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LETTER OF A CONVERT TO HIS PARENTS.

is somewhat of a surprise to myself, for it was the one church that I was pre-It was the one church that I was projudiced against, although not through any fault of your own, rather because I did or would not give it a fair reading and judgment, and, again, because I thought there was too much of the idolatrous in the worship. One of the reasons for which I decided to give it fair judgment was because I was dissatisfied with all the other denominations and could find no peace for myself with them. It also seemed strange to me that Jesus Christ could have been on self with them. It also seemed strange to me that Jesus Christ could have been on earth and not left any word as to what should be the True Church, but, since reading the books, "Catholic Beliet" by the Rev. J. Faa De Bruno, D. D., and "The Faith of cur Fathers" by James Cardinal Gibbons, and studying them well, one of the passages that was most convincing to me, was that one from St. Matthew xvi. 18, in which Christ says, "Thou art Poter: and upon this Rock I will build my Church, (not otherwhee) and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." That showed me that there was a True Church. me that there was a True Church.

Another reason was that my wife, who is a Catholic, would not try to make me join, and was so satisfied with w helief that she was in no doubt as I It started me thinking that perhaps there was something in the Catholic religion, and now since I have some idea of the ceremonies, and the reasons therefore, I think them the most

reasons therefore, I think them the most beautiful and most instructive on the life of our Lord.

So I hope, dearest parents, that when you want the truth you will give the One Church a fair hearing for I am more than satisfied and happy sloce I have been received into the True Fold.

ARTHUR H. ELLIOTT,

A great deal of talent is lost in the world for the want of a little courage. Every day sends to their graves a num ber of obscure men, who have only re-mained in obscurity because their timidity has prevented them from making a first effort, and who, if they could have been induced to begin, would in all probability have gone great lengths in the career of fame. The fact is, that to do anything in this world worth doing, we must not stand back shiver ing and thinking of the cold and danger. but jump in and scramble as well as we

The manner in which one bears sudden prosperity is the thermometer of his ability.

Ingratitude is a poison of so deleterious a nature that it even destroys the very bosom in which it harbors. Learning is to the mind what dress is

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My Dear Parents,—You will doubtless the grasp of those whom circumstances be surprised to learn that I have been changed my religion, and have been received into the Catholic Church. It well by hand.

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DEAN M'GEE HONORED.

Stratford, May 19.—Special services, marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination to the priesth od of Vary Rev. Dram My. Gee, were held at S. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church to day. The ceremonies included the annual confirmation of children of the parish, Right Rev. F. F. McEvay. D. D. Bishop of London conducting his part of the service. Following upon the Bishop's address to the candidates, presentations were made to Father McGee from the men of the congregation, the married lades, the Lidies' Sodally and a number of sites from local friends. The gifts were: Water set, including an eighteeninch glasse tray; water pitcher and dozen glasses; eablnet of silver. containing nine dozen pieces; who set with silver-mounted tray idecanter and half dez n glasses; desert set, fruit bowl and half dez n glasses; desert set, fruit bowl and half dez n glasses; desert set, fruit bowl and half dez n glasses; desert set, fruit bowl and half dez negline the parish has made substantial progress. The dean was born at Castle Comer, Kilkenny, and is in his fifty first year. He was educated at Car low College, and was ordained on May 16, 1833, exactly twenty-five years ago to-day. He came immediately to London. Ontario, and was sent to Stratford for six weeks white the loc of priest was in retreat. Returning to London he acled as curate frem October till the following June at St. Peter's Cathe dral. He then returned to Stratford and was curate here for two years and three months While there he built the new St. Charles Church at Courtright. From Corunna he was moved to St. Augustine, Huron County, where he spent four years, and then to Maidstone, Cross. where he ishored for twelve years until his coming here on June 1, 1837.

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The following appreciative address, hand-semely hand palitated, was presented to Dean M Gos:

Very R verend Dean—The people of this parish were among the first to receive the benefit of the parish were among the first to receive the benefit of your ministration when as a newly-ordained priest you were sent here as a curate to lyour reverted predecessor. During the short time then that you were in this parish your zeal in the performance of your duties as curate, and your kindness of disposition won for you the respect and affection of our people. Your work here was 80 well regarded that you were soon elevated to the charge of another parish. A number of years elapsed when you were again designed by His Lordship the Bishon of the diocese for St. Joseph's Church, Straiford, This time as pastor. What you have been able to accomplish in the fiver of your youth, as well as in the ripences of mature years, have allke been conferred upon this congregation. We have therefore, more than ordinary pleasure in conveying to you our congratulations on the celebration of this silver jubilee of your ordination to the holy priesthood, and we pray that you may spend many more anniversaries of your ordination in health and happiness. We also beg you to accept the accompanying gift as a memento of this occasion, and trust that when the trials and responsibilities of your office beat heavily upon you it may remind you that your worth is not unappreciated by those among whom you labor.—London Free Press.

HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL LOGUE VISITS THE GRAND SEMINARY OF MONTREAL, CANADA

Perhaps at no time in its history has the Grand Seminary of Montreal, old and historic as it is, been honored so highly as it was on Saturday, May 16, the occasion of a visit of His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Frimate of all Ireland, Innumerable is the number of prelates who have at one time or other stood within her hallowed walls, and varied are the digntities of those who have honored her by their presence, but from no visit has she derived greater pleasure than from that of Ireland's Cardinal. To receive one who bears such a title is no small honor, but to be accorded the privilege of welcoming into one's house the papal representative of the Green isle of the Geem, that little country so dear to all hearts, and particularly to Irish hearts where can words be found to express our appreciation of the favor conferred upon us.

At 14,30 a.m. the students of the Grand

our appreciation of the favor conferred upon us.

At 16.30 a m. the students of the Grand Seminary of Theology, the Seminary of Philosophy and the Petit Seminare de Montreal assembled in the reception hall which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. A few



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moments later His Eminence entered accompanied by the Rev. Superior of Theology, and followed by His Lordship Bishop Brown of Cloyne, Bishop Bacicot. Coadjutor of Montreal, the Superiors of the Seminary of Philosophy and Petit Seminaire and a fumerous retitue of priests and sprominent laymen. Breathless silence was preserved till His Eminence had reached the centre of the hall and such a central superiors of the Seminary of Philosophy and Petit Seminaire and a fumerous retitue of priests and sprominent laymen. Breathless silence was preserved till His Eminence had reached the centre of the hall and such a central superiors. The superiors of the

bered; to say nothing of that Benediction, that Catholic Benediction, and that the Catholic Benediction, that Catholic Benediction, that Catholic Benedictio

Browne of Cloyne, and B shop Colton of Bat falo.

The following address was very beautifully read by one of this year's graduates—Miss Florilla Wobb. It was written by a member of the community for the occasion.

With the firsts west notes of the birds chirping out their glee, for being among us again, came a new melody that mingled very harmoniously with N tures' Spring Song and f undaresponsive echo in every heart that beats within Loretto's walls. As this glad echo a rolled from soul to soul, the happy tidings soon spread within our precincies that we were to be honored with a visit from Your Eminence, and "pleasant expectancy has filled every moment up to this joyons one which brings the delight ful reality." I seems as if Life's brilliant sun had steoped in full career, to make this hour its brightest one and rest in radiance here."

"Would that words of welcome could aptly "Would

hour its brightest one and rest in radiance here."

Would that words of welcome could aptly embody our true emotions, on this occasion, and they would reveal the, pleasure, the happiness, the pride that is curs, in greating Your Emiliebres in the 'Land of the Ruinbow." Could far famed Niagara but speak she would bid her mighty estaract proclaim her appreciation of this honor while her spray of incense rises or your homage. But her wondrous for rest, though powerful, is voiceless—and the privilege is reserved for Loretto's children to speak the words of welcome to the distinguished representative of the Emerald Isle—the Isle of beauty, that we know from her badds, her patriots and her saints and knowing her, means loving her, Welcome to the esteemed guest who so graciously favors us today. Welcome to the Prince of God's Church, whose very presence is a braddetion to our convent home. You're welcome as the stream's free bent after ice bound imprisonment,

"While dancing sunbeams gayly gilde

free bent after ice bound imprisonment,

"While dancing sunbeams gayly glide
Adown it's current loathe to hide
Their merriment and so are we
With streamlet just in sympathy.
All unrestrained our joys we show
Pleased that our honored guests should know
What pleasure ours, what happiness
Loretto's welcome to express."

A half-chorus one of Moore's immortal
melodies, was exquisitely rendered, a capella,
in four narts. This was followed by a rectuation, "King Coner MacNessa," It would be

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impossible to imagine a more delightful interpretation of this classic than the one so ably given by Miss Elinore Lilley, who is also on the list of this year's graduates.

The short programme was brought to a close of the Choral Class singing the school song, "Ave Maria Loretto."

Very R. v. Father Conroy, President of Niagara University after making some very complimentary remarks on the perfection of the programme, referred in a particular manner to the well-chosen address, adding that despite the gloom of the weather—the day was rather dark—that there was always a Rishow at Niagara, owing to the reflection of happiness in the bright faces of all. He then in a very dignified manner introduced Cardinal Logue. As may be expected, there was a brashes in the bright faces of all. He then in a very dignified manner introduced Cardinal Logue. As may be expected, there was a brashless nush when the distinguished visitor arose. After thanking the pupils for the gracious manner in which they acquitted themselves of the different numbers of the programme, His Eminence, with true Celtic wit assured all of his firm belief of Niagara's being conducive to the development of the peetical and the imaginative faculties since even Father Conroy could malse an excursiou into the land of romance, by bringing out the sun on this dark day and creating a rainbow in the sky. Continuing in this happy strain, the great churchman declared that he great

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They have been particularly favored, in the number of distinguished lecturers who addressed them, prominent among them being Mr. James Monahan, the recipient of the Lactare Medal this year. Dr. James Walsh, M. D. L. D., Ph. D., F. Schwickersth. S. J., Father Rosa, C. M., Father Walsh, C. M., Mr. C. Grifflia, the renowned Shakesperean interpreter, and Anna Seaton Senmidt.

The visit of Cardinal Logue was a fitting culmination to such a galaxy of visitors.

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SCHIOL HERE-TAUGHT BY LORETTO
NUNS. Hamilton Times, May 14.

School Herre-Taught By Loretto Nuns.

Hamilton Times, May 14.

Mr. Robert Corner, 193 King street west, Ham iton, this morning received a newspaper clipping showing the great success of the two sons of Mr. M. F. Walsh, formerly of this city, at Cambridge University, England. Both the auccessful students are former Hamilton hoys. They attended St. Vincent school, but the family went to Montreal some years ago. The Montreal Herald says:

Maurice F. Walsh, who twelve years ago interested Montreal audi nees as a ptenomen al boy elocutionist, agake comes to the front with a brilliant success as a student in England. The results of the recent Cambridge local examinations show that M. F. Walsh wins the silver medal off-sted by the Royal Geographical Society for the best candidate in all the schools throughout England in geography and physical geography combined.

Gerald G. Walsh younger brother of Maurice, wins the silver medal given by the same society for juniors.

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Or thundering steel girt host.
Sword-olang or war drum's rattle
Disturb our peaceful coast
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God and the right shall be
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Build then a fluming altar And with its sacred fire Of love and praise exalt her, To the Land of our Desire, Oh have consummation

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