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THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 1905.

THE ADMITTED FACTS.

We wrote last week that we did not believe the statement of Hon. Robert Rogers, Manitoba Minister of Public Works, imputing to Mr. Sbarretti's interference in political matters.

Mr. Campbell never invited Mr. Rogers to come and see him, and Mr. Rogers did not see him. Remembering that he had met Mr. Campbell in a friendly way, Mr. Sbarretti invited the Attorney-General alone.

Here is the reasonable and obviously trustworthy version of the interview, on account of which some wild and ridiculous demagogues have demanded that Mr. Sbarretti be summoned to the Bar of the House, or deported from Canada.

"I NEVER SAID I WAS." In these childish words Mr. Robert Rogers of the Manitoba Government, attempts to evade responsibility for deliberately misinforming the country in connection with his resolute attempt to draw the name and position of Mr. Sbarretti into the political concerns of the Governments at Winnipeg and Ottawa.

The Toronto World, which has been in the confidence of or rather in the conspiracy with Mr. Rogers from the first, in all its references to the alleged interview spoke of a meeting between the Papal delegate and the Manitoba Minister of Public Works, together with Mr. Campbell, Attorney-General.

position to give us an answer. In three days' time, on Feb. 20th, a letter was received from His Excellency, Mr. Sbarretti, asking for a conference.

Was there room in the foregoing statement for the least doubt that Mr. Rogers was doing otherwise than giving a version of something he had heard with his own ears.

Attorney-General Campbell seems to have been somewhat ashamed of his confere all along. He did not put his name to the statement Mr. Rogers issued, and he faltered badly when called upon later to help Mr. Rogers out of his shameful predicament.

THEY WOULD BE TRUSTED. The News, the World, Leighton McCarthy, Hon. Robert Rogers, and their kindred in the Orange lodges are the vociferous shouters in connection with the school question that Catholics should trust the people of the Territories.

The chief harm that has been accomplished by the anti-Catholic agitators of Ontario is that their work must in some measure militate against the growth and security of unity and confidence between the different races and creeds that make up the population of Canada.

ILLNESS OF BISHOP SWEATMAN. It cannot be out of place to express a word of sympathy on account of the sudden illness of the Anglican Bishop of Toronto, Dr. Sweatman.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The local troubles of Curran, near L'Orignal, school section have been exploited by the anti-Catholic press of Toronto.

Catholic Mayors of Chicago. Toronto, April 6. Dear Mr. Editor, I am inclined to think that your correspondent, W. H., is mistaken when he says that Judge Bunne is the first Catholic Mayor of Chicago.

Church's great good will to Catholics; for had he not voted for a Catholic teacher in one of the Toronto High schools in the face of the aroused Protestantism of his conferees.

The American Missionary Union has for some weeks been advertising quite a fine line of quails of conscience. John D. Rockefeller offered \$100,000 to the Union; and the Union took the public into its confidence while it deliberated on the possibility of Uncle John having earned the \$100,000 dishonestly.

King John's brag, which among all familiar quotations from Shakespeare, carries neither point nor consequence, has lately been quoted in our daily papers as evidence of high respect for religious courtesy and equality.

A few Catholics have fallen under the axe of the Whitney Government, and if rumor speak correctly, more may follow. The Toronto Star is keeping its eye on the bold champions of the spoils system who are afraid of their lives to strike any but a Catholic.

The choice of Mr. Frank Oliver, member for Edmonton, as Hon. Clifford Sifton's successor, reflects the Government's appreciation of the man and the place. Edmonton has before it a great and certain development as the chief railway distributing centre between Winnipeg and the coast.

A Toronto Protestant congregation that doubtless believes implicitly in its own patriotism, listens in servile silence to an American preacher who comes here babbling impertinences against our educational system.

North West Review. "The Morning Telegram, of the 4th inst., published a special despatch from Toronto, stating that when the delegates from Manitoba came to Ottawa they were sent for by the Papal delegate and told that if the Hon. R. P. Roblin would change the school system or practice in the province, Manitoba's boundaries would be enlarged.

OBITUARY

MR. B. STUART. On Wednesday, April 5th, the death of Mr. Ben. Stuart occurred, in his twenty-third year. The funeral took place on Friday morning in the home of his sister, Mrs. Howarth, 30 Brooklyn avenue, to St. Joseph's Church, thence to Mount Hope Cemetery.—R.I.P.

HUGH McCAFFREY'S FATHER DEAD.

On March 20th last Mr. James McCaffrey, of Kiltred, County Fermanagh, Ireland, passed away in the 70th year of his age. Mr. McCaffrey was born in Kiltred, and always took an active interest in Irish political affairs. He was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians since his boyhood days, and was ready to and did advance the interests of the order in many ways.

MRS. JOHN CAHILL.

Death has removed the name from St. Pius' parish role, Osceola, of another valued and much esteemed parishioner. After an illness of about a year, Mrs. John Cahill died at the Pembroke Hospital the 24th day of March. In the early summer Mrs. Cahill went to the mountains in New York State with the hope that rest, change, and beautiful air would benefit her condition.

Mr. M. O'Connor, the President, in a short address, called attention to the good work of the Society, and the responsibility assumed by the members when they, as represented by the officers, were made legal guardians of children. He informed the members that he had made a recent visit to the homes of wards of the Society in Hamilton and found them all doing very well, and when he contrasted their present condition with that from which they had been taken he felt encouraged in the work.

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Archbishop Bourne's Birthday. Archbishop Bourne celebrated his forty-fourth birthday March 23. His Grace having been born at Clapham on March 23rd, 1861. From an early hour telegrams of congratulations were received at Archbishop's House from various parts, including several from Ireland and Rome.

Meeting of Children's Aid Society

The tenth annual meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Children's Aid Society was held in St. Vincent's Hall on Monday evening, April 10th. A large number of ladies and gentlemen interested in the work were present. The report of the Board of Management was as follows:

The Board of Management beg to submit its 10th annual report for the year ending March 31st, 1905. They are pleased to be able to state that their work of rescuing neglected children from their evil surroundings has been under a kind Providence successfully carried on, and that the finances necessary for the maintenance and welfare of our wards, provided by donations kindly tendered by the City Council, the several city Conferences of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and kind friends and well-wishers have enabled them, with the free use of the shelters offered by our institutions to show a clean sheet with all debts paid, and a small balance left to continue the work.

This of course will be very easily gleaned from the report of the Treasurer hereto attached.

As already stated in former report, the work is carried on by our agent acting under instructions of the Advisory Board, and which requires his daily attendance at the Police Court to see to cases brought before the Magistrate, and then to enquire into many private cases requiring immediate attention.

During the year 259 cases affecting the interest of 332 children were brought to the notice of the Society. Of these 143 cases were from the children's court, and 116 cases privately reported to the agent.

The Police Court cases were disposed of as follows: Made wards of the Society 8. Committed to St. John's Industrial School 21. Committed to St. Mary's Industrial School 7. Fined 32. Remanded till called on 20. Discharged on suspended sentence 21. Discharged after short confinement in Blantyre Shelter 33. Withdrawn 1.

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His Grace Archbishop O'Connor, who was present, spoke approvingly of the work of the Society. He considered the work of the Society very helpful to parish priests in that it afforded a legal means of taking children from parents who were unfit to care for them. His Grace spoke in approval of the Government inspection of children after being placed in foster homes, and also commended to the ladies present the example of Miss Walsh in her method of increasing the membership of the Society. He believed this Society was doing as good work as any in the city, and would like to see a large list of membership so that the interest would be widespread, and said that what a man did not pay for he did not value.

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A vote of thanks was tendered to the officers for their painstaking, self-sacrificing work during the past year, and the meeting adjourned with prayer.

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Below is another fine translation from the Irish by Mr. J. P. O'Neill. The Catholic Register published several others on former occasions.

THE LAST WORDS OF THE EARL OF DESMOND.

A translation from Father Dineen's great work in the Irish language, treating of the uprising and beheading of that splendid Irishman, the Earl of Desmond, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, 1579-1583. In answer to a question by his devoted lieutenant, Cormac O'Connell, the Earl of Desmond said: If the truth must be told, I will admit that our cause is lost, and that our country is about to enter upon a period of persecution and misery more galling and bitter than that perpetrated in the Roman Empire in its darkest days.

There is a large reward offered for my head. I am not far from my grave, and there is none of my people ready to take my place. All Desmond is ruined, almost all our men are killed by famine or the sword, and the few that are left have neither spirit nor energy. I feel that we need not look for any assistance from abroad. I am no longer the powerful chieftain, but a "rebel" against the Queen of England, without soldiers except a few faithful followers, who are powerless against our enemies. I have neither lands nor castles, town nor habitation, nothing but God above and this right arm to protect me. Yet despite my hardship and misfortune, I feel consoled by the consciousness of having done my duty. I struck a blow for God and my country. I did my best to avert this struggle—to keep the peace, but it was not peace that the English wanted; they fain would rob me of my castles and lands, and I would be unworthy of my race had I turned my back to them, and old as I am, I will never relinquish the sword, while I have life and strength to wield it.

And after all, what is the life of one man to a nation, though I feel that I am nearing my grave, let no one imagine that the cause of my country will die with me, for sooner or later, other and stronger men will take it up. My friends are all gone, they died fighting for faith and freedom. I would prefer—and so saying he stood erect and walked to the opposite side of the room with the activity of a young man—I would prefer to fall fighting for my country than live without an honorable victory. I went into this struggle to protect my faith and native land from the English. I am not tired of the fight, but as to victory—well, it is in the hands of God. It may not come for a while, but I bequeath the unsullied cause of my country to you, and all others who love truth, justice and freedom.

Translated from the Irish by J. P. O'Neill, 520 Queen St. West.

BARRIE CORRESPONDENCE

Death has visited the homes of many of our parishioners lately, and caused a sad void in place of the dear ones it claimed.

Mr. Peter Cuff, a parishioner of St. Mary's Church, and formerly of Lansay, died March 31st. His age was 76. Mr. James Marrin, after a few days' illness, died April 5th, at his home. He was in the 59th year of his age. Mr. Marrin was for a long time one of Barrie's trusted police officers. The death occurred on April 6th of Mrs. Nicholas Balle. Mrs. King, of Buffalo, widow of the late P. King, barrister, Barrie, was in town, attending the funeral of her brother, Mr. James Marrin. Rev. Father Hayes, Principal of St. Andrew's College, was in town, attending the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. N. Balle, whose funeral Mass he celebrated.

New Minister of Interior

Ottawa, April 9.—Edmonton's member, Mr. Frank Oliver, succeeds Mr. Clifford Sifton as Minister of the Interior. He was sworn into that office at 10 o'clock on Saturday at Rideau Hall, in the presence of the Governor-General and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

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