

Nothing certain can be said of them except that during the whole period of Catholic Missions they were settled on both sides of the Niagara river, but particularly along the south bank of it between the Lakes Ontario and Erie.

The Eries, or the Cat nation, were probably settled along the southern shore of the lake of the same name, although Schoolcraft is quite undecided, and seems inclined to place them farther south.

An old Alleghany chief, called in English Black Snake, is said, according to Schoolcraft, to have denied the story of their destruction.

In all those recitals the tribes allied to the Hurons are likewise represented as allied to the Iroquois; and there is no contradiction in this, because both the Iroquois and the Hurons came originally from the same stock.

To form a just estimate of the whole case, it must be remembered that the Hurons, or Wyandots, were extensive traders all over the north. On their small peninsula on Georgian Bay, they had on the north and west sides the vast region which has now for three hundred years furnished Europe with furs, perhaps to a greater extent than Siberia itself.

LETTER FROM TORONTO.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

THE ARCHBISHOP OF TORONTO'S LECTURE.

On Sunday evening His Grace took the text "Other sheep I have who are not of this fold these also I must bring that they may be of one fold and one Shepherd. Having given a clear explanation of these remarkable words of Our Lord, he remarked that Protestants very often ask "Do Catholics believe that all who die outside of their communion are lost?"

merely to the body of the Catholic Church and are counted as members, but who do not belong to its soul. To belong to the soul of the Church one must be, besides being baptized, free from mortal sin, believe implicitly, at least, all the doctrines of Christ.

SODALITIES

As I have alluded in my last communication to the movement set on foot by Protestant ladies, I will now advert to the movement started some years ago by the good Sisters of St. Joseph and Loretto. Both convents are in the Cathedral parish and each has a Sodality, or society of the Blessed Virgin attached.

What with bonuses to Railway Companies, who, by a strange fatality become beggars, very soon high salaries to officials mismanagement, etc.; our "Queen City" is up to the crown in debt, and it is not pleasant these hard times to have one's taxes mounting higher year by year.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

The annual election of Trustees for the Separate Schools, in this city, will take place early in January; already candidates are out in several wards, and more than usual interest seems to be manifested in the election; it would not do our people any harm to pay more attention to the management of the Separate Schools in this city, as there management might be improved to the advantage of the Schools and the satisfaction of our people in this Province.

EXEMPTIONS.

The question of exemption is constantly forcing itself upon public notice in this city. From a return just published it appears that the total exemptions in this city from taxation amounts to \$1,280,000, a large sum for a city under eighty thousand.

MAYORALTY.

There are there candidates in the field for the mayoralty, and it is supposed that two or three more will be wooing the "sweet voices" of the electors before Christmas, no doubt, Mr Morrison the present occupant has discharged the duties very fairly, and to the satisfaction of all parties, and so far there is every probability that he will wear the "Golden chain," next year.

THE ORANGE BILLS

The agitation for orange incorporation is still going on, already petitions are being prepared by several orange lodges in this district, and scores more will be ready by next session of the Legislature. The orangemen seem determined not to give up their struggle for incorporation, and the Bills will be again introduced by Mr. Merrick of North Leeds.

THE THIRD ORDER.

There exists in Montreal an admirable work almost unknown. This work, which is due to the inventive inspiration of the Venerable Bishop Bourget, archbishop of Marfanopolis, is protected and encouraged by His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal, with all zeal that the worthy successor of the great Bishop had to promote the good of the souls confided to his care.

Christopher Columbus who had the glory of discovering America wore these glorious liveries—and it was from this militia that he drew those virtues which we hope, will one day place him in the catalogue of saints.

But the glacial blast of impiety and revolution in passing over the world stifled these generous inspirations which brought the people of the world to embrace the practice of evangelical councils. Thanks to God the glacial coldness of irreligion which benumbed souls and dried the sap of Catholic piety, disappeared little by little, and the world returned to the maxium of the gospel.

They now have to realize the necessary funds for the payment of this church. They count on the well known charity of the people of Montreal. They have organized a bazaar which will take place in the middle of next January, we hope that encouragement will not be wanted.

THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

Scarcely have they finished the magnificent steeple of St. James' Church than the Catholics of that quarter call for new improvements to that temple. It is very consoling for visitors to this Church to see the faithful go there in crowds.

To find a place in a bench you must go to Church at least a quarter of an hour before each mass. Everyone anticipates a crowd and acts accordingly. The church is not very large; it has no lobby and is in the centre of a very popular parish, and a crowd of people who live in the parish of Notre Dame come to St. James.

But how give more space? There is the question. Some propose to lengthen the false chapels, one side as far as Mignonne Street, others advise that it would be better to dig under soil and open under the church and immense chapel which could give as much space as the superior need.

The question of enlarging the church one way or another will be before long an absolute necessity and the citizens of that quarter had better see about it.—Minerva.

RUSSIA.

Russia is mobilizing 60,000 fresh troops and battalions are constantly crossing the Danube. Horvotovitch has effected a junction with the Russians.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

Santa Claus is the Dutch name of St. Nicholas. In several parts of the Continent it is the custom of children, on Christmas Eve, to hang up their stockings and shoes, and if any gifts be found in them next morning, they are supposed to come from Santa Claus as a prize for good conduct.

SANTA CLAUS AND THE CHILDREN.

'Twas the eve before Christmas, "Good night" had been said: And Annie and Willie had crept into bed;— There were tears on their pillows and tears in their eyes.

And each little bosom was heaving with sighs; For to-night their stern father's command had been given, That they should retire precisely at seven.

Four little bare feet bounded out on the floor, And four little knees the soft carpet pressed, And two tiny hands were clasped close to each breast.

"Dear Jesus, look down on my brother and me, And grant us the favour we are asking of Thee: I want a wax dolly, a tea set, a ring,

And an ebony work-box that shuts with a spring. Bless papa, dear Jesus, and cause him to see That Santa Claus loves us as much as does he:

They were soon lost in slumber both peaceful and deep And with faints in dreamland were roaming in sleep. Eight, nine, and the little French clock had struck ten.

He the father had thought of his children again; He seems now to hear Annie's half-suppressed sighs, And to see the big tears stand in Willie's blue eyes.

His Annie's "bless papa" drew forth the big tears, And Willie's grave promise fell sweet on his ears. "Strange—strange—'d forgotten," said he, with a sigh,

"How I longed, when a child, to have Christmas draw nigh, I'll atone for my harshness," he inwardly said, "By answering their prayers ere I sleep in my bed;

A millionaire facing the cold driving sleet! Nor stopped he until he had bought everything, From the box full of candy to the tiny gold ring;

And birds of all colours were perched in the tree, While Santa Claus, laughing, stood up in the top, As if getting ready more presents to drop.

And as the fond father the picture surveyed, He thought for his trouble he had amply been paid, And he said to himself, as he brushed off a tear,

And as the same eyes opened the present peep'd; Then out of their beds they sprang with a bound, And the very gifts prayed for were all to be found.

And as they gazed and they cried in their innocent glee, And shouted for papa to come quick and see What presents Old Santa Claus brought in the night, (Just the thing that they wanted and left before light)

And now, added Annie, in voice soft and low, "You'll believe there's a Santa Claus, papa I know," While dear little Willie climbed up on his knee,

And told in soft whispers how Annie had said That their dear, blessed mamma, so long ago dead, Used to kneel down and pray by the side of her chair,

And that God up in heaven had answered her prayer "Den we dod up and prayed dust as well as we tood" And Dod answered our prayers, now wasn't He dood?"

"I should say that He is if He sent you all these, And knew just what presents my children would please,

PERSONALS.

POPE—His Holiness is much better. CONROY—The Apostolic Delegate is expected at Toronto shortly.

WALLER—Mayor Waller entertained a large party of gentlemen at dinner the other day. BANGS—Mr. G. W. Bangs is at present the only candidate for the Mayoralty of Ottawa.

ODRA—Elizabeth O'Dea, aged 107 years, has just died at Ballyvoughan, County Clare. She was born in 1770. NUTT—Commodore Nutt, the dwarf, is betrothed to Miss Jennie Quigley, a diminutive lady who travels in the same troupe with him.

CLANDEBOYE—Lord Clandeboye, eldest son of the Earl of Dufferin, accompanied by Major and Mrs. Hamilton, have arrived at Rideau Hall, from Ireland. ALLEYN—Mr. Alleyn the Conservative Candidate for the representation of Quebec West in the Local Legislature has been elected by a majority of 41.

GLADSTONE—Mr Gladstone when in Ireland admitted that the Imperial Parliament was unable to discharge the duties it undertook with regard to Ireland. DUFFERIN—It is expected that His Excellency the Governor General will honour the concert, to be given by St. Patrick's Society next month in Montreal, with his presence.

MENARD—Mr. Menard, architect, of this city, is preparing plans for a convent to be built at St. Lin, P. Q. It is to be 87 feet by 50 feet, and three stories in height, with a wing in the rear. McIVER—Colonel McIver, a beau sabreur who has served in India, America, Cuba, Cete, South America, Egypt, Mexico, France, and during the late Turco Servian war, is again in the field near Belgrade.

DE PALADINES—General D. Aurelle de Paladines, life Senator of France, is dead, aged 73. He commanded the Army Corps to which the Irish Legion was for a time attached, during the Franco-German war. RIDGEWAY—F. R. S. Ridgeway, for many years connected with the Citizen in by gone times, assumes the editorial chair of the Star. He carries with him the best wishes of the fraternity in Ottawa.—Telegram from Ottawa.

MOTHEM—Rev. P. re Mothem delivered a brilliant lecture in Laval University on Monday evening on the present and probable future of the French people in America. Amongst those present were the Archbishop, Mayor, and members of the Local Government. FERGUSON—Mr. John Ferguson the patriotic Irish Presbyterian has issued a touching address to the Irish Catholics of Glasgow to assist him in enabling a Catholic priest to build a Church "in the wilds of Ayrshire." He heads the address with a donation of \$500.

CHINOQUA—The Rev. Bishop Chinoqua, of Persepolis, preached at the church of Geau, Montreal, on Sunday, in his Oriental attire. In pleading the cause of the Catholic Missions in that country, he gave an account of his conversion from the Greek to the Catholic faith.

SULTAN—The Daily News Vienna telegram, dated Thursday says, after the disaster at Kara became known at Constantinople, the War Minister recommended that the Flag of the Prophet should be unfurled at once. The Sultan said till Erzeroum and Adrianople have fallen, he would not consent to such an extreme measure.

BARTLEY—The prisoner, Guo, Bartley, was quietly taken away from the Provincial Police Station, Quebec, on Saturday afternoon, and conveyed to the goal of St. Joseph, Beauce. He was shackled and in charge of no less than three officers—Superintendent Bureau and two constables. He made no attempt to escape.

GALE—Gale, the pedestrian, went on a spree after the conclusion of his last great feat; nevertheless a day later the doctors found him well without a jaded appearance, his eyes clear and bright, and his appetite and digestion good. It has been now well established by medical testimony that he can sleep while he walks.

McGUIRE—The Rev. William McGuire the new rector of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Montreal, said on Sunday last that it was "absurd and contradictory to assert that His body is on the table or the so-called altar by the so called priest. His self-styled priests may claim to save men, may talk of the keys, &c., &c." The "new rector" promises to be a bigot.

OBLATS—A new Church was lately opened on section 8 of the Lachine Canal, and the first service was held therein on the 2nd December. The church has a seating capacity of 200, and is in charge of the Rev. Mr. Barbeau, of the Peres Oblats, and was built by the contractors on the Lachine Canal. The pictures, ornaments and cross are all the gift of the Hon. Mr. Laflamme.

CHINQUY—The moral person said at a meeting of the International Protestant League held in Montreal on Monday evening that "that the Church of Rome was at work to get rid of all the English speaking Protestants in this Province." No one but Orangemen could be led astray by such nonsense. He applauded "Secret Societies" of which it appears the "International Protestant League" is the.

STAR—The Star of last evening says, "as to the merits of orangemen in Canada they may be balanced against the aims and other objects of other extreme religionists who are striving for political power in this province." It thinks that one "category of stickle-s for their rights" have as much right to occupy the thoroughfares as another. It calls St. Patrick "a half mythical personage."

DOUDIET—The Rev. Mr. Doudiet, Grand &c., of the orange organization, lectured in Ottawa on Friday night last. He said that there were 7,557 persons at the funeral of Hackett, of whom four thousand were orangemen. It is rumored here that the Catholic Union is going to march on the 12th of July next, and it is expected that it will muster quite as many as the famous "four thousand." We do not know whether there is any truth in the rumour or not.

BRAY—The Rev. Mr. Bray lectured on the Gallican Church last night. It is said that four gentlemen in Montreal subscribed \$20,000 to start the Spectator of which Mr. Bray is to be the editor, while disagreeing with most of the lecture, yet he heartily congratulated the Rev. Mr. Bray on his change of front, which was so plainly evidenced in the temperate lecture he gave. It is impossible to more than notice the lecture at present. Next week we may have something to say about it.