"WHY I AM A CATHOLIC."

Bishop Shanley Gives Reasons for the faith he Holds.

Bishop Shanley of Fargo, North Dakota, lectured in St. Paul, Minn., recently, on "Why I Am a Catholic. ourse was graphic and concise

He spoke in part as follows:

"The question to be considered this evening is 'Why I Am a Catholic.' Various reasons which need not ! mentioned impel me to speak on this subject to-night. The question is a broad one, and to do justice to it in the brief time allotted to me is out of the question. I can at most allude to a

y few but very substantial reasons.
I am a Christian because I believe firmly that the Babe who was born in the grotto of Bethlehem 1900 years and who has left His influence upon the world from that period to our own day, was the One who had been foretold in unmistakable terms by long series of men, known as prophets, and awaited four thousand years with great anxiety by the world at large. I believe that that Babe who was born in Bethlehem was God, and I believe that He proved His divinity, not His likeness to the Almighty, but His equality, with God the Father, both by fulfilling in His own prophecies that are contained in the records of the Old Testament and by the actions of His earthly career, which are set forth in those four books of the New Testament, known as the four gospels Never did man perform the prodigies that Jesus, the Son of Man, the Babe of Bethlehem, wrought. The prophecie fulfilled in Jesu- Christ and the miracles worked by Him before the eyes of the world stamped His mission as a divine mission and proved conclusive ly to every unprejudiced thinker the divinity of Him who claimed to be God. So I am a Christian, as I believe firmly in the divinity of Jesus Christ."

After referring to the divisions which exist in other religions he spoke of the unity in the Church of Rome. He then upon the distinguishing marks which showed that Church to be the one founded by Christ. He then continued:

Now, brethren, why am I a Cath olic? I am a Catholic, not because my father and mother were Catholics, not because I find nice language in the translation of the Bible, not because lots of rich people belong to the Cath-olic Church and it is nice to get into nice society;

I AM A CATHOLIC because in that Church which is known as the Catholic Church I find the unmistakable characteristics of the Church of Jesus Christ. I find a unity of faith, sanctity of doctrine. I am a Catholic because in the Catholic Church I find the fourth great mark of religious truth, apostolicity. back, back through the years of time until I come to Simon, to whom Jesus Christ said: 'Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I shall build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail

against it.

'The four marks, essential marks of genuine Christianity of the true Church of Jesus Christ, are found in the Catholic Church. No one dare question, no one can successfully contradict, the statement that she is one in her doctrine. All throughout the cen turles the Catholic Church, the Church presided over by the Bishop of Rome, has made it her proud boast to be al-ways the same in her doctrine; the catechism that is taught to day in our Church is substantially in every Church in the world, in every language in the The Catholic, wherever he may go, receives the same sacraments, the same baptism, the same penance, the same sacrament of confirmation, the anointing of the dying, the sacrament of matrimony and the sacrament of holy orders. The Catholic world is held in unity of faith by central power. Rome speaks. The Pontiff of Rome speaks. No matter what his national ity may be, what his age may be, Rome speaks through her Pontiff, and the Catholic world says Rome has spoken. Where Peter is, there is the Church.

UNITY OF FAITH and central authority, by which unity is preserved in the Church, is recognized as it exists in the Church Catho We defy the world to show one doctrine in the Catholic Church which is an unholy doctrine. It is upon the doctrines of the Church that the sanc-

tity of the Church is to be determined.
"The laity knows Catholic origin as well as the clergy. We challenge the whole world to point to one single doctrine of the Catholic teaching that is opposed to sanctity, or that which in its remotest deductions can lead to im moral doings. That is a broad chal-lenge to make, but it is made deliber-

ately.
"It is not an argument against the sanctity of the Catholic Church to say that in the long line of two hundred and fifty or more Roman Pontiffs, here and there, in an age of depravity, and even where the Roman Pontiff was made the tool of an age of wire-pulling, | priest some few men were found exalted to that high position whose lives were not all that could be desired. The Catholic Church is holy in her teachings. She is holy in the means of sanctifica tion which she possesses within her-

"What is the truth in regard to Catholic life? The majority of our Catholic families are what we would wish them to be, God-fearing and Godloving persons. We are proud to be able to bear this testimony to our earnest, sincere, Catholic people. wrong-doing becoming known to the one to every white woman in Chinapublic, the Church suffers for the town.

wrong-doing of the few. "Universality exists in the Catholic Church, and it is because of her uni-

versal character that she is called and has been called throughout all the cen

turies the Church Catholic. CATHOLIC AND UNIVERSAL

mean the self same thing. Go to any city in the world and ask where is the Catholic Church. You will be sent to the Church bearing the four plain marks which I have already men tioned. You will be sent to such a church as you and I are now in. The world recognizes the fact that the Catholic Church is the Church that is presided over by the Roman Pontiff; the successor of Peter, whom Christ made the head of the Church.

"We can trace the history of our Popes and our Bishops back throughout the gloomy days of the middle ages to the recesses of the catacombs, back to the days of the apostles, and every Catholic priest who presents himself before his congregation comes armed with unmistakable and unimpeachable credentials. It is not enough to put on a clerical coat. In the Catholic Church ordination by an accredited success of the Apostles is a necessary condition in the Catholic ministry. "Let me add that I find those notes

in no other Church. Name the Church you will, and I will name for you the time it started. I will give you the name of its founder, and that name will not be Jesus Christ. I want the Church of God's authority. In no Church will you find community of faith outside of the Catholic Church. They are founded upon false principles of disintegation, private judgment.

UNITY IS IMPOSSIBLE outside of the Church that has the centre of unity. In none of the other Churches is there to be found a centre of unity. So, in none of the churches outside of the Catholic Church is there unity or is there sanctity, or is there universality, or is there apostolicity. None of the four marks which are absolutely essential to the true Chris tian Church are found outside of the Catholic Church. In the Catholic Church all of the four marks are found. They are so clear that any unpreju diced mind must see them. necessary in the Church which Jesus Christ established, and therefore the Church of Rome, the Church of Leo XIII., the Church of Peter, is the true Church of Jesus Christ.'

THE PRIEST OF CHINATOWN.

The following tribute to the Rev. Thomas P. McLoughlin is from the New York Herald:

In all New York there is not a man who occupies so anomalous a position as this godly man who dwells beneath the sign of the cross in the midst of Chinatown. He inveighs against the Chinaman's vices and commends him for his virtues. He is merciless in de nunciation and yet compassionate and gentle. At his approach the loungers pefore the saloons remove their and stand in line as he passes by. Vice looks down from the windows and withdraws abashed when "the sing-ing priest of Chinatown" goes about the street. The Chinamen get off the narrow sidewalks to make room for 'Father Glock."

None of the women outcasts of Chinatown ever failed to find in the 'singing priest" a friend, mercilessly as he scourges them for their lives. If one of them becomes ill she sends word to him. Many an outcast has been to him. ent away from Chinatown through the aid of the priest, who lives in the little rectory in Mott street, opposite the

Joss House. Father McLoughlin is the "singing priest " of Chinatown because he has voice of exceptional clearness and quality. He sings the ballads of Ire land with such feeling that they bring the tears to the eye. For years he has made the songs of the common people a study. He is recognized as an authority on the folk lore of Ireland, Scotland and Italy. He leaves the little rectory at times to deliver lectures on his favorite topic before large audiences in Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago. At the entertainments which he gives for his Church his singing is one of the features of the pro

Father McLoughlin was graduated from the American College at Rome He spent six years in Italy, and in vacation time he took long tramps throughout the country, acquainting himself with the songs of the children of sunny skies.

He has good Italians in his parish. To them he is one of their own people. To the Chinaman he is a friend who may be invited to state dinners. He is familiar with the ways of Orientals, man not to be deceived by "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain. To the Irish he is a descendant of one of the old families of the Emerald Isle. He has journeyed through every county of the land of Erin, and his attuned to its minstrelsy. To Irish, Italian and Chinaman the "singing priest" is the same. He is the foe of sin and the friend of the sick and needy.

It is when death stalks in Chinatown that knocks are heard at the door of the plainly furnished rectory in

Mott street. For five years he has been a voice in the wilderness, and that voice has never faltered.

Strangest of all missionaries are some of Father McLoughlin's assistants. He has enlisted in his service two young men whom he found standing in front of a saloon.

honor their God. They make no boast of it at all. They are holy. Here and there we find a Catholic who disobeys the laws of God, and, his said, and they did. He gave them each a bundle of circulars announcing

"Father," they responded, "we will

be glad to do it."
"Tell them," continued the singing priest, "that Father McLoughlin sent he circular, with his compliments, and he wishes them to read it and to come o the mission.

The orders of the "singing priest of Chinatown" were obeyed. The services for women last week were thronged each day. Among the women were some of those who lived in the opium dens, listening with earnest attention to the words of the man who accounted the saving of a single soul a great work.
"Death will come like a thief in the

night," said the priest; "at the hour you think not. To you comes the voice of your God, saying, 'I will not he be converted and live.' The heart of Jesus is full of mercy and compassion for you as when He said to the repent ant Magdalen, 'Many sins are for-

EASTER MORN.

In old Jerusalem by the Temple door
Long ere earth had drank the Saviour's tear
A Jewish Rabbi stood, naif clad and poor
And upward gazing at the twinking spheres
Which now, like God's sweet promise thro'
the years,
Shone dimly from the purple mists of night.
He pray'd that Christ might lift the veil of
fears
That clouded from his yearning spirit's sight
The longed for dawning of redeeming Easter
light.

Afar his hope upon his Saviour lay,
And even Death held nought for him in store
For dying ushered in no endless day.
It bro't but waiting on the other shore.
Then blest are we where doomed no more
Like that poor Rabbi, weeping there forlor!
To watch and wait beside the Temple door,
And thro't he countless ages yet unborn.
Sigh for the dawning of redeeming Easte
morn.

-Timothy Bleakheart. C. O F.

Orilla, March 29, 1899 EDITOR OF THE CATHOLIC RECORD: Dear Sir—At a regular meeting of Ange Guardian Court No. 674 Catholic Order of For esters, held March 13th, the following resolu-ion was adopted:

resters, held March 13th, the following resolu-tion was adopted:
Whereas the Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, has called to eternal rest our highly espeemed Bro., James Henry Coulson and Whereas in the death of Bro. Coulson his parents, brothers, and sisters have suffered the loss of a devoted son and brother, and Angel Guardian Court a faithful and zealous member; therefore, be it.

Guardian Court a faithful and zealous member; therefore, be it. Resolved that we, the members of Angel Guardian Court, No. 674, do hereby extend to the family of our deceased Bro, in the hour of their sad bereavement, our most sincers and heartfelt sympathy, and be it, further, Resolved that our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and that these resolutions be spread upon the records of our Court, a copy forwarded to the family of our departed Brother, and that they be sent to the CATHOLIC RECORD, The CAtholic Register and the local press for publication. Committee, Thomas Coffey, J. P. Regan, James White, John Smith, Frank Frawley.

OBITUARY.

MR. M. J. BOLIN, FALL CREEK, WIS M. J. Bolin, adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Bolin, Fall Creek, Wis, died Wednesd-vening, March 22nd., after an illness of thr nonths. He was twenty-one years of age. 3: member of St. Patrick's Church, Eau Clair s. He has a sister residing at 222 Ear eet. Kingston, Ont. May his soul rest in

MR THOMAS BONNER, TORONTO.

Mr. Thomas Bonner—who was a resident of Toronto for nearly sixty years—died at his home. Anne street, on the 19th instant after a short iliness. A few weeks ago our old friend was in the enjoyment of good health, for a man in the eightieth year of his age; but a sharp attack of la grippe, which developed into pneumonia, cut short his long and active life. Born in Beleck, County Fermanagh, Ireland, he inherited that steadfast love of Faith and Fatherland so eminently characteristic of the men of the North, and the lessons of his youth were not forgotten in the land of his adoption. While faithfully discharging every duty incumbent on Canadian citizenship, he was ever mindful of the land of his birth, which he had hoped and prayed might one day be blessed, as MR THOMAS BONNER, TORONTO.

mindful of the land of his birth, which he had hoped and prayed might one day be blessed, as Canada is, with all the rights and privileges guaranteed by Home Rule.

Mr. Bonner was blessed with a most excellent wife, who shared his early strugtles and subsequent ease and independence. She survives him, as do also four sons and one daughter—the latter being Mrs. Bateman of Borton.

The funeral took piace on Saturday to St. Michael's Cathedral. The pail-bearers were the four sons of the deceased—John Bonner of Toronto, and Patrick Bonner of Borton. Mr. C. J. Bateman, son-in-law of deceased, was one of Toronto, and Patrick Bonner of Borton. Mr. C. J. Bateman, son-in-law of deceased, was one of the chief mourners. The Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father Rohleder, with Rev. Dr. Treacy as deacon and Rev. Father Healy as sub-deacon. The nusical services were impressively rendered by Mrs. Tapsfield, Mr. A. J. Holbiter and Mr. M. D. Caron. After the Absolution the body was taken to St. Michael's cemetery, whither it was accompanied by a large number who had known and respected Mr. Bonner as an upright and enterprising citizen.

May his soul rest in peace!—Toronto Cath-

Zen.
May his soul rest in peace!—Toronto Catholic Register, March 23.
To Mrs. Bonner and her esteemed family the CATHOLIC RECORD extends condolence on the death of their beloved husband and father.

MR. MICHAEL ENRIGHT, ADMASTON, MR. MICHAEL ENRIGHT, ADMASTON,
Another well-known person in this iumbering district has passed away to join the silent majority, viz., Mr. Michael Enright, brother of the late Patrick Enright. The deceased had been on the sick list for the last year, his strength gratually decreasing. He bore his illness with patience and resignation to the will of God. Rev. Father Marion faithfully attended him throughout his long illness. He passen peaceful away on the 6th of March, at his sister's house, in Admaston, The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 8th March, to 8t. Michael's church, Douglas, where Requiem Mass was offered for the repose of his soul.

The pull-bearers were six nephows of the deceased: viz., Joseph Enricht. Thos Enright, Patrick Enright, Owen D. Enright, Deven D. Enright, Decea

wen D Enright. May his soul rest in peace! A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

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The hearts of all will go out to Rev. Father Minehan of St. Peter's. Toronto, and to his prother, pastor of Orangeville, in the loss theh have sustained in the sudden and fearful deaty of their youngest brother, Joseph The poor boy white attempting to board a train at Drangevills last Thursday evening, in some manner lost his hold and fell under the cruel wheels. In a moment one of his legs was crushed to a pulp. Although he got every attention which medical skill could give the poor lad, who was only fifteen, did not raily from the shock, but about noon of the next day, Good Friday, succombed to his injuries. The body was brought to Toronto the next morning, and the funeral took place from St. Peter's on Monday at 9 o'clock, and was largely attended. R. I. P.

NEW BOOK.

"Introduction to a Devout Life," by St. rancis de Sales. Published by Benziger Bros. 6 Barclay street, New York City. Price 56 ents, Cloth binding. Handy pocket size. ERRATA.

In last week's issue of the CATHOLIC RECORD some mistakes were made by the printer in the article written by Rev. Father Foley on "The Catechism," For "fantasmata," read "phan-tasmata," "For those who they may appoint," read "For those whom they may appoint," "reproducation," read "reproduction,"

C: M. B. A.-Branch No. 4, London, Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday o every month, at 8 o'clock, at their hal Albion Block, Richmond Street. James P Murray, President; P. F. Boyle, Secretary

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON. Moved to Marysville.

On the occasion of the transfer of the Very Rev. Dean O'Connor, from Chesterville to Marysville the following complimentary and well deserved address was tendered him: To the Very Rev. Dean O'Connor Pastor of St. Mary's church, Chesterville:

Mary's church, Chesterville:

Dear Rev. Dean.—Your many friends in this parish desire to take the opportunity of your bidding them farewell, to express their appreciation of your labors in their midst and your many kind admonitions in their hehalf. For about ten years you have faithfully performed your duties as priest of this parish, constantly endeavoring to build up the congregation spiritually teaching us by precept as well as by the example of your own devout and plous life.

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myred to a parish which, owing to its beautiful location, and the many comforts connected with it, not to be enjoyed with us; we feel a regret that you cannot officiate longer in this church, the rebuilding of which entailed upon you much labor and anxiety. It will, however, remain issting monument of your energy and ability, and be a constant reminder to us of your self-sacrificing labors in our behalf.

You harry sympathy with the welfare of each one of us, and your efforts to promote the advancement of your parish, and to cultivate in it not only the Christian graces, but also good-citizenship and patriotism, has been felt and appreciated by all with whom you have come in cantact, and on the eve of your bidding us arrewell, not only the members of your own congregation, but also the citizens of Chesterville and vicinity, regret exceedingly your departured. Dut also the citizens of Chesterville and vicinity, regret exceedingly your departure parish.

In conclusion, we beg you to accept the accompanying purse, with our best wishes and earnest prayers that you may be assured that nothing but kind words will follow you. In conclusion, we set you to accept the accompanying purse, with our best wishes and earnest prayers that you may long continue. "Christ's sacret that sympathy and spiritual consolation you have so freely given to us.

Signed on behalf of the congregation of St. Marry's Church, Chesterville, this 12th day of March A. D. 1850.

James Hughes, Patrick Kirby, John P. Burns, Bernard Coyne, Hugh Masterson, Thos Flynn, John P. Jordan.

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The following reference to the event we take from the Chesterville Record of March 16. Those who know the Very Rev, Dean will say that the kind words expressed by the editor are richly merited:

— About two months ago Archbishop Gauthier made several changes of the appointments of the parish priests, and among the number was the Very Rev, Dean O'Connor of this place, to Marysville Ont. Owing to the sickness of Mrs. Sheviln, sister of the Very Rev, Dean O'Connor, they were unable to move to their new parish, until yesterday. The Dean has been active in this parish for ten or twelve years, and during that time, has been a steady and earliest worker; and during the past, year he had St. Mary's church re modelled and decorated to the cost of about \$5,000. The church is a very fine structure, and on the official visit of the Archbishop he pronounced it one of the finest of the size to be found in Ontario. We are informed that his flock presented him with an address and a purse before his departure, but to what extent we are unable to say. The Very Rev. Dean and his sisters take with them the good wishes of the whole community to their new field of labor.

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA. (Special to the CATHOLIC RECORD.)

The old St. Joseph's Orphanage on Cathcart treet is to be transformed into a seminary or toyiciate in connection with the Order of Grey Yuns. retreat of three days for the Irish parish-A retreat of three days for the Irish parisal-norers of Hull, Que., was begun on Palm Sun-day. The Ikev. Father Howe, O. M. I., of Ottawa, was the preacher.

A meeting of the Confraternity of the Holy Family, at which were invited to attend all the females who had followed the exercises of the late mission, was hold in St. Patrick's on Palm

females who has been also been as a been sunday.

A preliminary meeting of the men who signed the pledge for a year or over at the late mission in St. Patrick's was held on Palm Sunday evening. A further meeting will be held on Low Sunday, Rev. Dr. McNally is in charge of the Newment.

Low sunday, teck, Dr. archany is in charge of the movement.

In compliance with the request of the Newman Catholic Reading Circle of St. Patrick's parish, the Reverend Mother Superior of la Congregation de Noter Dame convent, Gloucester street, placed the spacious Academic Hall of the institution at their disposal on Tuesday, 28th March, for their disposal on Tuesday, 28th March, for their disposal on Tuesday, 28th March, for their disposal on musical, was presented to a fairly large andience, the state of the weather pr. venting many from attending. The menu was as follows:

Duet—(Flute and piano) "The Mountain Shepherd" Borbiguier

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Song-.... Mr. J. P. Dunne

Reading- Reading—
By the President of the Circle, Mr. W. Kearns
Song—"Happy Days" (with flute obligato)
Streleyid

Mrs. Steckel
Piano and Flute—"Transcription sur le Par-

Truth Society has issued Rev. Dr. Fallon's lecture on the Coronation Oath in pamphiet form.

On Palm Sunday the monthly Calendar of St. Patrick's Church for April was issued With it was a tract on the matter of hearing Mass on week days, issued by the St. Patrick's Tranch of the Catholic Truth Society.

Bayswater Court, C. O. F. received Holy Communion in a body in St. Mary's church, on Easter Day.

From Three Rivers, Que., comes the rumor that the successor of the late Bishop Lafleche will be the Rev. Thomas Rouleau, principal of the Normal School, Quebec, If this be so, Father Rouleau will be the first Principal of that institution raised to the purple.

The St. Jerome Sewing Society brought their labors to a close list week. During the winter they have made up a large quantity of clothes for the poor of lower tows. On Tuesday of last week Rev. Canon McCarthy presented each of the members with a handsome souvenir in the shape of a copy of the Episiles and Gospels.

On the 6th of April High Mass will be celebrated by His Grace in the Water street convent chaple for the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and the annual meeting will take place on the same day.

Their Excellencie's paid a formal visit to Waterstreet Hospital on the 29th ulto, and were received by the Sisters and the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Easter Exams in the Rideau street convent chaples of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Laster Exams in the Rideau street convent took place last week.

Rev. Pather Couctus, O. P., gave a retreat last week for the young men of St. Jean Baptiste parish,

Shade of John Wesley! Meeting for relignment of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Shade of John Wesley! Meeting for religious services "in preparation for Easter held every evening last week in the Do Methodist church.

DIOCESE OF LONDON

Rev. Father Ferguson, C. S. B., of Assumption College, Sandwich, preached in the cathedral London, on Good Friday evening, on the Sacred Passion of Jesus. By way of preface he remarked that the facts upon which we were to meditate that evening were either the most difficult to present or the easiest, according to the manner in which we look upon them. It is the law of our nature, as we find ourselves now, to be over-familiar with sufering. The first sound the child produces after birth is a cry and the last attered by the departing old man a wait of dist ess If it were merely to present to us an idea of suffering as depicted by a creature like ourselves, he contended the task would not be very hard, because every one of us would find the echo of it in our own hearts. It would not be difficult to make a description of that man—if we only knew him—who suffered the most intensely of all created beings, so natural is the idea of suffering to our nature. The difficulty this evening, he said, was rather to try to regulate our thoughts as near as we can to the truth and yet not to derogate from the rights of our Red-emer. We must remember that He was not only man but at the same time God He gathered up unto Himself all possible suffering and used His divine power for the sustainment of His human nature. Father Ferguson said that he always held that the best way to celebrate Good Friday is in silence—to kneel down before the crucifix and to remember that He who is there represented is Almighty God and because of our guilt He bore this awdul punishment. Or, again, to read the Sacred Passion—every movement of the Divine Saviour from His betrayal by one of His disciples until the awful termination on Good Friday, and let our minds dw-ill upon these tragic scenes. It was, however, customary, he said, to try and speak upon this subject on each, recurring anniversary; and to do so is in a certain sense very good, became all who love Jesus

cannot help being moved by the recital, and anything that tends in this direction is always welcome. There are various ways in which we can meditate upon the Passion of Jesus. His suffering in the body. His suffering in the mind, His suffering in the senses—if we confine ourselves to any of these aspects it would be impossible to present an adequate picture of it. Father Ferguson said that if he had the power of an angel or archangel to give voice and expression to the feelings that crowd upon his mind when kneeling before the cruciffx his sermon on Good Friday would produce an effect such as did the actual occurrance that we read about—when the sun wasdarkened, the earth trembled and the very graves gave up their dead. When we come to consider that God became man for our sakes and died in the accumulation of all possible horror that suffering can bring, we conot wonthat the carth trembled and rocked so that the very dead came forth from their graves to terrify the living. We cease to wonder at a phenemonen of this kind especially when we consider that His awful suffering was all intended to atone for our sins, and our heartless ingratitude and forgetfulness therefor. The preacer asked his hearters to consider the disgrace to which Jesus was subjected. When a man is in poverty, so long as he is honest he can stand up in the presence of a king—so with all the other so-called evils, it matters not so long as he is free from the accusation of his own conscience. But when a man is in disgrace, and not only his enemies but even his friends turn against him, then it is that the agony reaches his very soul. Disgrace—to be in a mean position, and to feel that we are so by our own fauit, this is the most acute of all suffering upon man. Have you ever noticed, he asked, that when we are sick, even if it is not self-inflicted, how very badly we feel? Sickness does not be song to us. God made us perfect, and destined us to be sharers in His immortainty. We made death ourselves by disobeying God's law and by throwing away t

for man's abuse of this sift. It is in the Passion of Christ, as in a mirror, we can see ourselves best. As He paid that price for our abuse of libert; so like and or ever will commit until the solid the solid or ever will commit until the solid of time. He suffered all this in order to satisfy the justice of His Eternal Fact. In our trais and temptations let ac ever keep before us the Passion of Jesus, and if we are failful to correspond to His grace, when the proper time comes Jesus will raise up His Divine Hands and bring us to Himself. The world nowadays makes light of our abuse of liberty, torgetting that in doing so we defile our bodies—those temples of the Holy Ghost from whose divine hands they came forth. Faults are readily enough committed—sins of impurity and of drunkenness, etc.—yet for these our sins Jesus the God of modesty was obliged to be stripped naked and to submit to the rude shouts and jeers of the vilest of men. He was bound to a triangle and lashed by the most wicked and cruel men, until from the foot of His Secred Head to the sole of His Feet there was not a sound part on His body. And all this Jesus our Divine Master suffered for our sins of impurity; This was the price He paid in order to obtain for us strength and grace to avoid sins of this kind. Father Ferguson asked the congregation if they ever had a friend—one whom they sincerely loved—turn against them. When such a one, to whom we have spoken intimately with our lips, turned his back upon us and betrayed our dearest secrets—oth his is one of the keenest of all sufferings. Yet we see how our Blessed Lord was troubed in this manner also, in addition to the intensect of physical suffering. All those whom He had benefited—some of those who ended from Him. One of them sold his Divine Master, another denied down how here did solved the prophet, hundred of the suffering. On that awful day it was our Blessed Lady who saved on envire him. See looked up into the face of her Divine Son but said nothing. But Jesus saw her and understood her the Passion of Jesus before retiring that night. Begin, said he, by making an act of perfect faith. Think of it just as though the whole scene were actually present. Earth and heil united to inflict upon Jesus all possible suffering. Though even He is God He patiently submitted, and prayed to His Heavenly Father to forgive His persecutors—Father, have pity upon them; forgive them. Resolve, henceforth, he counseled, with the grace of God to lead good lives so that all His suffering will not go, so far as we are concerned, for nothing.

From St. Marys, Ont.

On Paim Sunday Rev. Father Brennan blessed the Paims and distributed them to the people after which High Mass was sung, with sermon and the reading of the Passion. In the evening the Holy Way of the Cross was recited, followed by sermon and solemn Bendiction. During Holy Week the services consisted of Mass at 9 o'clock and in the evenings devalous and instruction. On Good Friday morning the solemn adoration of the Cross, reading of the Passion and a sermon on the Crucifixion took place. On Easter Sunday two Masses were celebrated — 8 and High Mass at Il o'clock when the choir rendered "Concone's Mass in G." in an acceptable manner, with "Region Could be a controlled to the Communion the rev. pastor preached an eloquent sermon on the Resurrection of Our Lord, before a large congregation. In the evening Musical Septem and Renediction of the Biossod Macrament were given. At this Biossod Macrament were given. From St. Marys, Ont. Musical Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament were given. At this service Miss Handrahan, the soprano solo-ist of the choir, sang very sweetly Rosewig's "O Salutaris," Miss McKeough presided at the organ in her usual efficient manner. The altars were adorned with Easter lilies and cut flowers, which had a very pleasing effect.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

On Holy Thursday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated at the cathedral by His Lordship Bishop Dowling, assisted by Chancellor Craven, Archdeacon Laussie, Fathers Brady, Hinchey, Hanck and Walter. There were also present Fathers Rohleder of the cathedral, Toronto; Coscrove, Elora; Kehoe, Drayton; Burke, Oakville; Doyle, Brantford; Murphy, Freelton; Rogalski, Berlin; Donovan, Dundas; Gehl, Galt; Cummings, Brantford; Lynch, Caledona; Kolly, Walkerton; Kavanagh, S. J., Guelph; Crunon Dunnville; O'Rielly of St., Patrick's Hamilton, and Mgr. McEvay, and Fathers Mahony and Holden of the cathedral. After the Mass and the blessing of the holy oils, the Bishop, accompanied by the clergy and sanctuary boys, carried the Biessed Sacrament in procession to the repository.

On Easter Sunday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Bishop Dowling, with Mgr. McEvay as assistant priest, Fathers Holden and Walter as deacon and sub-deacon and Father Mahony as master of ceremonies. The Bishop gave the Papal Benediction and afterwards spoke for a short time. He said that a spiritual resurrection had taken place amongst the Catholic people of the city, Large numbers had gone to the sacraments during the two weeks' mission at St. Lawrence church, and the forty hours devotions at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's as well as the devotions of holy week and brought great numbers to their Easter duty.

The Bishop was present at Vespers on Easter had brought great numbers to their Easter duty. The Bishop was present at Vespers on Easter Sunday evening at St. Patrick's church and preached on the feast of the day.

A concert and dramatic entertainment was

given by the Leo Literary society in St. Mary's

Vocal solo—"Armourer Song " Mr. W. Green Vocal solo—selected...

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Miss M. Lovering.

Vocal solo—"Sweet Aileen"...

Mr. J. Wilmot. Mr. J. Wilmot.
Recitation—" Asleep at the Switch ".
Miss M. McKeever.
Vocal solo—" Maggie O Connor".
Mr. F. A. Filgiano.
Vocal solo—" Hills of Arcady...
Miss S. Stuart.

PART II. Vocal solo-"Amid the Green Fields of Vir ginia"..... Mr. J. Wilmot.

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recognized, pre-eminent British Ballad Singer
of the day. An entire change of programme
will be rendered, including a choice selection of
English, Irish and Scotch melodies. The concert will be given in the Grand Opera House
Thursday evening, April 13th, Popular and
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MARKET REPORTS.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Ont., April 6— Wheat steady; red. A 685c; holders asking 70c for red. Res. outside; Mani-Toronto, Ont. April 6—Wheat steady; red sold west at 68\(\frac{1}{2} \), holders asking 70e for red and white; goose, 67c, to 68c outside; Manitoba, 85\(\frac{1}{2} \) for No. I hard, grinding in transit and 83c North Bay. Flour quiet; cars of straight roller, in bbls., \$3.55, Toronto freights for shorts, and \$1.50 to \$14 for bran. Barley, nominal at 45c to 46c for No, I west. Buckwheat cull, at 48 to 50c, west. Rye, easier at 54c asked west. Corn, steady, at 37c for Canada, yellow west; old American, 45\(\frac{1}{2} \) course. Oatmeal, quiet; cars of bags, \$3.60, and bbls. \$3.70 Toronto. Peas quiet, at 65c west.

Montreal April 6—Flour—Receipts, 670 bbls. Montreal April 6.—Flour—Receipts, 600 bbls-market quiet and unchanged.

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The Theory (paper work)—Early in June,
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The exact dates will be duly announced
Entries close on May 1st.
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an be obtained of the Hon. Local Represent
tives in each centre, or from the Central Offic
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THE CORONATION OATH.

Dr. Fallon is lecturing through his pamphlet on the Coronation Oath to a very large audience. His earnest and spirited protest has awakened many an eloquent echo and has caused some good people to wonder that in our days, which to all seeming have cast aside every relic of barbarism, words as insulting as they are unjust should be placed on the lips of a sovereign who claims and receives the allegiance of countless Catholics. We sincerely hope that Dr. Fallon'

agitation may have the desired result The words of that oath may have faller pleasantly on ears when the hangman and torture chamber were in honor but no one can hear them now without blushing for his fellows and feelin they proffer an unjustifiable insult t the memory of those who have contrib uted to the glory of the English and those who yield to none in loyalty "Who could suppose," says Charl Waterton in 1838, "that in these time of intense religious investigation v should ever see a British Queen force by an execrable Act of Parliament step forward and swear that the Ho Sacrifice of the Mass, at which Alfr the Great, St. Edward the Confesso and millions upon millions not only Englishmen but of all nations, bo before and since their time, ha kneeled, and do kneel, in fervent add ation, is superstitious and idolatrou Had I been near her sacred pers the sun should not have set before I h imparted to her royal ear a true a faithful account of the abomina oath. It is a disgrace to the Brit nation: it ought to be destroyed by common hangman."

The Catholic Truth Society can be too highly commended for publi ing the valuable and instruct phamphlet.

HIGHER EDUCATION.

We have much pleasure in pres ing to our readers the honest and ma plea in favor of higher Educat by the Rector and Faculty of the U versity of Ottawa. Outlining scope and aim of true education, demonstrating its necessity in days, it calls upon Ontario Catholic give their loyal support and enc agement to an institution which been for some time past no unimp ant factor in the intellectual deve

ment of Canada. gyrist of Ottawa University. Its cord speaks more eloquently than words we might pen. Its profe are efficient and painstaking-con if the souls entrusted to their care som and bring forth fruit, and rea nothing for themselves save the

sciousness of duty well performed We know some of the students have come from its halls, and the not air-castle builders or led astra every flickering light of human ion, but earnest, doing men's wor prizing as their richest treasure heritage of Catholic faith.

When Bishop Guiges threw being the college at Bytown, he b better than he knew. He saw i that education was necessary f maintenance of sound principle for the worthy bearing of the res bilities that weigh upon Car Catholics, but that the modest of should be supplanted in after ye the present magnificent building that its students should hail, no from the Dominion, but ever Germany and France, never e

The hope may have cheered his work, but its realization mu seemed twenty years ago to be a far distant day. And yet, all manner of obstacles, it has its way to the front rank of the tional institutions of Canada. Catholics have a right to be p it : and they have likewise a give it undivided support. I the fashioning and moulding children's souls-to give them knowledge of their duties to make them understand that i country they should not be s henchmen, when they can, and take their share of the highest of trust. There is not the sh