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Bothwell, January 25th, 1879.
DEAR SIR,—I have lately built two brick churches in my parish, viz: one at Wardsville and one at Alvinston, and have yet another to build in Bothwell next summer, otherwise His Lordship the Bishop of London has declared his intention to interdict the present building on the first of March, unless operations are commenced by that date.
In Bothwell there are only 32 families, in Wardsville 30 families, and in Alvinston 16 families. I am, therefore, forced by sheer necessity to appeal to all good Catholics to assist me in this great undertaking. There are very few who cannot by a little exertion sell one or more books of tickets, and they will be assisting in the glorious work of building churches dedicated to Almighty God, where the people are both too poor and too few in number to hear the whole cost themselves. I appeal with confidence to you my friend to assist me by disposing of this book of tickets, and relieve me of much hard toil by so doing.
A Mass will be offered up on the first Monday of every month for three years, for the benefactors and all those who buy even a single ticket.
In addition, all those who dispose of a book of tickets will be remembered in a special motto of the Holy Sacrifice every day I say Mass, for the term of three years.
M. McGRATH, P. P.,Bothwell.

ECCLESIASTICAL CALENDAR.
February, 1879.
Sunday, 9.—Septuagesima Sunday. Epistle, (1 Cor. 15, 24-29) and 1. 33 Gospel, (Matt. 23, 1-16).
Monday, 10.—Saint Scholastica Virgin, double.
Tuesday, 11.—Feast of the prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Wednesday, 12.—Saint Raymond of Pennafort.
Thursday, 13.—Office of the Blessed Sacrament, semi-double.
Friday, 14.—St. Valentine, martyr.
Saturday, 15.—Office of the immaculate Conception.

ANOTHER LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE
RT. REV. DR. WALSH, BISHOP
OF LONDON.
ST. PETER'S PALACE,
London, Ontario, Nov. 13, 78.

WALTER LOCKE, Esq.—
DEAR SIR,—On the 22nd of September we approved of the project of the publication of a Catholic newspaper in this city. We see with pleasure that you have successfully carried into execution this project, in the publication of the CATHOLIC RECORD. The RECORD is edited with marked ability, and in a thoroughly Catholic spirit, and we have no doubt that as long as it is under your control, it will continue to be stamped with these characteristics. Such a journal cannot fail to be productive of a vast amount of good, and whilst it continues to be conducted as it has been thus far, we cordially recommend it to the patronage of the clergy and laity of our diocese.
I am yours,
Sincerely in Christ,
JOHN WALSH,
Bishop of London.

LETTER OF HIS LORDSHIP THE RIGHT REV.
DR. CRINSON, BISHOP OF HAMILTON.
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON,
Nov. 5th, 1878.

WALTER LOCKE, Esq.—
DEAR SIR,—Your agent, Mr. Gooderich, called on me yesterday to procure my recommendation for the circulation of your paper in this diocese. I willingly grant it, and earnestly hope that your enterprise will meet with the hearty encouragement of the priests and people of this diocese. Your paper is well written, and contains a great amount of Catholic news, and what is still better, it breathes a truly Catholic spirit; so desirable in these days when rebellion against Ecclesiastical Authority is so rampant. I am glad that you are free from all political parties, and therefore in a position to approve of wise legislation and to condemn the contrary. Wishing your paper an extensive circulation,
I remain, dear sir,
Yours very faithfully,
P. F. CRINSON,
Bishop of Hamilton.

The love of the world drives from the heart all true love. The fear of God makes us susceptible of every true love.—*Count Stolberg.*
The good God is as prompt to grant us pardon when we ask it of him, as a mother is to snatch her child out of the fire.—*Cure of Ars.*

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

THE FRENCH CRISIS.

RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT MACMAHON.

THE MARSHAL REFUSED TO SUPERSEDE HIS OLD GENERALS.

THE CITY AND COUNTRY TRANQUIL.

Paris, January 30.—President MacMahon has resigned. The Congress has been convoked for six this evening. The election of Grevy appears certain.
London, January 30.—A *Times* Paris special says: MacMahon's fall has become a necessity. It will produce no ill effect at home or abroad, and will be a positive relief. At Saturday's Cabinet meeting the General Marshal said nothing, but asked Dufaure to remain till after the adjournment of the Cabinet.
When they were alone the Marshal said "I will not sign those decrees. Say is a minister who gets in passion. Those executions must not be made. There must be no going into a passion."
Dufaure replied, "But Say is not a minister who goes into a passion. He is the minister who arrived first at this object. We took the formal pledge at last Monday's sitting, and resolved on acting up to it."
"But, surely," rejoined the Marshal, you are not going to bring me heaps of dismissals to sign."
"I hope we are all going," said Dufaure, "to keep our word. We will not make heat-combs, but will give every satisfaction to which public opinion is entitled. We have each our list ready. I have mine, and the Minister of War his. We are each going to submit it to you, and I hope you will sign it, for by not signing it so far from screening the functionaries, you would, perhaps, expose them, seeing that what we do not do others will do still more energetically, and if you prefer, as you tell us, to retire, not only will you not save those you wish to protect, but you will jeopardize those we are now really protecting."
The next day the Marshal signed the financial changes. Dufaure, believing him won over, on Tuesday submitted the decree affecting six public prosecutors. The Marshal examined it, and turning to Dufaure, said "I am going to sign this, but I leave the responsibility to you," and signed it.
Gen. Gresley, Minister of war, submitted his list. The law provides for 18 high military commands, entrusted to a general, who may be relieved every three years. Of the 18 thus appointed, nine have held their posts six years next September. MacMahon's idea that not having been removed after three years, they ought to finish another term. MacMahon declared—"I cannot sign this decree superseding leave Generals, my own friends and companions. I blush at the thought. It will have to be another who dies. Political categories must not be created in the army. I would prefer to resign. My children would never forgive me for such an act."
MacMahon's face blushed, and he spoke hurriedly. The Ministers said nothing and adjourned.
In the afternoon the Cabinet met again. After much hesitation the ministers came to the conclusion that if they were to give in on this point, they would be exposing the country to a possible danger. Dufaure was charged to inform MacMahon, whom they asked to the Cabinet Council on Thursday at Versailles.
The Ministers' meeting to deliberate on this reply resolved unanimously to abide by the resolution. Marcere waited on the Marshal to ask him whether he had no instructions to give him, his Minister of the Interior being responsible for the public tranquillity, and whether the Marshal did not wish to state his views on the resolution he had formed, and the measures they might entail. The interview was brief and courteous. The Marshal confined himself to referring to the fact that he would preside at the Cabinet Council on Thursday.
Versailles, Jan. 30.—MacMahon's letter of resignation says that, being in disagreement with the Ministry, being hopeless of forming another Cabinet, and unwilling to assent to measures which he regards as contrary to good army organization, he withdraws from power.
At a meeting of the Bureau of the Left Gambetta proposed Grevy for President, which was unanimously approved.
MacMahon asked the ministers to countersign his letter of resignation, but they refused, declaring the letter merely a personal act.
Paris, Jan. 30.—The present Ministers will resign, and a new Parliamentary Cabinet constituted. It is reported that Gambetta will take the Premiership and foreign portfolio.
The concourse of the general public at Versailles is not very great. The excitement does not compare with that of Thiers' resignation. There is no disturbance when the Ministers are present.
Versailles, Jan. 30.—The following is MacMahon's letter of resignation:—"At the opening of this session of the Chambers the Ministry presented to you a programme which, while affording satisfaction to public opinion, appeared to the Cabinet such as might be voted without danger to the security or good administration of the country. Putting aside all personal views, I had given the programme my approval, for I was sacrificing to principle to which conscience commanded me to remain faithful. To-day the Ministry, thinking to respond to the opinion of the majority in the two Chambers, proposes to me in regard to high military commands some general measures which I consider contrary to the interests of the army, and, consequently, to those of the country. I cannot subscribe to them. Any other Ministry taken from the majority would impose upon me the same conditions. I consider myself, therefore, bound to shorten the duration of the mandate which the National Assembly confided to me, and I, therefore, tender my resignation.
"In quitting power, I have the consolation of thinking that during the fifty-three years I have devoted to the service of my country, either as a soldier or a citizen, I have never been guided by sentiments other than of honor and duty and absolute devotion to my country."

OUR ENGLISH LETTER.

Manchester, Jan. 22, 1879.

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We have in and about the city numerous soup-kitchens opened, where daily many thousands of the poor receive nourishing food. Besides these we have distributors of clothing, and various schools and other buildings in which women are employed sewing and for which they are paid in money and kind. These rooms well-warmed and comfortable are a great boon to the poor, whose sufferings this winter have been most keen. In consequence of the prospect of failing funds the committee in the neighboring borough of Salford have tried to diminish their expenditure by trying to pass a resolution that "men on strike, or men out of employment in consequence of a strike of their fellow-workmen" should be refused relief, but a further consideration of the subject enabled them to continue working on the present basis of relief. The secretary of the Salford committee gave a return respecting the various occupations of the men in receipt of relief which is interesting. 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