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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.

London, Ont., May 23, 1879. DEAR MR. COFFEY—As you have become proprietor and publisher of the Catholic Record, I deem it my duty to announce to its subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its aims and principles.

Mr. THOMAS COFFEY, Office of the "Catholic Record," FROM HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP HANNAN.

I have had opportunities during the last two years of more reading copies of the Catholic Record, published in London, Ontario, and approved of by His Lordship Bishop of Montreal, the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, the Bishop of that See. I beg to recommend that paper to all the faithful of this diocese.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

The celebration of St. Patrick's Day this year throughout Canada was of a character almost exclusively religious. In all the cities of Ontario out door displays were dispensed with, to give place to the quiet and genuine enthusiasm of Catholic piety in commemorating the life and services of the Irish Apostle.

A LIVE QUESTION AGAIN.

The success which has attended the land agitation has demonstrated to the Irish people in the old land and in the new world the irresistible power of moral agitation. When Daniel O'Connell's repeal movement resulted in complete failure many patriotic Irishmen lost faith in the efficiency of the peaceful warfare he had inaugurated.

land league was the most skillfully constructed piece of mechanism ever devised to effect a sudden but peaceful revolution in any country. Its success demonstrates the efficiency of the system it put into motion to give Irish soil to Irishmen.

VIGOROUS ACTION.

The insurrection against Austrian authority in Bosnia and Herzegovina has led the government of the Kaiser to adopt a determined and vigorous policy in regard of these principalities, the protectorate of which was by the treaty of Berlin vested in Austria.

THE STALWARTS.

The nomination of Roscoe Conkling to an associate judgeship of the United States Supreme Court is a very clear evidence of the President's intention not to break with the stalwart element of his party. To that element Mr. Arthur owes his election to the Vice-Presidency, and consequently his present occupation of the Chief Magistracy.

A JUST VIEW.

The Observer, an ably written and judicious organ of public opinion in the county of Renfrew, takes a very just view of the alleged increase of bank deposits in Ireland during the year 1881 as compared with 1880.

Observer. The Irish question is still a living one. Its true solution lies, as we have often pointed out, in the concession to Irishmen of local self-government, to which none but a fanatical bigot can deny that they are entitled.

DISSATISFIED.

The Prussian government is dissatisfied with the warmth of the reception tendered to Gen. Skobeloff on his return to Russia. True, the Czar was reported to have censured the General's rather straight-to-the-point utterances, but we have now the general's own statement that his sovereign was highly pleased with his speech, and though fully endorsing it, did not desire to precipitate a conflict with Germany by giving it an openly avowed approval.

TOO SMART FOR ANYTHING.

A city contemporary recently achieved, by an effort at smartness, a solid standing in the ranks of stupid and vulgar impertinence. The doggerel wherewith it introduced the festival of St. Patrick to its readers, if taken as a specimen of its good taste and consideration for the feelings of Irishmen, is well worthy its highest capacity in the line it has evidently chosen to follow in dealing with all matters Irish.

CROWDED OUT.

An unusual pressure of matter on the space at our disposal unavoidably compels us to hold over several communications, reports and various selections of interest, for all of which room will be found next week.

THE CONCERT ON ST. PATRICK'S EVENING.

Our people invariably look forward to the evening of St. Patrick's Day as a time of enjoyment—a time in which fond memories are kindled into new life, and having placed before them a programme of vocal and instrumental music, serving to make Irish hearts glow with enthusiasm, and engendering a fonder love for the dear old land across the ocean.

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY IN LONDON.

In St. Peter's Cathedral, the festival of St. Joseph was observed with impressive solemnities. Large congregations assisted at all the masses. The early masses at 7 and 8.30 were celebrated by Father Coffey, who administered Holy Communion to many persons.

SOLEMN PROFESSION AT THE SACRED HEART.

Sunday, the 19th inst., witnessed a very impressive ceremony in the chapel of the Sacred Heart Convent. Mgr. Bruyere, assisted by Father Cornyn, received the solemn profession of Madam Scott, niece of the late Dr. Anderson of this city.

RECEPTION AT MOUNT HOPE.

On Sunday, the 19th, the festival of St. Joseph was celebrated with much éclat at Mount Hope. In the morning a solemn reception of three young ladies to the sisterhood of St. Joseph took place. The three ladies who took the veil are Miss Boyle of Wawanosh, in religion Sister Mary Isadore, Miss Mulligan of Norwich, in religion Sister Mary Clare, and Miss Kennedy of Orillia, in religion Sister Mary Margaret.

LECTURE AND SACRED CONCERT AT ST. PETER'S, GODERICH.

The lecture and sacred concert at St. Peter's Church on the evening of St. Patrick's natal day was quite a success. The subject chosen by the Rev. Father McKeown, of Parkhill, was the faith of St. Patrick, which subject he treated in a masterly style.

"Ave Verum" was very much admired. The church was filled and a nice sum realized. The new altar of St. Peter's is designed by Mr. Welsh of Seaford. The base is panelled with handsome mouldings and surmounted by a Gothic pillar, which reaches the height of 21 feet.

HAMILTON LETTER.

Clerical—St. Patrick's Day in Hamilton—High Mass, Sacred Concert and Lecture—Grand Concert and Lecture in Dundas—"Bright Epochs in Irish History"—A Beautiful Day—Appropriate and Successful Celebration.

CLERICAL.

Judging by the description given in the Brantford Evening Telegram, the recent visit of His Lordship to Brantford was a most important event. The article referred to is given in another column.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN THE CITY.

The festival of Ireland's patron saint was commemorated in Hamilton with due and fitting solemnity. Solemn High Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's Church at 10.30 a. m. by the Rev. Father Lillis of Freeport, assisted by Rev. Frs. Craven and Bergman as deacon and subdeacon respectively.

LECTURE AND SACRED CONCERT IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The grand sacred concert and lecture given in the evening in St. Patrick's church proved to be a decided success. The attendance was very large—all the pews and several additional seats being filled, while many were obliged to stand. Seated in the Sanctuary were His Lordship Bishop Crinnon, Rev. Chancellor Keough, Rev. Frs. Craven, Lillis, and Bergman.

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