael Parell, Kingston.
1st Acc, Joseph Baker, Kingston, and Edward Jordan, Frankfort, ex æquo.
2nd Acc, James Harper, Waterloo.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.
1st Prize, John F. Leonard, Peterboro'.
2nd do Joseph Baker, Kingston.
1st Acc, Edward Jordan, Frankfort.
2nd do James Harper, Waterloo.

HISTORY.
1st Prize, John F. Leonard, Peterboro'.
2nd do Joseph Baker, Kingston.
1st Acc, Edward Jordan, Frankfort.
2nd do James Harper, Waterloo.

SECOND CLASS.
Latin Theme.
1st Prize, Michael Ahern, Kingston.
2nd do John J. Howard, do.
1st Acc, John O'Donnell, South Dore.
2nd do Thomas Davis, Kingston.

Latin Version.
1st Prize, John J. Howard, Kingston.
2nd do Michael Ahern, do.
1st Acc, Thomas Davis, do.
2nd do Denis Barry, Rockwood.

GREEK VERSION.
1st Prize, Michael Ahern, Kingston.
2nd do John J. Howard, do.
1st Acc, John O'Donnell, South Dore.
2nd do Thomas Davis, Kingston.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.
1st Prize, John J. Howard, Kingston.
2nd do John O'Donnell, South Dore.
1st Acc, Denis Barry, Rockwood.
2nd do Thomas Davis, Kingston.

HISTORY.
1st Prize, Denis Barry, Rockwood.
2nd do John J. Howard, Kingston.
1st Acc, John O'Donnell, South Dore.
2nd do Thomas Davis, Kingston.

THIRD CLASS.
Latin Theme.
1st Prize, Thomas Quinn, Kingston.
2nd do Michael Lovitt, do.
1st Acc, James Harrington, do.
2nd do Michael Donoghue, do.

Latin Version.
1st Prize, Thomas Quinn, Kingston.
2nd do Michael Lovitt, do.
1st Acc, James Harrington, do.
2nd do Michael Donoghue, do.

CHIEF.
1st Prize, Thomas Quinn, Kingston.
2nd do Michael Lovitt, do.
1st Acc, James Harrington, do.
2nd do Thomas Roche, do.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.
1st Prize, Thomas Quinn, Kingston.
2nd do Michael Lovitt, do.
1st Acc, Michael Donoghue, do.
2nd do Thomas Roche, do.

ROMAN HISTORY.
1st Prize, Thomas Quinn, Kingston.
2nd do Michael Lovitt, do.
1st Acc, Michael Donoghue, do.
2nd do Thomas Roche, do.

FOURTH LATIN CLASS.
Latin Theme.
1st Prize, Alphonse Murray, Kingston.
2nd do William J. Morrow, St. Andrew's.
1st Acc, Bernard Morrow, S. Mountain.
2nd do Charles A. McWilliams, Burlington, Vermont.

Latin Version.
1st Prize, Wm J. Morrow, St. Andrew's.
2nd do Alphonse Murray, Kingston.
1st Acc, Bernard Morrow, S. Mountain.
2nd do Charles A. McWilliams, Burlington, Vermont.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.
1st Prize, Charles A. McWilliams, Burlington, Vermont.
2nd do Wm J. Morrow, St. Andrew's.
1st Acc, Alphonse Murray, Kingston.
2nd do Bernard Morrow, S. Mountain.

ARITHMETIC HISTORY.
1st Prize, Wm J. Morrow, St. Andrew's.
2nd do Alphonse Murray, Kingston.
1st Acc, Bernard Morrow, S. Mountain.
2nd do Charles A. McWilliams, Burlington, Vermont.

GEOGRAPHY.
1st Prize, Alphonse Murray, Kingston.
2nd do Wm J. Morrow, St. Andrew's.
1st Acc, Charles A. McWilliams, Burlington.
2nd do Bernard Morrow, S. Mountain.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.
1st Prize, Wm J. Morrow, St. Andrew's.
2nd do Alphonse Murray, Kingston.
1st Acc, Charles A. McWilliams, Burlington, Vermont.
2nd do Bernard Morrow, S. Mountain.

ARITHMETIC.
1st Prize, Wm J. Morrow, St. Andrew's.
2nd do Bernard Morrow, S. Mountain.
1st Acc, Alphonse Murray, Kingston.
2nd do Charles A. McWilliams, Burlington.

FIFTH FRENCH CLASS.
1st Prize, John F. Leonard, Peterboro'.
2nd do John J. Howard, Kingston.
1st Acc, Michael Parell, do.
2nd do Michael Ahern, do.

SECOND CLASS.
1st Prize, Thomas Quinn, Kingston.
2nd do Michael Lovitt, do.
1st Acc, Michael Donoghue, do.
2nd do Thomas Roche, do.

SENIOR ENGLISH CLASS.
English Composition.
1st Prize, John Armstrong, Kingston.
2nd do James Barry, do.
1st Acc, William Browne, do.
2nd do James Kavanaugh, Prescott.

HISTORY.
1st Prize, James Barry, Kingston.
2nd do William Browne, do.
1st Acc, Pierce Browne, do.
2nd do Edward Farrell, do.

GEOGRAPHY.
1st Prize, William Browne, Kingston.
2nd do James Barry, do.
1st Acc, James Kavanaugh, Prescott.
2nd do John Armstrong, Kingston.

BOOK KEEPING AND ARITHMETIC.
1st Prize, John Armstrong, Kingston.
2nd do William Browne, do.
1st Acc, James Barry, do.
2nd do Edward Farrell, Kingston, and Daniel Carberry, Kingston, ex æquo.

SPELLING.
1st Prize, James Barry, Kingston.
2nd do Pierce Browne, Kingston, and Daniel Carberry, Kingston, ex æquo.
1st Acc, William Browne, Kingston.
2nd do John Armstrong, do.

WRITING.
1st Prize, Martin Fahy, Kingston.
2nd do Edward Farrell, do.
1st Acc, Pierce Browne, do.
2nd do James Barry, do.

JUNIOR ENGLISH CLASS.
English Composition.
1st Prize, William Bowman, Kingston.
2nd do John Graham, Rochester, N. Y.
1st Acc, Charles Eldrid, Kingston.
2nd do Annea McMillan, Edwardsburg, and John Binsse, Watertown, N. Y., ex æquo.

ARITHMETIC.
1st Prize, Nelson Eldrid, Kingston.
2nd do Annea McMillan, Edwardsburg.
1st Acc, William Bowman, Kingston.
2nd do Charles Eldrid, do.

GEOGRAPHY.
1st Prize, Nelson Eldrid, Kingston.
2nd do William Bowman, do.
1st Acc, Annea McMillan, Edwardsburg.
2nd do John Graham, Rochester, and John Binsse, Watertown, N. Y., ex æquo.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR.
1st Prize, William Bowman, Kingston.
2nd do Annea McMillan, Edwardsburg.
1st Acc, John Graham, Rochester, N. Y.
2nd do John Swift, Kingston.

READING.
1st Prize, John Graham, Rochester.
2nd do William Bowman, Kingston.
1st Acc, John Binsse, Watertown.
2nd do Charles Eldrid, Kingston.

SPELLING.
1st Prize, John Graham, Rochester.
2nd do William Bowman, Kingston.
1st Acc, Annea McMillan, Edwardsburg.
2nd do John Swift, Kingston.

WRITING.
1st Prize, John Binsse, Watertown.
2nd do John Graham, Rochester.
1st Acc, Charles Eldrid, Kingston.
2nd do Annea McMillan, Edwardsburg.

PROMOTION.—*Militia General Orders.*—The rank of Major in the Militia of the Province is granted to Captain Henry Kavanagh, of the First or "Prince of Wales" Regiment Volunteer Militia Rifles, Canada, from the 15th April last, under the provisions of General Order No. 1 of the 17th May, 1861.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE MARKETS.
Montreal, July 7, 1863.

Flour—Pollards, \$2.50 to \$2.70; Middlings, \$2.70 to \$3.00; Fine, \$3.25 to \$3.50; Super, No. 2, \$3.50 to \$3.70; Superfine, \$3.75 to \$4.00; 1st, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Extra, \$4.40 to \$4.60; Super Extra, \$4.60 to \$4.80; \$2.25 to \$2.30.

Oatmeal per bbl of 200 lbs, L. C., \$5.25. No J. C. Wheat—U Canada Spring, 88c to 92c.

Ashe per 112 lbs, Pots, latest sales were at \$5.95, to \$6.00; Inferior Pots, at 15c to 20c more; Pearls, in demand, at \$6.80 to \$6.90.

Butter—There is a good demand for New at 12c to 13c; Old is unsaleable, prices nominally 90c to 101c. Eggs per doz, 10c.

Poultry per lb, fair demand at 7c to 7½c. Turkey per lb, 7c to 7½c.

Cut Meats per lb, Smoked Hams, 6c to 8c; Bacon, 3½c to 5c.

Pork—Quiet. New Mess, \$10.00 to \$10.50; Prime Mess, \$8.75 to \$9.75; Prime, \$8.75 to \$9.75.—*Montreal Witness.*

TORONTO MARKETS.
July 4.

Fall wheat 90c to 94c for good, and 85c to 88c for inferior. Spring Wheat, 80c to 83c for prime and 75c for inferior grades. Rye nominal, at 50c to 60c. Peas, 50c to 54c.—Oats scarce, at 47c to 50c.

MONTREAL RETAIL MARKET PRICES.
(From the Montreal Witness.) July 7.

	d.	c.	d.
Flour, country, per qtl.	12	6	13
Oatmeal, do	00	0	00
Indian Meal	7	6	8
Peas per min	3	9	4
Barley, do for seed	0	0	0
Oats, do	2	6	2
Barley, do	2	6	2
Wheat, do	0	0	0
Timothy, do	0	0	0
Turkeys, per couple, do	7	6	8
Geese, do	4	0	5
Ducks, do	2	6	3
Potatoes, per bag	3	3	3
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.	\$9.00		\$9.50
Eggs, fresh, per dozen	0	8	0
Butter, per 100 pounds	\$16.00		\$21.00
Swallow	\$9.00		\$10.00
Butter, fresh per lb,	0	9	11
Do salt, do	0	7	0
Lard, do.	0	7	0
Maple Sugar,	0	54	0
Maple Syrup, per gallon	0	0	0

Married.
In this city, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. P. Dowd, Patrick Mullin Esq. Merchant, to Miss Alice O'Neil, daughter of the late James O'Neil, Esq. of Garvey-hill, County Tyrone, Ireland.

At Rawdon, G. E., on Monday, the 29th ult., by the Rev. J. H. Clement, Michael Kelly, to Mary Ann, daughter of Mr. Timothy Coffey.

Died.
In this city, on the 2nd inst., James Curley, aged 51 years. Also his infant daughter, Lavinia Louisa, aged 8 months.

In this city, on the first instant, Nicholas Clarkin, aged 60 years, formerly of County Cavan, Ireland.

In this city, on Thursday, the 2nd instant, Mary Rome, widow of the late John Irvine, aged 69 years.

In this city, on the 4th inst., Blaguet Cecilia, daughter of John Cutler, aged 3 months and 17 days.

In Australia, on the 24th April last, James McIver, Umbrella maker, aged 31 years, formerly of Montreal.



AN ADJOURNED MEETING of the above SO- CIETY will take place in the Society's New Hall, TOWNS BUILDINGS, Place d'Armes, on MONDAY EVENING next, 13th instant. (By Order)
P. O'NEARA,
Recording-Secretary.
Montreal, July 9, 1863.