

SPIRITED REMARKS
On the Rights of Catholics.

To the Editor of the "True Witness."
Sir,—It will be universally admitted that the enthusiastic unanimity with which the Commons and Senate of Canada passed, on last Monday, their resolutions of sympathy with the British subjects in the Transvaal, presented a spectacle at once edifying and inspiring. Whether one regards the Outlanders as a glorious band of struggling, but oppressed patriots, of purest aims and irreproachable motives, or considers them as a selfish gang of unprincipled fortune-seekers and hungry land-grabbers, bent on using the franchise to subvert the independence of the Boer Republic, it cannot be denied that the generous loyalty, the spirited indignation, and the fervid eloquence of our Canadian Parliament in their behalf, will give to distant nations, unacquainted with our recent history, an exalted opinion of our love of liberty and our devotion to the doctrine of equal rights. Not so, however, for those who know us well.

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I pass over, as not pertinent to my present subject, the bitter and cruel comedy of an administration which only yesterday perpetrated a monstrous injustice on the helpless Catholic minority in Manitoba, appealing to-day to "the conscience and judgment of mankind at large" declaring about the "noble, moral, and just cause" of the South African Outlanders, and condemning in terms of indignant anger what it is pleased to call "intolerable oppression."

But, sir, I submit that if the Canadian Cabinet is honestly in search of Outlanders to befriended, there is no sort of necessity to travel for them South Africa. They may be found nearer home.

Some months ago public attention was drawn to a grievance under which the Roman Catholic subjects of the Empire have labored since the year 1702. Since that date every sovereign who has ascended the British throne has publicly, solemnly and wantonly insulted every Roman Catholic in the Empire in the following gross and outrageous terms:

"I, A. B., by the grace of God, King, or Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, do solemnly and sincerely in the presence of God, profess, testify, and declare, that I do believe that in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper there is not any Transubstantiation of the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ, at or after the consecration thereof by any person whatsoever; and that the invocation, or adoration of the Virgin Mary or any other Saint, and the sacrifice of the Mass, as they are now used in the Church of Rome, are superstitious and idolatrous. And I do solemnly in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare, that I do make this declaration and each and every part thereof, in the plain and ordinary sense of the words read into me, as they are commonly understood by English Protestants, without any evasion, equivocation, or mental reservation whatsoever, and without any dispensation already granted me for this purpose by the Pope or any other authority or person whatsoever, or without any hope of any such dispensation from any person or authority whatsoever, or without thinking that I am or can be acquitted before God or man, or absolved of this declaration or any part thereof, although the Pope or any other person or persons, or power

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NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," is an old saying, and one that, from a cursory view of it, may well be applied to the already handsome chapel of the Monastery of the Precious Blood, when the frescoing, now going on will have been completed. From all the houses of the Order in Canada and the United States have come the reverend ladies who excel in painting, and for over two months they have been giving their best efforts to adorn God's Temple, under the direction of an accomplished professional. All will be completed for the feast of the Assumption, 15th instant. At half past seven o'clock, the reverend Chaplain will celebrate High Mass. Previous to it, His Grace the Archbishop, will solemnly bless the two new altars and also the tableaux. Sermons will be preached in English and French; at four o'clock there will be a Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The canonical erection of the Stations of the Cross with appropriate sermons in both languages, will take place of Sunday afternoon, 13th inst., in the public chapel and will supply a much felt want to visitors.

The reverend Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame, who were attending the conference in the Gloucester street convent visited the Sisters of the Precious Blood, and by special permission of the Vicar-General, were shown through the Monastery, on Friday of last week.

Friday 4th instant, was the feast of St. Dominick, founder of the Order of Friar Preachers. In accordance with traditional usage, Mass was celebrated in the Dominican Church of St. Jean Baptiste by one of the Capuchin Friars. When the feast of St. Francis of Assisi comes round, a Dominican will officiate in the Capuchin Church of St. Francis, thus perpetuating the friendship which always existed between the founders of the two Orders.

Rev. Fathers Murphy and Gervais of the University are spending vacation at Temiscamingue.

Rev. Father McHugh, of St. Paul, Minn., was in the city last week.

Amongst the visitors last week was Rev. Father St. Germain, of Nicolet diocese. He came to see his two sisters, members of the Order of Grey Nuns.

The "Congregation des Hommes," of the Basilica Parish have recently admitted thirteen new members.

His Grace Archbishop DuRoielle, accompanied by Very Rev. Rector Constantin, of the University left on Friday of last week for London, to attend the consecration of the new Bishop, Mgr. McEvey.

The reverend Father Superior of the Congregation of Jesus of Nainitoba, passed through the city last week on his way to attend a meeting of the Chapter in France. There is also a house of the Order at Nominigoue, Co. of Labelle, Que.

Early on Sunday morning the city was invaded by the Garde Champlain of Quebec City, about one hundred strong, accompanied by their chaplains, their brass and trumpet bands, and an immense number of citizens of the Ancien Capital. After breakfast the visitors were conducted by the Societe St. Joseph, whose guests the Garde were—to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, where a special Mass was celebrated for them. In the afternoon they were joined by the Garde Leon XIII. of Hull, and together paraded through the streets headed by their bands, and proceeded to the palace where they were received and thanked by Mgr. Routhier, V.G., in the absence of his Grace the Archbishop. In the evening they were banqueted by la Societe St. Joseph, at their hall. The Garde Champlain made a most favorable impression, and all who saw their marching could not help remarking on their perfect drill and their neat and becoming uniform, they were drilled with sword only.

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HAPPENINGS IN QUEBEC.



MRS BRIDGET GLENNON Aged 107 Years Who Died Recently at Quebec

AN IRISH CENTENARIAN. — A death which has attracted more than ordinary notice in Irish Catholic circles is that of the late Mrs. Bridget Glennon, which occurred the other day at St. Bridget's Asylum, at the age of 107 years.

The venerable old lady was well known in Quebec, wherein she had resided for half a century, and was regarded as the oldest woman in the Province or may be in the Dominion. Her maiden name was Murphy, of good old Tipperary stock, frank, fearless in speech and of independent spirit. Her husband died some 25 or 26 years ago, and while that left her more dependent, it did not daunt her stout Irish heart, for she had a few hundred dollars to the good, and bravely strove to support herself, but increasing feebleness led her to seek a home in St. Bridget's where she was tenderly cared for by the devoted nuns of that well-ordered institution, wherein so many helpless members of St. Patrick's parish have found comfortable homes, and ended their days in peace. The removal to that retreat did not however quench the independent feeling of Mrs. Glennon, for she invariably made it a boast to the Irish visitors who liked to have a talk with her, that "she was not 'beholding' to anybody, for her living, for she 'paid her way,' and had her funeral expenses settled for beforehand. And she had besides a consciousness that in some ways she was worth her room, because she could knit and do 'other things. Of course the Rev. Mother Superior and the nuns humored her fancies, soothed, and tended her every want as they would do a helpless child. It was her custom to pay frequent visits to her husband's grave in St. Patrick's cemetery, and to walk both ways. On one particular occasion, she became exhausted on the return journey, and halting a carriage which overtook her, she asked for a lift, offering fair payment, as "she did not want it for nothing." It was the Lieut. Governor's state carriage, and Sir Adolphe and Lady Chapleau took her in and conveyed her to the door of St. Bridget's. She had then lived some years beyond the century mark, but still retained much vigor of body and mind, and being questioned at a still later period she stoutly denied that she was a hundred years old. True to the feminine instinct—even in extreme old age—she desired to curtail her years and cling to youth as long as she could. Nor was she satisfied to quit this world when the end came, for she wished, to live a while longer. Thus proving that humanity strives to hold on to life with great tenacity, and that we are prone to give an imaginary value to life in proportion as its real value is no more.

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