

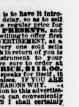
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the city.

The Geneva Advertiser of the 11th inst. contains the following manly protest against the vile slanders of a Boston preacher. The editor of the Advertiser is preacher. The editor of the Advertiser is neither a Catholic nor an Irishman; but he is an American who loyes truth and justice and hates sham hypocrisy and cant. Hence these words: "Rev. Henry Mor-gan of Boston has issued a number of books, taking a stand against the Catholic religion. His reasons in the main are, that Boston has changed from its "good old Puritan ways" and has become a den of profligacy, sin and vice. If Mr. Morgan had stood with us one day upon a wharf in New York, and seen the landing of twelve hundred Irish immigrants, scores of them New York, and seen the landing of twelve hundred Irish immigrants, scores of them girls under tweuty years of age, coarsely dressed, but many of them with large eyes, comely forms and very fair faces, as they looked upon the strange scenes be-fore them, and turning about, beheld the lecherous eyes of men cast upon these defenseless girls, eyes that belonged to Americans, and saw the attempts of these devils to get behind the ropes that held the mass of struggling immigrants, some of his mass of struggling immigrants, some of his notions as to the origin of the social evil might have been changed. We have writ-ten of this scene before. Those girls left their homes in Ireland and landed on the dash science of the social evil

dock as pure in heart as the day they were born. The roues of New York and Boston are not the hardworking, hard-fisted Irishmen. They like their fun, their many making concentration in held in held. fisted Irishmen. They like their fun, their merry making, occasionally indulge in a spree and perhaps a bit of fight; i ut that is all. To our sorrow we say it, the roues of New York and Boston are American born, well up in the ways of the world, and it is among the defenseless that they ply their vocations. It is they who lead those girls astray, and some of them are double housekeepers, one for a wife and family, and another for a worse place. Mr. Morgan should be honest and say so.

London Universe.

We are happy to report a case in which justice and fair play have of late been meted out to the Catholic Church in a country in which she had hitherto met country in which she had hitherto met with nothing but injustice and unfairness. Baden is the German State in which the weed called Old Catholicism has grown more exuberantly than in any other part of the world; there are whole villages in which more than half of the Catholic peo-ple had turned away from their mother Church and joined the wretched sect for a time. One of these is the village of Epfenhofen. A majority of the people having been Old Catholics some years since, the Church living of the place was handed over to an Old Catholic "divine." That personage died recently, and the

to mind their own business in such mat-ters is a Protestant principle, which no Catholics but those so bad that they are ready to become Protestants will act upon, and which has knocked Protestantism so thoroughly into "smitherens" that its dissevered parts and fragments are now far "too numerous to mention." We reader if Ma Machine parts hard of

far "too numerous to mention." We wonder if Mr. Moody ever heard of the fate of the "Soupers" and the utter failure of their work in the West of Ire-land. If not, some friend should at once acquaint him with their sad history, lest he and the two companies who are said to be going with him lose their precious time. Instead of him teaching religion to the peaantry of Connemara, he could gain information on eternal truths from them, illiterate as they may be; but if he need that, which perhaps he does, he can have recourse to some of their coun-trymen in Chicago and in other American can have recourse to some of their coun-trymen in Chicago and in other American cities. Or if he must preach, let him act on the excellent suggestion of a secular paper, and inculcate the principles of justice and the duty of restitution to the absentee and other landlords who have so long been engaged in robbing the peo-ple of Ireland.

Milwaukee Catholic Citizen.

The smart young men brought up in Protestantism but "emancipated" on the daily press, see clearly the hollowness of their quondam religion. The logical advanced Protestant mind does not see the use of churches, and its feeling towards the ministers is only slightly towards the ministers is only slightly removed from scorn. They are men who make their living by catering to ethical culture. Their auditors are a lot of goody people who fancy the minister's sermons are educating, and the minister tries to sustain the delusion by a sort of patch work profundity. The "feast" he prepares for his flock is described in the following bit of satire: "Take fifty five minutes of nasal tenderness of tone, one thought from "First Principles" of Mr. Spencer and two from his "Psychology," and three allusions to the survival of the fittest. Stir gently until the whole and three allasions to the survival of the fittest. Stir gently until the whole begins to simmer. Then add rapidly to the orthodox conception of God, seasoned with savage raillery and two sliced compli-ments to the newspapers. Garnish the whole with prayers to the unknowable and serve."

Freeman's Journa'.

The roct of the evil of Hoodlumism and indifference is the lack of family life .--Freeman's Journal. Will the Journal kindly inform us how

Will the Journal Kindly Inform us now "lack of family life," which works so mis-chievously in society, can work well enough in the case of the priests of its Church as to warrant their enforced celi-bacy *l*--Atlanta (Ga.) Christian Index (Particity)

(Baptist). Why, certainly! But first, we must explain to the Index that we meant by "family life" the constant interchange of cheerful affection and mutual consideracheerful affection and mutual considera-tion which makes the family circle the happiest spot on earth. The fire of Faith, Hope and Charity ought to burn on the family hearth; kept alive by the parents, tended by the children. If homes were made Christian and cheerful, there would be less wretchedness and coldness towards religion in the world. The Church is the guardian of the family and of home. She

Irish want all the sympathy they can get from the American people, and Methodist sympathy for Ireland is so rare that it will be highly appreciated. But no sym-pathy will be bargained for at the expense of the Irish religion. The "tenantry" are not "soupers." They have denied them-selves food when it was offered them at the expense of their religious principles. They will get along without the "sym-pathy" which is proffered them on the same condition. When the Methodist "exhorter" in America gets over attribut-ing Irish misery to priest-craft he will be in a fair way to tender the Irish people a kind of sympathy that will be acceptable. When he ceases placing all the blame on the "Romish religion" and "popular ignorance and superstition" and comes out squarely against the real culprits— Englued cand the handed with this England and the landlords—the Irish people will be glad to accept Methodist friendship while continuing a, ever a Catholic neonla Catholic people.

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Catholic people. The tension of feeling at Lakeville, Conn, where Protestant citizens are cry-ing for the removal of the cross erected by Father Lynch on the grounds of the Catholic Church, has not abated. The Catholics stand upon their rights, and their part is in reality the assertion of the principle of religious freedom against the spirit of the Blue Laws. The bigots who cannot stand the public exposure of the cross are attempting to "starve the Catho-lics into submission" by procuring their dismissal from employment. This, "in the interest of liberty of conscience!" One local believer in equality of all men said

Interest of intervy of conscience "One local believer in equality of all men said to a newspaper reporter: "The Catholics ought to remember that they are employed by Protestants. I have two Irish girls in my employ, but I won't discharge them unless I am driven to it."

"How can you be driven to it?" The reporter asked. "Why, if the priest continues in his present course, I shall feel compelled to discharge them."

Protestants of the Lakeville, Conn, de-scription ought to reflect that Catholics have stood worse penalties for their faith than discharge from employment. Those who utter that threat (and we have heard who utter that threat (and we have heard it before,) are evidently ignorant of the laws of political economy. Catholics are under no compliment to their employers. They give value for value. And the de-mand for labor is generally as constant and as great as the demand for wages. More-over no large employer or manufacturer in this country would care to try a battle of the kind with his laborers and the consumers of his goods. Bigotry may bark nowadays. It cannot bite.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON.

The following circular has been issued to the clergy of the Diocese of Hamilton :

the clergy of the Diocese of Hamilton : REV. AND DEAR FATHER,— You will be pleased to learn and make known to your Congregation that official information has arrived that the Right Rev. Dr. Carberry has been appointed by the Holy See Bishop of Hamilton. The Bishop-elect intends to proceed to Rome in the beginning of the month of October, there to receive Consectration, and expects soon after to set out for Canada to take possession of the See of Hamilton.

Canada to take possession of the See of Hamilton. In the meantime, it is his pious wish to have the prayers of the clergy, religious communities and laity of the Diocese offered on his behalf. For that purpose you arehereby directed to recite at Mass--as often as the Rubrics permit--the prayer "de spiritu sancto," and repeat with your congregation, after the Parochial Mass on Sundays, the Littary of the Blessed Vir-Sundays, the Litany of the Blessed VirTHE FRENCH IN AFRICA.

"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."-" CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."-St. Pacian, 4th Century.

LONDON, ONT., FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 1883.

"Thus was baptized the sovereign of Madagascar, on Friday, the 27th of March, 1868, at five o'clock in the morning, by virtue of the Precious Blood, the feast of which the precious blood, the feast of which was celebrated on that day. Three days later, on Monday, the 1st of April, at eleven o'clock at night, she went April, at eleven o'clock at hight, she went to heaven, as we confidently trust, to ex-change her title of Queen for that of pat-roness of the great African island, a pat-roness all the more zealous for the converroness all the more zealous for the conver-sion of her people, as no one knew better than she did the extent of their miseries and the depth of the darkness in which they are plunged. Glory be to God for all this ! and may the noble-hearted man, who so faithfully carried out the designs of Divine mercy, be held in grateful remembrance. remembrance.

VIII.

Arrival of Ranavalona II. "Hardly had Rasoherina's eyes closed in death, when the state of affairs in the capital became very serious. In fact, a

capital became very serious. In fact, a great conspiracy was organized for the purpose of effecting the ruin of the prime minister, Rainilairivony, and changing the mode of electing the sovereign. "With the exception of some old Malga-sians, actuated by personal hatred, or the animosity of rival castes, the conspirators were recruited from the Protestant camp. Had they succeeded in their object, no doubt torrents of blood would have been shed, and no one can tell whether the Cath-olic Mission would not have been one of sned, and no one can tell whether the Cath-olic Mission would not have been one of the first things sacrificed. But thanks to Divine Providence, the plot was discover-ed, and proved fatal to none but the con-spirators. Four of the principal ringleaders succeeded in making their escape. Twenty others were arrested and condemned to death. Among these last were found others were arrested and condemned to death. Among these last were found three sixteenth honor men, that is to say, men of the very highest rank in the government, and also the per-sonage they thought to place on the throne. The twenty conspirators were to have been beheaded; owing to the entreaty of the Europeaus, the penalty of death was commuted, and they were sentenced to be put in fetters and imprisoned, a punish-ment worse than death. No one can have an idea of the jail, or rather tomb; into an idea of the jail, or rather tomb, into which they were all thrown together. No door, no windows, the ceiling hardly high enough to allow of their standing upright; two or three holes in the roof to admit light and air; food calculated, not to keep them alive, but to procure them a lingerthem alive, but to procure them a linger-ing death, which, indeed, has already come to pass in the case of one of them, the bro-ther of the famous Rainjohary, ex-premier of the late Queen Raso-herina, and a sixteenth honor man man like him. And, indeed, nothing but fear of the Europeans saved them from the axe. Among the unfortunate men thus condemned was one whose case axthus condemned was one whose case ex-cited the greatest compassion, the unhappy young man, who, having allowed himself to be carried away by ambition, obtained, not a crown, but a load of chains. There is another not so likely to attract sympathy: namely, the celebrated Rainivoninabitriony, brother of the pres-ent prime minister. Exiled in the reign of Rasoherina, whose prime minister he had here for the time he contained here.

ame blessing for the rest ! But they are closely guarded day and night by two hundred soldiers, and it is death to try to approach them. Nevertheless, we shall make another effort; the Lord may take

IX. General Review of the Condition of the Mission.

Record.

sion. "Until a regular treaty shall have been concluded between the French and the government of Emyrna, the Catholic Mis-sion will find itself constantly opposed by obstacles of every sort, and reduced to a state of comparative inaction. It will always be impossible to purchase land, or even rent it for more than a month or a year; and, consequently, impossible to build new churches, to increase the num-ber of schools, and effectively develop our

build new churches, to increase the num-ber of schools, and effectively develop our establishments. To a certain extent, we are condemned to remain on the defen-sive, until the political question shall have been finally settled. "And when that is likely to be, no one can tell. The events which have recently taken place, the journey of Rasoherina, her illness and death, the mourning which followed and is still kept up; all these things have prevented anything being done, and have left affairs in a state of suspense; with difficulty, cur imperial done, and have left affairs in a state of suspense; with difficulty, our imperial commissary obtained two or three audi-ences, but he was not able to enter into matters of business. Now that the gov-ernment appears likely to resume its regular course, we may hope that the con-ferences will be held, and that we shall know the result. However, there will be many an obstacle opposed to the conclu-sion of the treaty especially as she who could have most contributed to remove them is no longer on the throne. Han.² them is no longer on the throne. Hap-pily, the Almighty has no need of human treaties; and if He sometimes deigns to make use of them to advance the pro-gress of His work, He knows very well

how to make them succeed without such means. A proof of this will be seen in the following account. "Notwithstanding all these difficulties, the Catholic Mission has at this moment the Catholic Mission has at this moment in Tananarivo three churches consecrated to the glory of the true God. These three churches, built of wood or earth, are far from rivalling the grand temples of the Methodists. They are dedicated, one to the Immaculate Conception, the other to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the third to St. Joseph. The two first are finished, and on festival days we have the consola-tion of seeing them crowded, sometimes with more than two thousand persons. The last is not yet completed, for want of resources, except a part which was opened resources, except a part which was opened for divine worship on the first day of the month of March, consecrated to St. Joseph.

"On the 19th of March, in special honor of the foster-father of our Lord, we had a procession, in which all the Christians of our three churches hastened to take a part.

"A magnificent temporary altar had been a magnitude temperature and a new of the surrounding heights, where stands the building destined to serve as a school for building destined to serve as a school for young girls, awaiting the arrival of the sisters of St. Joseph, who are to take charge of it. About two o'clock in the afternoon, the procession, having a cross and banners carried in front, began to has defile, and ascended the mountain, on the ummyit of a school for summit of which stood the temporary altar. The singing of hymns and the sound of music set all the inhabitants of of Rasoherina, whose prime minister. Exhict in the reign of Rasoherina, whose prime minister he had been for a short time, he contrived to get free, and came to take part in the affray. "Three of the condemned received bap-tism before being buried alive in their prison. Would that we could procure the same blessing for the rest! But they are the transmission and one would the ramparts, to contemplate a spectacle so novel in their eyes. It was indeed the the poor infidels; and it must be allowed that the solemn march, the silent multitude of fathers, brothers, sisters; all the choir children, with red soutanes and white surplices; the banners and flags floating in the wind, the flourish of music, the thou sands of voices resounding through the air. were enough to stir the depths of the soul. After a halt of about au hour at the After a halt of about au hour at the temporary altar, during which time one of the Fathers of the Mission delivered an appropriate address to the assembly, the celebrant, in alb and cope, took the statue of St. Joseph from the altar on which it had been placed, and raising it in his arms, besought the Patriarch to send down a blessing from heaven, not only on the new church and the little only on the new church and the little Catholic flock assembled under his eyes, but also on the populous city of Tanan-arivo and the whole great African island. Finally, the procession returned to the church, to receive the Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and so ended the beautiful and touching festival of the 19th of March, truly a day of triumph to our dearly beloved protector. "Let me now say a word or two about the church of Tamatave. I had the hap piness of blessing it on the 29th of Sep tember, 1867, the feast of the gloriou Archangel St. Michael, and in presence of an immense crowd of natives and Euroan immense crowd of natives and Euro-peans. It was a great day for the holy angels and for Tamatave. "Every one knows the importance of this city—the second in the kingdom, the centre of the European trade, the port most frequented in Madagascar by foreign ships, which come from all sides to take in providence that more in provisions and exchange their mer-chandise for the products of the country, oxen, rice, leather, fowl, etc. Hitherto, for want of means, we were obliged to content ourselves with using for religious purposes a large but miscrable shed, thatched with straw, and open to the winds on all sides. But now, thanks to the generous assistance given by all the inhabitants, Mauricians, Bourbonnians, the generous Mauricians, Bourbonnians, inhabitants, Malgasians, etc., Tamatave has the glory of possessing a beautiful large church, the very aspect of which appears church the very aspect of which appears to have transformed the whole island. Formerly, when landing on these in-hospitable coasts, the most intrepid seamen could not help shuddering at the recollec-Rasoherina. The prime minister knew tion of the crimes that had been com-that well, and made no difficulty about mitted there; now he can step on shore destremely for this disease, and would acknowledging it; he knows where truth is to be found; let us hope he may be white cross-crowned steeple looking far courageous enough to embrace it himself.

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Catholic country. "Everywhere throughout the Mission our boys' and girls' schools continue to flourish; the number of puvils is conto accommodate them, but we are most of all consoled by the excellent spirit that

all consoled by the excellent spirit that animates them. "On the 25th of November, 1866, Divine Providence sent us a reinforcement, for which we cannot be too grateful; I allude to the arrival of the Christian Brothers, three in number. The education of youth, in other words the future prospect of Madagascar, could not be confided to more able or more devoted masters, and one Madagascar, could not be confident to more able or more devoted masters, and one day we hope the great island will owe to them and to the dear Sisters of St. Joseph, whose zeal is no less admirable, the best part of its regeneration. May our Lord deign to bestow on the ministry of these

part of his regeneration. May our Lord deign to bestow on the ministry of these generous auxiliaries the success and bene-dictions which would be commensurate with the sentiments of affection and gratitude which we entertain towards them. "Notwithstanding the numerical unim-portance of the Catholic Mission of Madagascar, it affords us great consolation to see the neophytes so assidous in attending our instructions, and so zealous in frequenting the sacra-ments. Not a Sunday or festival comes round that we do not find several hundred Christians approach the Holy Table. Dur-ing the months of March, May, and June, specially consecrated to St. Joseph and the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we have counted as many as 2,000 communi-cants. The first Friday of every month the number of communicants is between 100 and 200 ; on the last feast of the Sacred Heart it was over 320. Heart it was over 320.

"It is a truly astonishing thing, and one in which we recognize the finger of God, that the little Catholic Mission has continued to exist in spite of difficulties which I have merely touched on in this report. So many enemies leagued against it ought to have crushed it for ever, and yet, not only does it continue to exist, but it goes on developing itself more and more, with its thatched cottages, its churches of clay, and its purse nearly always empty. In vain has heresy taken possession of all the high places in the capital, and covered them with sumptions of the set of the set of the test of the set edifices; in vain does all that is rich and edinces; in van does all that is rich and powerful in Tananarivo assemble in these buildings; our infant congregation, small as it is, will not perish, because it is a por-tion of the great Cathole Church; and our frail skill is attached in a divine and three-fold manner to the bark of Peter and the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Mary. "All this is for us, poor Missioners, a "All this is for us, poor Missioners, a subject of exceeding jyy, a consolation in the midst of all our trials. For us there is another source of courage and hope, and that is the efficacious and persevering support we receive from the admirable Society for the Propagation of the Faith ; and above all, the benediction of Him who has sent us, and will never fail to assist us. "Pray accept etc.," "L. JOUEN, S. J., "Letters received since the one just read.

Letters received since the one just read, inform us that the treaty prepared by Mr. Laborde, and negotiated by Mr. Garnier, imperial commissioner, was concluded and signed on the 8th of August. "Although the right of acquiring pro-

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That personage died recently, and the Old Catholics claimed to put a minister of their own in his place. The provincial magistrates agreed to this, and a sectarian ecclesiastic was consequently installed; but the Roman Catholics sent a petition to the Grand-Ducal Government to show that they now formed a large majority of the population, and this having been proved to the satisfaction of the Government, the sectarian minister had to be re-moved, and the Archbishop of Freiburg was enabled to restore the living to a sound Catholic priest. This is one of the most comforting signs of the times.

Married or not married? This ques-tion is sure to arise again and again, both in France and in other countries, so long as the present system of so called civil marriages remains in force. In all those countries the law does not recognize mar-riages solemnized by a priest in a church; in every town or village there is a mayor, who may be a butcher or a baker, a chemist and druggist, or an oil and colorman, or, for that matter, a skinner or a knacker, and who has charge of perform-

ing marriage ceremonies, by reading half a page of the Code Napoleon to the in-tending couple and kissing the bride. When the mayor is ill or absent, it may happen that an unqualified substitute per-

forms the ceremony, and in such cases the Supreme Court of France has ruled, as

we stated recently, that a ceremony per-formed in good faith should be considered valid. So far, so good. But of late a case has come to light in which the mayor

of the place himself was unqualified to act as "civil officer." At Ecouen, a small town in Normandy, a man called Dansaert,

a native of Belgium, has been mayor for a number of years, and in that capacity

he has married scores of couples. It now appears that M. Danseart was only natur-

alized about twelve months ago, and by law none but a Frenchman may act as a civil officer. The consequence is that all

is the only guardian. Protestantism con-dones divorce and denies the sacramental character of matrimony. The priest is set apart. Like the Lord whom he imitates, he chooses the virtue of chastity. The Church is his spouse; the members of his flock are his spiritual chil-dren; his whole life is devoted to them. It is useless to say to the Index that a priest -the offerer of the Most Holy Sacrificehas especial graces. The Index knows little of the sacramental grace, so real to Catholics, and which makes so many dark

things plain to them. It may be well for Protestant ministers to marry ; they are not priests, they are but men. The best answer we can make to the materialistic Index is that the voluntary cellbacy of Catholic priests has worked well.

Catholic Citizen.

The Mormons ought to participate in he celebration of the Lather anniversary, The unfrocked friar was a good Mormon missionary in his day. He permitted Phil-lip, Lundgrave of Hesse, to have two wives. And the seed seems to have been preserved. The steamer Nevada landed 632 Mor mon "converts" from Lutheran Germany, at New York, on Sunday.

The Very Rev. James A. Corcoran, D. The Very Rev. James A. Corcoran, D. D., S. T.;D., professor of Sacred Scripture, Moral Theology, Hebrew, Syriac and Homiletics, at the Ecclesiastical Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, at Overbrook, near Philadelphia, and editor of the American Catholic Quarterly Review, has been selected to act as theologian to the been selected to act as theologian to the American Archbishops at the council, in regard to the interests of the Church in regard to the interests of the Church in the United States, which they have been invited to hold with Pope Leo XIII, in November. Dr. Corcoran performed a similar service fourteen years ago, when the infallibility of the Pope was made a dogma of the Church. He will leave for Para this weak in order to be there in Rome this week, in order to be there in advance of the prelates whom he is to assist.

the marriages performed by M. Dansart prior to his naturalization are *ipso facto* null and void, and such a contingency as this is not provided for by the recent decision of the Summer Court of Fernan Moody, the evangelist, is going to Southern Ireland to labor among the Cath-olics. He hopes to obtain a generous hearing because he is an American. "It is true, (said Major Whittle, his assistant,) we think the action of the Pope about the Parnell Fund has somewhat relaxed the decision of the Supreme Court of France. Would it not be much better to allow people to be married by a qualified priest than by an unqualified mayor or other "civil officer?"

Milwaukee Sentine!.

We beg leave to inform the Independ-ent that one of the secrets of the Catholic Church's success is the respect the vast

gin. You will, please, also direct the religious communities in your Mission-if any-to have prayers offered for the same pur-

Both clergy and laity have reason to rejoice and thank Almighty God for send-ing us so excellent a Bishop. This circular shall be read at Mass the

first Sunday after the reception. By order of the Administrator of the

Diocese. M. J. CLEARY. Secretary. Hamilton, Feast of the Exaltation of the

Hamuton, 1883.

PARIS LETTER.

On Monday morning, Sept. 19, the day after the re-dedication of the church of the Sacred Heart, the anniversary requiem high mass was offered up for the repose of the soul of Mr. M. Dowling, father of the Very Rev. T. J. Dowling, V. G., Adminis-trator of the Diocese of Hamilton. The elebrant was Rev. Father Feeney, of Dundas. His Grace the Archbishop pre-Dundas. sided at his throne, assisted by Very Rev. Father Dowling and Rev. Chancellor Keough. Rev. Fathers Doherty, P. P. of Arthur, and O'Connell, P. P. of Mount Keough. Kev. Fathers Doherty, P. P. of Atthur, and O'Connell, P. P. of Mount Forest, were present in the sanctuary. Rev. Father Chalandard, of St. Michael's College, Toronto, Messrs, F. Filgiano and D. Audette, of Hamilton, and A. Halter, of Paris, sang in the choir with grand effect. After mass His Grace ascended the public and preached an excellent acc the pulpit and preached an excellent ser mon to a large congregation on Prayers mon to a large congregation on Prayers for the Dead, encouraging all to persevere in that pious and wholesome practice, knowing that it is a great source of relief and consolation for the suffering souls in Purgatory to have prayers, good works and the Holy Sacrifice offered up on their behalf. He likewise dwelt on the happi-ness of narents who give a son to be

behalt. He likewise dwelt on the happi-uess of parents who give a son to be a priest in God's Church, who, while they live, prays for them, offers up the Holy Sacifice for them, and, when they depart this life, says mass for the repose of their souls, like St. Augustine, who always re-membered his mother Monica at the altar. After the sermon His Grace pronounced the absolution. Parnell Fund has somewhat relaxed the discipline of the Catholic Church, and that the people will attend our meetings some-what more freely on that account." The the absolution.

make another effort; the Lord may take pity on their poor souls. "No sooner were quiet and order res-tored in the capital, than the prime minis-ter undertook to provide a successor to the Queen. There was not much delay in making a selection. and it was all the more easy to have his choice accepted by the nobles and the people, as he had become by the overthrow of his enemies completely master of the situation. Ramoma, the sister of the august Queen departed, was declared sovereign of Mada-gascar by acclamation, under the title of Ranavalona II., on the 2d of April, 1868.

"This princess, now forty-two years of age, has never had up to this time an op-portunity of distinguishing herself. All agree in lauding the generosity of her heart. When in the act of expiring, Rasoherina, with plaintive voice and eyes suffused with tears, recommended to her care the poor little orphans, Ratahiry and Rasoaveromanana. And eye-witnesses of the sad scene report that this last request of the royal sufferer was responded to by her sister with the deepest emotion. The The latter hastened to adopt the orphans. When the period of mourning was over, the two children returned to the Catholic schools, and the young prince Ratahiry had the honor of serving Mass on the 29th of June, the feast of the holy Apostles

Peter and Paul. "Ranavalona II. had hardly ascended the throne when she informed the Mission-ers of her friendly dispositions in their regard, assuring them that she desired to be to them what Rasoherina had been, that is to say, a protectress and a mother. "The prime minister shares the sentiments of the new Queen. He saw plainly during the late troubles that freedom of opinion, the secret spring of Protestantism in the religious order, is also in the po-litical order the fruitfal source of revolution. Catholicism, on the contrary, by inculcating respect for authority, becomes its most stable support. No Catholics were to be found in the ranks of the restless spirits who disturbed the last days of Rasoherina. The prime minister knew that well, and made no difficulty about

perty in perpetuity was not stipulated," writes the Rev. Father Limosin, (24th of August), "still the facility of taking leases for an indefinite period makes our position very comfortable. Henceforth we may settle where we like, and suitably lodge the good Sisters of St. Joseph. It is probable that the absence of all French men and all Catholics from the ranks of the conspirators, whose object. was to de-prive the prime minister of power and life, contributed not a little to the conclusion of the treaty. As Frenchmen, and especially as Missioners, we have reason to congratulate ourselves on an event which restore confidence to our neophytes and determine many pagans to ask for baptism." The Rev. Father Finas writes from Tan-

anarivo, the 24th of August : "It would be well to take advantage of

the moral impression produced by the treaty, as well as of the material advan-tages it procures us. Even before the by demands for Missioners, both for vil-lages and towns in the neighborhood of Tananarivo, and for the interior parts, where no Uatholics have ever been seen. Why are there so small a number of Apostolic laborers, now especially that the min-isters of error are redoubling their efforts to extend their conquests ?"

PERSONAL.

The Montreal Post has secured the ser-The wonder ros, has secure the services of Mr. J. L. Toy, late of the Toronto Tribune, as manager. We wish Mr. Troy, in his new sphere of hoor, all that success to which his many stirling qualities entitle him.

Yesterday, at the Supervisor of Caller's Office, the following presentacullers of Quebec : To Mr. James Patton, Supervisor, a handsome silver ice-jug and cup; to Mr. T. J. Walsh, Acting Deputy Supervisor, a bit forme at the supervisor. cup; to Mr. T. J. waish, Acting Deputy Supervisor, a gift same as the preceding; to Mr. Edmund Gowen, Bookkeeper, a splendid meerschaum pipe with tobacco jar (charged), match-box and ash plate on a pretty tray of the crane pattern.-Quebec Chronicle, 21st inst. Robert Lubbuck, Cedar Rapids, writes: "I

have used Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil both for myself and family for diphtheria, with