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# NOTES OF THE WEEK.

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB .-- It al draft, in General Grant's hand- his political triumph by retiring peris not often that in all the pulpits writing of his first inaugural address. of the city special mention is made It was sold for \$401. There were letof the merits and deserts of any ters from Jeff. Davis, and particular institution, or associaleading characters during the Amertion. Yet such was the case last ican civil war, which were sold for Sunday in regard to the Catholic ums ranging from \$10 downwards. Sailors' Club. However, this is not After all, we are not surprised that. surprising, as it is universally aduch a high figure should have been mitted that no more deserving espaid for the letter of the late Presitablishment of its kind exists in this dent Lincoln. Not only as a memocity, or on this continent. We have rial of the martyred statesman, but times numberless called attention to as an historical document connecting the splendid work being done by the great President and the great General (and future President) it that admirable club. It has enlisted the very best talent and energy of our zealous Catholic citizens; it has had the unstinted approval and encouragement of the episcopacy and the clergy; and it has drawn to its fore he had won the worldjwide reprooms the flower of our Catholic soutation as soldier and as statesman ciety. In fact, there could not be a which he subsequently enjoyed. There more positive work of charity. Yet is something very touching and very we might more properly call it a pathetic in these relics of the great work of religious propaganda comand the good men that have gone bined with mercy. It is the estab-lishment of a haven of rest for the from earth. This incident brings to seafaring men, whose lives are exfact that a vast number of those posed to all the dangers of the who so cherish relics of statesmen deep, and whose few hours of repose and heroes, do not hesitate to ridicule and to scoff at the Catholic's or recreation are fraught with still more fearful dangers in the form of devotion for the relics of saints of God. People who so much cherish temptations. It is the creating of that which come from the pen of a dead patriot, belittle the spirit in a second home for the sailor; a home in which companionship, encouragewhich we love and venerate even porment and protection are to be found. tions of the bodies of the ones who The wing of God's angel-a special guardian spirit-hangs over that abored to establish God's Kingdom on earth, and who were princes of the Church here below, as they are abode of peace and security. And yet it is the establishment of a now saints of the Church above. pleasant "rendezvous," wherein all weet associations of home and the

hallowed influences of religion blend with opportunities for the keenest enjoyment and the most innocent and healthy recreation. No man stands more in need of protection than does the sailor. From the moment he enters port he is the object of a score ate the sixtieth anniversary of the of evil traps that the vicious, unfounding of their St. Jean Baptiste scrupulous and even criminal have long been preparing for his recep-Society, and the fi.tieth anniversary of the foundation of Laval Univer-His strong spirits combined sity. We can readily understand with his actual innocence of the de-

even the outlines of the magnificent successes obtained in religious and educational domains by that forenost of Catholic institutions-Laval our readers the splendid story of old Laval and all the blessings that from its rocky eyrie above the Ancient city, it has shed upon the whole country. The Catholic Church, above all, has benefited in a signal manner by the works of Laval and its professors and graduates. The latter have filled the ranks of all the professions and, in almost every case, they have climbed to the highest rungs on the ladder of success. Truly does that noble institution perpetuate in a living manner the aims and desires of the great prince of the Church whose name it preserves.

is true that the result of the second balloting in France shows a fair support of the Waldeck-Rousseau Administration, it is equally true that the Prime Minister wishes to celebrate sonally from the position to which the popular vote has re-elected him. Apart from personal grounds, of which we cannot be expected to have too busy to spend time in experiany positive knowledge, there must be some very important reason for this determination on the part of the Premier. Is it possible that all is sar, when the measurements of time not as roseate as would appear on the surface, or that he does not anticipate a confirmation of his triumph when the deputies assemble on the 1st of June? It is a grave error to suppose for a moment that the stands forth as a testimony to the ultimate result of of an election in confiding nature of the former, as France is to be calculated upon even well as his insight, and the capacity as it may be in England. America and high standing of the latter be- or Canada. Here we know that when a political leader is returned to power with a certain majority he can almost positively rely upon the support in the House of that number of members. It is not so in France. Yonder there are so many parties, and sub-divisions of parties, and mind the queer and contradictory sub-sections of divisions, that no man can tell how they will vote when the time for a pronouncement comes. Four years ago the Melvine administration was returned with a large working majority, according to the ballots; but once the Chambre met the Premier found that he was obliged to resign for lack of proper support. The same could very easily be repeated. It is no guarantee that the Premier can command a majority in the Chambre, merely because there was a majority for him in the country. So many and so divided are the conflicting interests of the divers

other

sections of French political life that until an actual vote is taken no man A DOUBLE CELEBRATION. — On the 23rd June next there will be a twofold celebration in the city of Quebec. On that day the people of the Ancient Capital will commemor- final and practical result of the great political contest of France.

SCHOOL PRIZES .- A correspondsigns against him, tend to lead him how two such events, each of first ent in one of our French contempor-into dangers that too frequently re- magnitude for that old Citadel city, aries has drawn attention to the Editor of the Univers:

respondent upon the subject, and we have a vivid recollection of having more than once editorially called attention to this question, now that the closing of the scholastic year is at hand, we think it would be timely for all interested in educational matters to seriously reflect on this topic

#### A NEW CALENDAR. - Camille Flammarion, some time ago, hinted at a new calendar that would be differently divided from the present months would be changed. not mind very much what Mr. Flammarion, in his scientific eccentricities might propose; but it would seem others who must have more leisure than common sense. One gentleman issues an almanac that divides the year into four sections of three months each: the year beginning on the 21st March, and each section adds one extra day at the end in order to make up the 365 days. He wants to give the months new names that seem to have about as little application or meaning as the terms applied by the Directorate of the French Revolution to the various sec-tion of the year. The fact is that the world is now too practical and menting upon any new-fangled ideas concerning calendars. It was all very well in the days of Julius Caewere so irregular that some system had to be adopted. But Pope Gregory has settled the matter of time computation to the satisfaction of the world, and it is not likely that any scientist or romancist can ever

improve upon the calendar which the great Pontiff gave to the world. In his we see again an evidence of that which we have so frequently pointed out-namely, the lead taken by the Church in everything that is practical and useful for the human race.

# The African King To Pope Leo.

A letter from the king of Onitsha Lower Niger, Africa, to Leo XIII., which appears in "L'Univers" of oí April 28, 1902, is a forcible remindof the truly universal character of the Catholic Church. Here we have a king in "darkest Africa" address-ing the Father of Christendom with filial love and telling in his own simple way of the progress of the Church in those remote regions. The letter, which was written last March, is embodied in a communication to "L'Univers" from a French missionary on the Lower Niger.

POPE LEO'S GIFT.

Onitsha (Lower Niger), March 19, 1902. Feast of St. Joseph.

### PRICE FIVE CENTS

Onitsha will expand greatly and in a

few years will be the most import-

ant place on the banks of the Niger.

tion of what has everywhere happen-

ed when there has been a great in-

flux of whites who have different

aims and views from those of the

missionaries. There will be obsta-

cles in the way of our good work, but with God's aid these obstacles

will be surmounted. The Catholic re-ligion will be firmly rooted and like

one of those majestic trees of a thou-

sand years' growth indigenous to the

Niger region, it will spread far and

Catholicity in Holland.

According to the recent census

35.4 per cent. of the population of

Holland is Catholic. Protestants

umber about 3 000,000, and Catho-

lics 1,700,000. There are about 100,-

000 Jews. Of the fifty-eight deputies

of the second chamber, twenty-five

are of the Catholic faith, as are

three members of the ministry, two

of the three being the Ministers of War and Finance. The progress of

the Church within the last fifty

years has been very remarkable. The

two southern provinces, North Brab-

ant and Limburg, are nearly all

Catholic; while within the last ten

years or so, fine Catholic churches

have sprung up everywhere through

the Protestant portions of Holland,

even in the remote villages. The peo-

ple are extremely generous, and vo-

cations are so numerous, that not

only are the secular and regular cler-

gy well supplied, but there are,

moreover, several very important

missionary organizations. There is

an Apostolic School at Rosendaal,

the Society of the Divine Word at

Steyl, a branch of the Belgian mis-

sionary society at Scheut, and houses of the "White Fathers," or

Algerian missionaries, and of the Missionary Society of Lyons. The

hierarchy, re-established by Pio No-

no in 1853, consists of five Episco-

pal Sees, each diocese having its

own seminary. There are 1,066 par-

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ishes or rectorates, and 2,348 mem-

Catholic leaders advocate greater ac-

tivity amongst laymen, and ambi-

tion to reach more prominent posts,

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

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A GANET.

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very interesting for more reasons right bank of the River Niger, have recently decided to transfer them to Onitsha Wharf. Under doubting that than one:

### THE KING'S REPLY.

Samuel Okosi, King of Onitska, to His Holiness Leo XIII., the Head Undoubtedly there will be a repetiof the True Church of Jesus Christ :

#### Most Holy Father :

I am under the obligation of thanking Your Holiness for the very precious gift you have deigned to send me. Among all the African kings l one, and in which the names of the am fortunate because you have months would be changed. We do the great kindness of presenting am fortunate because you have had me with this picture of the Blessed Virgin, and especially because you have given me your paternal blessing. that his idea has been taken up by This picture of our good Mother will always hold the place of honor in my house, and I shall unceasingly ask of my powerful advocate her assistance in the faithful discharge of all my duties. My people are now re-ceiving Christian instructions. The THE FRENCH ELECTIONS. -It consisting of ninety-one days. He schools are filled with children and a great crowd of people assist every Sunday at the divine service. It is trult consoling spectacle for a Christian king to see his people thus cultivating religion and turning their

backs upon the idols. I have also great pleasure in inorming you that the law against the killing of twins is now strictly oneyed, and that Chief Obi-Fatou of Nsoube, the neighboring village to Onitska, has been baptized, and is a fervent Christian. The great majority of his people are ready to follow his example. The chiefs of Cgidi have given orders that the missionaries for whom they are building a house shall be received. The village of Iken has also its apostle since a month. The Mission of Saint Joseph of Agouleri is rapidly developing under the direction of Rev. Father Joseph Bubendorf. All the settlements on the Niger are now disposed to receive the Gospel. Send them, Most Holy Father, a still greater number of missionaries that they may take possession of these villages in advance of the Mussulmen and of the various Protestant sects, such as the Wesleyans, Presbyterians, African Church and the Episcopalians of the Church of England. These sects are everywhere doing their best to get ahead of the Catholic Church. They are ten times more numerous than the Catholic priests, but with your blessing and under your orders the

True Church will be stronger than all others, and she will be everywhere victorious as she is now at Onitsha, Ossomari, Nsoube, Agouleri, Ikem, Ogidi, and in other places with a population of from ten to fifteen thousand souls. Bless me, most holy and well be

especially official ones. Mgr. Schaep-man, the leader of the Centre party loved father, bless me as well as my and of the Christian Democrats, has subjects, bless also our dear mission been made a Prothonotary Apostolic with its fathers, its brothers and its by Pope Leo.-Exchange. sisters, so that the Niger may be-come one of the most flourishing Catholic countries. Your obedient and very humble

servant. JOHN SAMUEL OKOSI, King of Onitsha.

The Ontario elections for the local legislature were held on Thursday Timothy Obin, Secretary.

and reports, as we go to press, show PROGRESS OF CATHOLICITY .- that the contest was a very letter of Samuel Okosi, or more one. The "Mail and Empire" gives

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