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a believer. Speak to those who are. I know too much about priests."

"Alas my poor child," the chaplain would answer, "it is not for my own sake or my own pleasure that I visit you. I come to plead with you for your soul.'

It is needless to dwell upon the replies which the dying sinner made to such appeals. Suffice it to say that as the days went by, M. Guillemont's patience never failed, that he never passed the bed of the wretched Infidel without doing all he could to relieve his sufferings, and without, above all, imploring the poor man to have pity upon his own soul, and to turn to God. At length it was plain that the sick

At length it was plain that the last stage man's end was near. The last stage of the disease was upon him. The chaplain now redoubled his efforts to win this soul for Heaven. With burning words he exhorted

him to cleanse himself from his sins

him to cleans inner the before it was too late. "In a few hours," he said, "you will be in cternity. Nothing can now save your life. It rests with you to next save your life. It rests with you to say whether, when yonder sun next rises, your soul is safely on its way to heaven or in the everlasting prison of 1. Which is it to be?" "But, my good sir," replied the

patient, "it is no use your talking of such things to me. Though I believed them once," he added, with a sigh.

The priest saw his opportunity. "Yes," he said, think of that time. Think of your happiness then. Can you recall the moment of your first Communion, with your mother kneel-ing near? Can you truly say that ing near? your after-life has given you any happiness to compare with the peace and joy of that bright and happy

morning long ago?" "Stop, spare me, "moaned the dying man. "Why do you torment me by recalling the past, which can never come back to me? Why do you not leave me at least as much peace as I can have with this loathsome disease? Your peace may be beyond all

words if you will but turn to the God From whose hands did you of Peace. receive the happiness the memory of which thrills you at this moment? From the hands of Jesus Christ. He is ready once more to bestow upon your heart this peace and happiness, if you will but let Him. I speak in His name, and I offer you His peace. I am the priest of Jesus Christ. If you listen to my words our Lord will listen to you when, in a few short hours, you stand before His Throne."

The dying man lay silent for a few There was no sign in his face—so scored with the ravages of disease—of the struggle which was going on in his soul. That contest, moments. old as creation, was raging in his poor fluttering heart—the contest between good and evil.

At last it seemed that the harassed mind had reached some conclusion. The glassy eyes opened once more and turned towards the chaplain. "You tell me," he said, "that you

are the priest of Jesus Christ. But you do not imitate Him. You value your life like any other man. If you love Jesus Christ, and believe that He is awaiting you, you should wish for death, and even court it, as a means

of joining your Master." "My son," replied the priest, meekly, "I am but a man, and I have therefore a man's natural clinging to Still, when God calls me, I trust in Him that He will give me grace to face death. And indeed my life is not so dear to me that I would not willingly give it up for Christ's sake, or for the

give it up for current state, or for the least of His redeemed. "I do not believe it," replied the other. "It is easy to speak as you do in full health, and you are obliged, as

wonderful conversion had still to be paid. Scarcely had the grave closed over the convert's body, when the chaplain began to feel the first approach of the dreadful disease. But in his brave heart there was neither regret nor fear. He had counted the cost, and with calm resignation he laid himself down to die. At first it was thought that his seiz-

ure was but slight, and his friends tried to encourage him with the hope that his was to be one of the few cases in which the dread disease could be

A dear friend who visited him at this time, Mons. La Serre, the Vice-President of the Ecole, attempted to instil this hope into the priest's heart. "We will soon see you back," he said, "teaching our boys. They are long ing to have their old chaplain again. For the first time since his illness began, the sick man seemed disturbed. "Ah ! those, classes, "he sighed. "I should like to have held them once more. But," he continued, his face

brightening as he spoke "it is God's will, and I will not wish it otherwise. No, do not deceive yourself. I shall not recover. I have offered my mortal life to gain life eternal for the poor and our Lord has deigned to soul, accept the sacrifice.'

He never for a moment entertained any expectation that he would recover. A few hours later, with the calm-ness which is allowed as the calmness which is alike the reward and the accompainment of a good life, M. Guillemont received the last sacraments, and within a few days he gave up his pure soul to God.

Can we doubt that God received him? Surely not. What our Lord chiefly requires from us is love, and with His own Divine lips He has told us that "greater love hath no man than this, they has deputd used on the life for that he should lay down his life for his friend."—Wilifrid Wilberforce, in London Month.

+The facts of the following narrative were re-lated to the writer by Mons. Henri La Serre, the late Vice-President of the Ecole Interna-tionale, an intimate friend of M. l'Abbe Guille-

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA.

Visit of His Grace to Almonte.

The visit of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, to the parish of St. Mary's on Saturday, Sunday and Monday last was the grandest in the history of the parish. On the arrival of the evening train from the south the various Catholic societies formed a procession and marched to the church, the Separate school children and citizens brass band heading the procession. His Grace, with his accompanying priests, soon entered the sanctuary, when the choir sang the hymn of welcome, "Vivat, Pastor!" Benedic-tion of the Most Blessed Sacrament followed, after which the following address was read to His Grace :

followed, after which the following address was read to His Grace: To the Most Rev. J. Thomas Dahamel, D. D., Archdishop of Ottawa: MAY IF PLEASE YOUR GRACE—On this, the occasion of your pastoral visit to the parish of St. Mary's, we, as representatives of the congregation, of the Separate school, and of the various Catholic societies of Almonte, would tender our warmest welcome to the first pastor of the archdiocese. The attachment and allegiance due Your Grace because of your ecclesiastical leadership are coupled with admiration and congratulation when we estimate the successful issue of your mumerous and brilliant efforts to advance the material as well as the moral interests of your Metropolitamate. It was to be expected that an episcopate begun with the zeal of an apostle should continne as has that of Your Grace – a model for us, your children, of pradence, temperance and Christian fervor. Our fondest hopes, however, had not painted the many material monuments of Your Grace's episcopal administration which to-day are comprised in the archdiocese of Ottawa.

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humble prayers for mercy, with his to the episcopal corporation of Ottawa, easily the victors. Meantime they had given his life for his salvation, the penitent sinner breathed his last. But the price of this sudden and zealons administration of his priests. enitent sinner breathed his last. | goodness of Almighty God, then to the submerged many landmarks of old-But the price of this sudden and zealous administration of his priests, fashioned Protestantism, and bid fair and then to the willingness of his to carry away their belief in the Scrip people to contribute toward those insti- ture as God's people to contribute toward those insti-tutions. He felt happy to think that Scripture is Prof. Brigg's task. He so many societies for the elevation of **must** call in the idea of the the moral and intellectual welfare of Church and the functions of reason the moral activity in the idea. the people existed in their midst. He in order to do so. All this is a step paid a grand tribute to our dear pas- in the right direction, which is anoth way of saying that it is a step in the remembered when they opposite direction to Calvinism. ndents together at the Calvin, as well as Luther, condemned tor, Very Rev. Canon Foley. said he were students together at the reason as fatally tainted by the fall of he esteeemed Ottawa University ; Adam, and these founders of Presbyterihim then. After they were ordained he still esteemed him; and when he anism and Protestantism substituted the individual judgment of the regener was raised to the dignity of a Bishop ate Christian for the Church as the

his esteem was still as warm as ever. criterion of divine truth. He said that it was on account of of the piety and devotion of Father Foley is certainly honest—and he will find in the doctrine of the Catholic Church that he raised him to the dignity of a canon of the Church. He thanked them all that he can crave, and more than for their kind words, and hoped they he ever dreamed of, for the purification would all meet in heaven.

and elevation of humanity. Whether he shall be logical or not, let us hope The address was read in a clear and distinct voice by our prominent young lawyer, Mr. R. J. Dowdall. that many who now share his position will certainly be so, and will come into Sunday morning at half past On the Catholic Church. seven His Grace gave confirmation to

about eighty children. Before the ceremonies began His Grace gave a beau-tiful exhortation to the children, and asked them to pray fervently that the sacrament which they were the sacrament might be the about to receive might be the means of salvation to their souls. After this ceremony Very Rev. Canon means of salvation to their souls. After this ceremony Very Rev. Canon Campeau celebrated Mass, at which a large number of people partook of holy Communion, thereby gaining the Plenary Indulgence attached to the Plenary Indulgence attached to Archiepiscopal visit. At 10:30 High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Motard, at which His Grace delivered one of the grandest sermons ever listened to in St. Mary's. As it was the feast of the most Holy Trinity, he preached on the divinity of Jesus Christ. He quoted texts from Scrip-ture, clearly showing that Jesus was true God and true Man. A large number of our separated brethren were pres-ent, and could not help being edified with the ceremonies. The Mass of the Holy Ghost was well sung by the choir, Mr. O'Heare, leader, singing a splen-did tenor, Miss Mary McDonald acting as organist and Miss Josephine Nagle

singing the soprano solos. Benedic tion of the Most Blessed Sacrament took place at 7 o'clock in the evening. His Grace delivered a powerful sermon on the succession of the Catholic priesthood from the apostles. He proved to the satisfaction of every Catholic and every fair-minded Protestant that the priesthood of the Catholic Church is the only true priesthood. He admonished the congregation to always have a profound respect for the priests of the Catholic Church, and that, having that always in mind, they would meet in heaven to part no more.

On Monday morning High Mass was celebrated at 10:30. His Grace delivered a powerful sermon from the text, "For whatever is born of God overcometh the world;" (II. Ep. St. John, 5: 4,) and referred to the duties of Catholics in preserving their baptismal vows. In the introduction of his sermon he read a list of the improve ments made in the church and school, as well as the progress made by the several Catholic societies since his last visit. He gave great praise to the pastor and to the people for the several inprovements made The visit of His Grace will be

long remembered by old and young, and it is the fervent wish of all that he be spared to the faithful of this may Archdiocese ad multos annos

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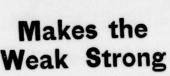
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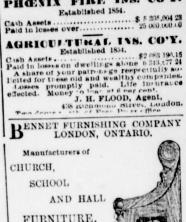
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