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THE "FREEMAN'S" FAIRNESS

The Kingston Freeman is strongly liberal in its tendency, yet it does not fail to do justice to an Irish Canadian worthy of praise.

A BOND OF FAITH.

On Friday morning last, in St. Patrick's Church, a rare and most edifying scene took place. Several hundred young men of St. Lawrence school, Irish Catholics and French Canadians, approached together the altar rails, and there, in union, received Holy Communion for the repose of the soul of the late Father Dowd.

ST. PATRICK'S NEW PASTOR.

Elsewhere in our columns will be found the announcement of the appointment of the Rev. Father Quinlivan, S.S., as successor to the late Father Dowd, the beloved and esteemed priest of St. Patrick's.

THE SHAMROCKS.

The bazaar and tombola, for the benefit of new grounds purchased by the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, and which opens on the 22nd inst., in the Windsor Hall, is worthy not only of the attention, but also of the support, of all citizens interested in the athletic improvement of our young men.

front in goodly numbers. We regret, however, that our Irish Catholics have not as yet contributed in as great numbers as is their wont.

CATECHISM AT ST. PATRICK'S

We have often been asked, "What is the St. Charles Borromeo system of Catechism?" Having visited the St. Patrick's Church on Sunday afternoon last, and having seen this system carried out in all its details and perfections, we purpose replying to the above question by explaining, as simply and shortly as possible, what we saw on that occasion.

We entered the church at two o'clock and were almost bewildered by the strange scene that greeted us: eleven hundred and twenty-eight children, ranging from three or four years up to fourteen or thereabouts: of these four hundred and sixty-five were girls, five hundred and fifty-five boys, and one hundred and five teachers.

THE LATIN LANGUAGE.

An American contemporary has the following remark:—The movement in Italy to revive the Latin tongue and to make it a universal language is attracting the attention of scholars, especially in Europe.

of the back-woodsman, or under the gorgeous domes of Basiliens; the same that was heard deep down in the Catacombs while the fires of persecution blazed upon the battlements, the trumpets of martyrdom resounded along the Tiber and the blood of a bleeding Faith bedewed the arena of the Flavian Amphitheatre; the same that shall be heard by the last man, and sung by the last priest upon that fiery day that shall precede "the crack of doom."

MONSIGNOR GILBERT.

It may not be generally known that the Right Rev. Monsignor Gilbert, D.D., who has been appointed Vicar Capitular of the Archdiocese of Westminster, pending the election of the Cardinal's successor, is of Irish extraction, his parents having been natives of Wexford.

EDUCATION.

A great number of our American Catholic exchanges are, at present, expressing very important views with regard to the all-important subject of Education. The field is so vast that it would be impossible for us to give even a synopsis of the different able articles which have recently appeared treating of this vital question.

versal a course of instruction as is possible; but we need still more the solid and practical education that will fit a young man for any sphere in life, no matter whether he purposes "earning his bread" with "hammer, or chisel or pencil, with rudder, or ploughshare or pen."

TOM PAINE'S BIRTHDAY.

The following announcement appeared last week in a New York contemporary:—The Manhattan Liberal Club's celebration of the birthday of Thomas Paine filled Chatham Hall to the doors last night, and people fought for places near the stage.

SOULANGES.

The victory of the Conservative party in the County of Soulanges is one of great significance. Mr. Mousseau, ex-M.P., and recently defeated candidate, was a brother of the late ex-Premier of our province; he was a life-long Conservative, until the day when Mr. Mercier raised his Riel cry; from that moment he became an ultra-liberal and Mercier man.

DOMINION POLITICS.

During the past week the Conservatives have had unvarying success. Tired of attributing the victories of the national policy to the corruption of its supporters, even the Daily Witness seeks another explanation for the loss of prestige of the liberal cause.

AN AUTOCRAT.

Now that Count Mercier is before the Province, making a last and desperate effort to regain that confidence which he has so much abused, it is not, we think, untimely to draw the attention of the Irish Catholic electorate to the systematic manner in which he neglected, when in the flush of power, doing even the slightest justice to them.

father's grand ideas, and to have aided so powerfully in the securing of a victory that shall redound to the credit of all true Canadians and to the honor and glory of the cause for which his father fought.