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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH. London, Ont., May 23, 1878.

DEAR MR. COFFEY. As you have become proprietor and publisher of THE CATHOLIC RECORD, I deem it my duty to announce to its subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its name and principles.

FROM HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP HANNAH. St. Mary's, Halifax, Nov. 7, 1881.

I have had opportunities during the last two years or more of reading copies of the Catholic Record, published in London, Ontario, and approved of by His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, the Bishop of that See.

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THE Irish Times, an Orange paper, says a new party of great strength is springing up in Ireland.

The thread of life becomes weaker with each passing moment. The longest life can be reckoned by minutes.

THE HOME RULE QUESTION.

We adverted last week to the question of Home Rule for Ireland. The urgency of the land agitation caused the question of legislative independence to be momentarily lost sight of, but the Irish people, though afflicted by famine and sorely disturbed by landlord oppression, never swerved from their fixed determination to secure Parliamentary autonomy.

There can be no doubt that as soon as the present agitation loses its intensity, the question of Home Rule will take foremost rank in Irish politics. The success which has already attended the land agitation—a success which is but the harbinger of complete triumph for the Irish in their efforts to secure the soil they till—must prove an incentive to vigorous and unanimous action on the part of all classes in Ireland to win parliamentary independence.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

In a few days the people will be called upon to make choice of persons to fill the position of Aldermen for the government of our municipalities. For years past the conduct of men holding this title in various cities and towns of the Dominion has been such as to cause grave fears to exist that our cherished system of municipal government is to a very great extent a failure.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

GARIBALDI writes that he will come to Paris to try and reconcile the French and Italians.

THAT two such different men as Dean Stanley and Sir William Heathcote should each, in making his will, "contemplate and provide for the possibility of changes of creed" is regarded by The London Globe as symptomatic of the religious restlessness of the times.

KAISER WILHELM, nettled by the universal criticisms of the German press, consented to the unimperial process of an interview to make known to his subjects that he had not been led by the nose in putting his sign manual to the recent audacious manifesto of Bismarck to the Parliament.

GOOD TIDINGS.

To those of our readers who may happen to be cognizant of the unhappy state of feeling which has existed for some years back between certain sections of St. Patrick's Congregation of Quebec city—the cause or causes of which it is not necessary further to refer to—it will read with pleasure the following paragraph clipped from the Quebec "Chronicle" of the 19th inst.

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LOVE FOR THE HOUSE OF GOD.

The holy king Edward had a great devotion to building and enriching churches. Westminster Abbey was his latest and noblest work. It occupied his last sixteen years, during which he spent on it the title of his revenues. He fell in the midst of the last preparations for his dedication, and even on his deathbed would make ready the sacred vessels and ornaments, and write the deeds for its endowment.

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