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CALENDAR-MARCH, 1877.

Sth-The five wounds of our Lord. Great Fire in New York, 1741. First elections to the United Parliament of

10th-The Forty Martyrs of Sebaste. These holy martyrs suffered at Sebaste, in the lesse Armenia, under the Emperor Licinius, in 320. Treaty of Paris, 1763.

Emancipation Bill first read in the House of Commons, 1829.

11th-St. Eulogius, Priest and Martyr. St. Eulogius was of a Senatorial family of Cordova, then the Capital of the Kingdom of the Moors in Spain. During a persecution of the Christians in Spain by these infidels he suffered martyrdom on the 11th March, 589. Fourth Sunday in Lent.

First London Daily Newspaper published, 1709. The "Irish Volunteers" suppressed by procla-

mation, 1793. 12th-St. Gregory the Great, Pope. St. Gregory, from his illustrious actions, and extraordinary virtues, surnamed the Great, was born at Rome about the year 540. After the death of Pope Pelagius II. Gregory was elected to succeed him by the unanimous consent both of clergy and people, in 590. As the whole Church was committed to his charge, he had his eye upon every part. He sent St. Augustin to England to preach christianity, and encouraged and supported him in the arduous task with such effect that he is justly styled the Apostle of England. He was instrumental in the conversion of the Visigoths in Spain, extirpated the Donatists in Africa, converted many schismatics in Istria. This holy pope laboured for many years under a great weakness of his breast and stomach. God called him to his glory on the 12th March, 604. King James landed in Kinsale, 1688.

United Irish Delegates arrested in Dublin, 1798. 13th-St. Frances, Widow. St. Frances was born at Rome, in 1384. Her parents were both of illustrious families. Her obedience and condescension to her husband was inimitable, she founded a Monastery of nuns, called oblates in 1425. As soon as she had settled her domestic affairs after the death of her husband, she went barefoot, with a cord about her neck, to the Monastery she had founded and prostrate on the ground begged to be admitted. She accordingly took the habit on St. Benedict's day, 1437. After having a .ceived the sacraments, she calmly expired on the 9th March, 1440 (Mar. 9).

Orsini beheaded, 1858. Oregon admitted into the Union, 1859. Planet Uranus discovered, 1781.

14th-Feria. St. Mand or Matilda, Queen of Germany. This princess was the daughter of Theodoric, a powerful Saxon Count. Her husband, duke of Saxony afterwards became King of Germany upon the death of Conrad in 919. She nourished the precious seeds of devotion and humanity in her heart by assiduous prayer and meditation. On the death of the King, her husband, she renounced the pomp of the world. She founded many churches with five monasteries and after having made a public confession before the priests and monks of Mentz having received the holy Viaticum, and lying on sackcloth with ashes on her head, died on th 14th March, 968.

Andrew Jackson, born, 1767. Cæsar invades England, 55 B.C. Six thousand French entered Kinsale, 1689. Admiral Byng shot, 1757.

15th-Feria. St. Abraham, Hermit, and his niece St. Mary. St. Abraham was born near Edessa in Mesopotamia, For fifty years he was never wearied with the austere penance and holy exercises in which he indulged. Having inherited great estates on the death of his parents he commissioned a virtuous friend to distribute the revenues in Alms-deeds, he himself having retired from the world ten years previously. He died about the year 360. Cæsar assassinated, B.C. 44.

The American Army of the Revolution disbanded at Newburgh, N.Y., 1783. Maine admitted into the Union, 1820.

POSTPONEMENT.

The story "LA COMPAGNE IRLANDAISE," announced to have commenced this week, has been postponed for a few weeks.

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

To-day we publish a letter from a gentleman who was an Emigration Agent in Ireland for the Ontario Government. He substantiates every word we have said about the Immigration Question. No one could have a better opportunity of judging than Mr. Sheil, and the letter we publish must add considerable weight to the views we have held. Mr. O'Leary has too written a letter to a friend in Toronto, in which he describes a visit he made to the Emigration Department in London.-He tellshow Mr. Dore, the head of the department, assured him, after reading our charges, that there was "not a word of truth in them." Surely this is folly, gone mad. Does Mr. O'Leary think that we are to accept the denial of a criminal as the surest evidence of his innocence. No, no; we shall neither accept the denial of Mr. Dore nor the denial of Mr. Lowe. We shall search for the truth, and we place before our readers to-day, an evidence of our determination. Of course all the guilty ones will say that we are wrong. What else would they say? But we shall be slow, very slow, to be repelled because of their assertion of innocence. We care not who is to blame-Liberal or Conservative—Sir John M'Donald, or Mr. Mackenzie. All we want is to stop the evil of this undue preference for Orangemen. Perhaps indeed we may be doing the Govern- So, Mr. Editor, I hereby substantiate all you have

ment a substantial service in exposing these unfair doings of its agent in Belfast; but no matter what party we serve—we shall do our duty to Catholic interests first :--

THE IMMIGRATION QUESTION.

Sir :- Hitherto I have been loth-for reason

that I was not anxious for public notoriety to have

To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS.

my name appear in public print in connection with the question of Irish Immigration so ably discussed and handled in the TRUE WITKESS of the last few weeks. But when, Mr. Editor, I noticed the denial of your assertions anent the subject in question by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and reiterated by the Toronto Tribune think the time has come when I should speak, especially as it is well known not alone by my per sonal friends, but to a large proportion of the Canadian public that 1, at one time held the honourable position of Immigration Agent for the Ontario Government in Ireland. Let me say at the outset that in this connection, so far as I am concerned, I have no hand or part in what the Tribune aforesaid, characterises a "conspiracy" to upset the Mackenzle Government. If such a con spiracy exists I know nothing of it, nor am I inter-Tribune, if it deign to notice those few remarks will give due prominence to this declaration. My sole and only object is the vindication of our down-trodden compatriots both in Ireland and in Canada who know from the able and truthful articles contained in the TRUE WITNESS of late. Well, Sir, to the point, but here let me say I do not think it necessary to go over the ground you yourself travelled when replying to Mr. John Lowe, Secretary to the Department of Agriculture for it is quite clear to all who read your reply that you had the best of the argument-Mr. Lowe was simply nowhere. There is one remark, however, of Mr. Lowe's which I am called upon to notice and that is when he speaks of your quotation from my report to the Ontario Government in 1874 wherein I stated the difficulties I encountered in procuring passage warrants from the head office in London and that "the Dominion Agent at Belfast has from the outset exercised the discretionary power" denied the Catholic agents in the South. Mr. Lowe states that those remarks of mine were "simply untrue, Mr. Foy never had such power" that is the important point, in my estimation so far as this discussion affects anything I have said or written on the subject. I will give you the proofs, in brief, so far as I can. Now. as it is generally known I was an agent of the Ontario Government in connection with immigration in Ireland on two occasions, extending over a period of close upon two years. When I first went there I found that the rules and regulations pertaining to the office were such that my hands were tied so far as the sending out of Irish emigrants was concerned. For instance, I was expected to write letters to the press on Canada, deliver lectures, &c., but when it came to the most important point of giving a ticket to an emigrant, I had not the power, but must forsooth, send his name and so forth to our office in London, presided over or rather whose chief officer,-and into whose hands all documents of this nature must pass-was a gentleman who, I elieve was never in Canada in his life! This was the gentleman who was appointed to tell intending emigrants the kind of country they were expected to emigrate to! Moreover, this was the gentleman appointed to disturb Canadian Agents in the discharge of their duty. This was the gentleman who had Carte blanche authority in the matter of assisted passages." I would not refer to him at such length only I observe he is at the present moment occupying the same position-that of chief clerk under Mr. Dore, the gentleman sent over to relieve Mr. Agent-General Jenkins. I found him to be a bigot of the first water, an enemy to Irish (Catholic) emigration, a person who tried his best, officially of course, to bar my every effort, and as I have said, as he is still occupying the honorable position I think I should put his name in print so that it can go down to posterity along with that of Mr. John Lowe. His name is Mr. Albert Jourdain, chief clerk and generalisimo of the Canadian emigration office in London, whose term of service dates back to the time of the Sir John Macdonald Admistration. Well, this is the party who dont want Irishmen to come to Canada, and though it is a fact that Mr. Lowe, if he dont know it, certainly ought to is continued in office from one administration to the other. Now, as to Mr. Foy, the agent in Belfast, I never to my knowledge, saw Mr. Foy nor was I ever in his office, and in view of the favoritism shown him as exhibited by the annual Blue Book of the Minister of Agriculture, I don't think it necessary to enlarge the question. What I do believe, however, is, that Mr. Foy, had full control of those assisted passage warrants, when at a time neither I the Ontario agent, nor Mr. Larkin, his colleague as a Dominion agent had power whatever in the matter, I learned this information from several sources-from parties whose information I considered quite correct. I will state a few of my informants, first, one was a gentleman connected with the Allan Steamship office in Belfast who from his position had a right to know surely Well, he stated to me in my office in Dublin, that Mr. Foy did not have to send his applications to London, the same as I did, but that he had a book of tickets in his office and that he had fought for the right of issuing those tickets, something similar I suppose to the way he told Dr. Lachlan Taylor, to "keep out of his field," I was told he exercised the privilege, by another Gentleman connected with the Allan office in Liverpool, I was told so by the Ontario agent in London, in reply to the question asked by me if such a distinction in favor of the North of Ireland was made. These parties as well as others equally competent to judge either did not

deny to me that Mr. Foy was "boss of the situa-

tion" in respect to the issuing of tickets to emi-

grants or they admitted that such was the case

written in the TRUE WITNESS on this subject, It is well known by Irish Catholic Emigration agents, generally, that they are not expected to exert themselves, whereas apathy on the part of an English or Scotch agent, would ensure his suspension. During the four or five months that I had intercourse with Mr. Larkin the Dominion agent in Dublin, his frequent remark was :- the less they heard of him in the Department at Ottawa the better he was appreciated no doubt it was true as Mr. Larkin did not trouble the Department with a report of his operations from 1872 until the other day, whereas every officer holding the least sinecure in the Departthe Allan Steamships. Mr. Lowe winds up by stating that there are reasons for accounting for the small number of Irish Catholics who come to Canada,that the United States gets the cream of the South of Ireland emigrants. This is true to a certain extent, but not so far as Mr. Lowe would have us believe. It is, in my opinion a first class excuse for the indifferentism toward the South of Ireland that has been displayed by the Department of which Mr. John Lowe is the Secretary. Though I do not care to be thought egotistical or to leave myself liable to be considered an egotist, I may state however, as a matter, of public notoriety that during a period of eleven months in which I was an agent, ested one way or the other, and I beg that the I sent over six hundred emigrants to Ontario, and Mr. Foy with all his advantages, such as a regular line of steamships at his door and those " 40,000 namphlets" to boot did not equal the number.] may state too, that the Protestants included in that have been, in connection with this Immigration number, and I believe they constituted a fair promovement, at least, made the unwitting subjects of portion, got as fair play, from me both person a fraud, a delusion and a snare, as your readers must ally, and in my official capacity, as my own co-religionists. Now a word as to those pamphlets issued by Mr. Foy, Mr. Editor you are not far astray when you declare that they had a tendency to encourage Omngemen to emigrate to Canada, I remember one of those pamphlets coming into my hands accidentally in 1873 and I noticed in its pages a letter written from Shannonville, Ont. if I mistake not, in which it was stated that there was an Orange Lodge up there composed of Indians, and that the writer got initiated into another lodge soon after landing, and other equally Orange views as well. If this is not true perhaps the urbane Secretary of the Department of Agriculture will be good enough to produce one of the pamphlets. It will not be very much trouble to do so I think. Mr. Peter O'Leary, in a letter to one Mr. William O'Neill of Toronto and copied from the Globe into the Tribune of last week, again defends the Government in connection with this question, Mr. if O'Leary had the interests of the Irish labourers-whom he professes to represent-really at heart he would be better employed than waiting upon Mr. Dore to get a denial of the TRUE WITNESS' charges which common sense would have told him to expect. As for the answer he got from Mr. Dore, the present agent of the Government, this letter " if one man's word be as good as another," is a sufficient answer. Mr. Dore it seems told Mr. O'Leary there was not " one word of truth ' in the TRUE WITNESS' charges, I refer both Mr. Dore and Mr. O'Leary to the blue books of the Dominion to substantiate them, if nothing further. In this connection I notice with pain the great anxiety Mr O'Leary evinces for the Canadian Government. In my opinion he would be better and more consistently employed, as I have said in looking after the interests of the Irish farm labourers, a class of people on whose account Mr. O'Leary spent a couple of years, in wholesome luxury, in return for which it is ver questionable whether he extended to them any benefit—even a moiety of which the whole souled Joseph Arch brought about for his suffering com-

> Apologising, Mr. Editor, for taking up so much of your valuable space and re-assuring you of my disinterestedness in this matter and heartfelt thanks for your able advocacy of our poor people both abroad and at home.

I remain your obedient servant,

CHRIS. J. SHEIL.

DR. HINGSTON.

from the Mayoralty of Montreal. He makes room for a French Canadian, the Hon. Mr. Beaudry, whose return, however, it is said, is to be contested. Of all positions in life, there are none which tax the character of a man more than the office of Chief Magistrate. He is supposed to be everywhere and at everytime, and to preserve under every circumstance all that is courtly in the family. Corporate body, and all that is just in civic administration. The "insolence of office" is never to mar the harmony of his temperament. and impartiality is at all times to be the standard measure of his behaviour. He must be to all men, what all men are not to him-just and fear not. It is only one in a thousand that possesses the medly of physical power and intellectual gifts which could bear the strain of party feeling, and endure the toils attendent upon the office of Chief Magistrate of Montreal. Dr. Hingston is certainly one of those who have succeeded in leaving behind him a record unimpaired by assault and a beacon path over the dangerous shoals of office, which his successors may profitably take note of in the chart tablets of their memory. He leaves us after gaining the admiration of many and the respect of all. Let us wish him peace and prosperity in his retirement, and place under his name the characteristics of courtly manner and of impartial behaviour, which stand to the credit of his

ST. BRIDGETS ASYLUM, QUEBEC.

Last week the Rev. Sisters of Charity took possession of St. Bridget's Asylum, Quebec. The Archbishop was present at the celebration of the hely sacrifice of the mass which took Nalley.

place within the building. After mass a touching address was presented to the Archbishop and the Rev. Fathers and gentlemen who had been the patrons of the institution. It is encouraging thus to see noble institutions placed under the guiding and pious influence of these heroic sisters, whose only aim in life is to administer to others the charity and kindness, which they too often refuse to themselves. We can all rejoice as we see our asylums handed over to the administration of ment reported annually even to the mail officer of the truly sacrificing few, labouring for the benefit of the many, seeking no reward, asking only the stinted measure of man's charity for their little ones, and working on and on to the very end. There is no more glorious chapter in the record of our Church than that supplied by such orders as these Sisters of Charity, often administering to the wants of those who in prosperity scorned them, but who in adversity turn to them for succor and support.

THE REV. MR. BRAY.

During the past week many letters have appeared in the press of Montreal about the Rev. Mr. Bray and the TRUE WITNESS. Some people wish to make this business a quarrel between the Rev. Mr. Bray and the editor of this journal. But it is no such thing. It is an attack, a vile and a foul attack made by the term English Church—now he would with all pro-Rev. Mr. Bray upon the "Romish" Church and it is our defence of it. We neither sought is not regarded as an offensive term in England nor desired a quarrel. We wished to be He may think so, but I have been told by Englishallowed to go our way in peace. The editor of this journal is a hater of bigotry in any and in every form, and he had no intention of ever saying one word that could be construed into an offense against his Protestant fellow-citizens. But as a Catholic journalist there was no manly course left open but to indignantly repel the slanders of this firebrand, who throws the living brand of bigotry and hate among the people. Perhaps he is unaccustomed to be crossed in his wayward fancy, perhaps he has been allowed to have it all his own way in England-but he is mistaken here, and would be mistaken in England too if there was a Catholic journal in his neighbrhood. Although the editor of the TRUE WITNESS is not long in Montreal, yet he was not unknown to his countrymen before he came here, and he hopes that he was never found wanting when the Faith or the Father land were assailed.

YOUNG IRISHMENS' L. & B. SOCIETY.

To advance the intelligence and benefit the families of our young Irishmen of Montreal is a laudable undertaking, and one which should receive the sympathy and the support of all our friends. The Young Irishmens' Literary and Benefit Society, provides for both mind and body, and the good they have already accomplished is a claim to the future sustenance of all their friends. On last Wednesday week a deputation from this body waited upon Mr. Edward Murphy, and presented him with a handsome and useful souvenir, accompanied by the following address:-

MONTREAL, Feb. 28 1877. EDWARD MURPHY, ESQ, MONTREAL.

Dear and Respected Sir,-The kind manner in which you acceded to the request of the Young Irishmen's Literary, and Benefit Association to lecture before them and their friends, now affords us an opportunity of tendering to you our heartfelt thanks, assuring you on our own behalf as well as on behalf of our friends, that the Lectures were not without their fruits; they instilled into us a love to After two years service, Dr. Hingston retires | study the workings of nature, and furnishes us with an additional proof of the existence of an Omnipotent Being whose will regulates the vast firmament that surrounds us.

And for the valuable scientific instructions with which you have honored us, we humbly beg of you to accept this little present, not of intrinsic value if you will, but no doubt valuable to you as a mark of the esteem and admiration in which you are held by the members of the Young Irish. man's L. & B. Association. We have also much pleasure in conveying to you

the good-wishes of the association to yourself and

On behalf of the Association, we remain, Yours sincerely,

P. J. Brennan. E. Tobin, James McCarress.

In reply Mr. Murphy thanked the deputation for the present he received, and expressed his satisfaction at hearing that his lectures had borne fruit. He said it always gave him pleasure to be of use to his countrymen, and hoped that the spirit of scientific enquiry into the minute world as revealed by the microscope, inor into the infinity of space, as revealed be the telescope where worlds were as atoms, and suns as plentiful as stars, that the young Irishmen and their friends would see in

LINDSAY.

from nature unto nature's God.

We are requested to announce that the time for making the return of the duplicates for the prize drawing at Lindsay, has been postponed for one month. We are sure that our Catholic friends will generously sustain Father Stafford in his efforts and send in without delay the remittances which they have already collected.

CITY AGENTS .- Mich. Murphy and W. P. Mc-

REV. MR. BRAY AND THE "TRUE WITNESS.

To the Editor of the TRUE WITHESS.

Sm.—I have read in last week's issue of the $T_{\rm RO}$ WITHESS YOUR remarks on Rev. Mr. Bray's lecture on the "Romish Church." I am glad to see that you do not judge all Protestants by Mr. Bray, but are of belief that "Ohrist died for all." I think it would be much better for many of our religious teachers, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, if they should waste less time in searching for the mote in their brother's eye and devote a little more to the cultivation of Christian unity and charity among the people. It is a pity there is no isolated lazaretto into which those fire brands of dissension, of all denominations, might be thrown to belch their venom against each other without danger of polluting society with their poison. Yours,

A PROTESTANT. Montreal, March 5, 1877.

A SCHOOLBOY AND REV. MR. BRAY To the Editor of the TRUE WITNESS.

DEAR SIR,-Will you please put my little article in your paper? It is almost setting me mad. I went with it to the Star, Herald and Gazette, and they all refused to publish it as if it were some. thing too ugly and too weak to look at. They told me it could not be mine, though I told them more than once I alone did write it. Why can't we have a Catholic daily that would take such articles?— Can't you start one? I'll get all the boys in town to sell it for you.

To the Editor of the Herald:

DEAR SIR,-Although a mere schoolboy, I am surprised at Mr. Bray's reply to the article in the Taux Witness. He sees nothing strange or offen. sive in the term Romish Church, as little as in the priety say Englishman or English lady-would he also say Romish man or Romish lady? He says it men that only those use it who wish to ridicule or despise the Catholic Church, even in England, Then, does Mr. Bray mean to acknowledge that he is an active partner of Satan & Co, as asserted in the True Witness? It would seem so, when he says, "O, yes, but the editor of the TRUE WITNESS hasn't got to be a partner, he is only in the office."

Mr. Bray seems also very much hurt at the familiar way in which the editor uses his name. But how did Mr. Bray use the name of our Holy Father, a man who is respected and revered even by his greatest enemies? Does Mr. Bray think that to pun upon the name of their father did not hurt the feelings of Catholics? How would Mr. Bray have liked it, if the editor had punned upon his name, and had compared his lecture to the braying of a certain animal with long ears? Mr. Bray, too, complains of the vulgarity of the article in the TRUE WITNESS. Now, when reading his reply I could not but remember the saying of "the pot calling the kettle black."

Would it not be better for Mr. Bray to preach the Gospel than to throw mud at others, because he imagines that others have been throwing mud at him? As people are talking so much about the lecture and the replies, I thought it not out of place to let them hear something on the matter

> WILLIAM MCCAFFREY, A Pupil of a Catholic School.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

FROM OUR SPECIAL COBRESPONDENT

CALISTHENICS-DEATH OF A MISSIONARY-ST. PAT-RICE'S BAZAAR AFFAIRS-LECTURE-PATRICE'S DAY PREPARATIONS -- PARLIAMENTARY -- THE WEATHER,

The pupils of the Congregation of Notre Dame Convent (Gloucester Street) were assembled on Saturday night in the Salle de Manger of that Institution and put through a series of Calisthenic exercises by Mr. Darnley, their Professor in that branch. A great many of the friends of the young ladies were present and Lady Macdonald the old friend of Notre Dame convent presided. The pupils were dressed in red Garibaldi Jackets which gave them somewhat of a military appearance but their orderly evolutions and general discipline still more heightened the illusion. They were arranged in columns, single rank, from which they occasionally wheeled into line or filed to the right and left by sections in time to the music of a piano played alternately by Miss. Bessie Caldwell and

These marchings up and down were done with

the view of allowing them an occasional rest from the club drill. They went through the club exercise with an ease, and grace, and a uniformity that were perfectly marvelous in young girls, and would not disgrace a battalion of the chasseurs de vincinnes. When it is considered that each pupil held two clubs, the movement of which she was not only to regulate by each other, but keep time with those of her comrades, it is not surprising that the spectators were at times lost in admiration at the skill displayed. Neither is it surprising that the young ladies turned out by this convent are famous ever after for the light springy carriage and graceful motion which a complete course of club calisthenics alone confers. It is besides conducive to the perfect development of the system, and as a consequenco to good health. Sister St. Gabriel infirmed your correspondent, in fact, that since the beginning of last September there has not been a single case of sickness reported. This is something in an institution that possesses four hundred pupils. When the young ladies had been exercised en masse the most expert were brought forward to compete for prizes under the supervision of Lady Macdonald. Two of these competitors more particularly distinguished themselves, and one Miss Clement a girl of fourteen, swung the clubs with such precision and all these, studies which elevated a man up grace, keeping her body so well poised and steady during the performance that she gained first prize an elegantly shaped and highly ornamented pair of clubs were presented to her by Lady Macdonald, Miss Brophy received a copy of Longfellow's works, and two others, gifts commensurate with their degree of proficiency. Before the conclusion Dr. Grant, on behalf of the Lady President, and at her request, delivered a short address to the pupils enlogistic of their appearance, and their efficiency in general in calisthenics. He complimented Sister St. Gabriel, the Lady Superior, on the marked improvement such exercises produced. He only hoped that all the convents and educational establishments in Canada would copy as good an ex-

ample. He also complimented Mr. Darnley, after