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The following is a copy of a letter addressed by Mr. Mungovan to an old acquaintance, Mr. P. O'Day, of Buffalo:

Ottaws, April, 1885.

My Dhar O'Day,—I notice by the newspapers that the irrepressible Fenians are again on the warpath, and are now marching on, not, I regret to say, in the direction of Tara or Mullaghmast, but towards the meridian of Duck Lake, where, taking advantage of an Indian and half-breed outbreak, they intend to administer a blow to this Dominion such as will lay England prostrate, and raise Ireland to a level with the great nations of the earth. That our troubles are sufficiently serious to warrant our government in invoking the military arm for their repression, I am is readily prepared to admit, but that they are more dangerous in their character, or more pregnant with future evils to the stability of our growing Dominion, than many similar difficulties which the American government have had very frequently to deal with, I distinctly deny. The revolting massacres, and sickening reprisals along the "Overland Route" before the railway undertook the civilizing march over, and beyond the Rocky Mountains. along the "Overland houte" before the railway undertook the civilizing march over, and beyond the Rocky Mountains, furnish indisputable proof of the truth of this assertion. Whether the "Red Man of the Plains," has been fairly dealt with or not, by the American government is a subject that I will not now stop to discuss; and will only content myself with a fearless challenge for successful contradiction when saying that nowhere has the Aborigine been treated with greater consideration, greater forbearance and generosity, than in Canada. The state of comparative comfort which many of our Indian tribes enjoy, the valuable reserves that have been set aside for their use, the efforts that have been put forth to elevate them socially and intellectually, and the paternal care and solicitude with which their every want has been forestalled, will fully bear out this statement. It is almost unnecessary to inform you that this humane policy has been applied to the Indians and half-breeds of the newly acquired North-West, and whilst admitting the existence of unavoidable the Plains," has been fairly dealt with or

Now, I will venture to say, that these 400,000 victims of "Monarchical despotsion"? Perpeant more positive and a great deal more political influence, than an acqual number of any state in the American Republic. Men of our faith and race have found their way to the Bench of the Sender is an Irish Catholic, while in the same position in the House of Commons is held by a most estimable Irishman, while the same position in the House of Commons is held by a most estimable Irishman, while the same position in the House of Commons is held by a most estimable Irishman, all Protector to represent it is interested in the same position in the House of Commons is held by a most estimable Irishman, all Protector to represent it is interested to the Sender of th

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almost unanimous vote adopting an address to the Home Government calling upon that body, in respectful, but firm tones, to grant to Ireland that which has brought so much happiness and contentment to Canada—the boon of self-government.

ment. A few words more, and I am done,

Twenty years have all but elapsed since you assisted in planning, and carrying into execution, your first Fenian invasion. Whilst you remained at a safe distance yourself, you did not hesitate to urge a number of our most thoughtless fellow-countrymen to cross the lines, for no other purpose than to pike, and shoot, and stab, a people towards whom they cartainly had no reason to entertain feelings of hatred. Many of these poor dupes, when the "cruel war" was over, fell into the hands of the authorities and suffered various terms of incarceration; their ment. A few words more, and I am various terms of incarceration; their punishment in all cases being tempered with a degree of clemency that has scarcely

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Whether you contemplate a second Whether you contemplate a second assault or not, I, of course, have no means of knowing, but if, encouraged by existing complications, you should "run your forces across once more"; let me tell you that whilst the present temper of the Dominion is not favourable to the acceptance of any further attentions of this sort, yet I am persuaded that a very warm greeting awaits you, and, as one who knows the Irishmen of this country, as no other man knows them, let me add fur-

The same unscending of the same applied to the Indians and half breeds of the Indians and the Indians and the Indians and half breeds of the Indians and the Indians and the Indians and half breeds of the Indians and India "Let us found a Conference of Charity."
The suggestion met with unanimous approval, and the first Conference was held in May, 1833. The very name, Conference of Charity, (an heirloom from St. Vincent de Paul, for he was the first to use it), and the object in Paris alone numbered two thousand members. But the spread of the Society was by no means confined to Paris. In that same year it had its Conferences established in Ireland and America, in Belgium, Spain, Italy, and even Palestine. Since then, the number of Conferences has gone on multiplying over all parts of the world, and at present exceeds six thousand. Popes Gregory XVI., Pius IX., and our present Pontiff, Leo XIII., have on many occasions blessed this Society, and granted it most ample indulgences. Pius IX, assigned to it a Cardinal Protector to represent its interests at Rome, an honor which it shares with the great religious orders.

poverty. We know of one case which may serve as an illustration of many, where two members of the Society were called in to find a heart-broken wife gazing on the wasted form of a sick husband in the last stage of cansumption, and without the necessaries of life or the means of procuring them. "Why have you not notified us of this before?" they asked, as they beheld the afflicting scene of poverty and destitution before them. The poor woman, in a scarcely audible tone, replied: "When my husband fell sick we were comfortably off, but our little savings soon melted away in paying doctor's bills and procuring medicine and the necessaries of life. When our money was spent our furniture disappeared, article by article, till I was forced to sell the bed from under him, and take refuge in this miserable hovel. We could not make known our poverty—call it pride or what you please; we beth suffered together and absolute destitution stared us in the face. Oh, I am sorry we did not notify you before, but ings of the human heart. One year ago, we close our hands against the poor ourselves, but now we are reduced to them and the company of the human heart. One year ago, we were comfortable and happy, and did not close our hands against the poor ourselves, but now we are reduced to the server ourselves, but now we are reduced to the many the stretches forth His hands, in the persons of the proporty does not hear of them and the company of the human heart. One year ago, we ware comfortable and happy, and did not close our hands against the poor ourselves, but now we are reduced to the many the stretches forth His hands, in the persons of the proporty to be a good the proporty of the human heart. One year ago, we close our hands against the poor ourselves, but now we are reduced to this.

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been kind and affectionate to me. I truly gave him my heart, when we were married with pomp before God's altar, and he gave me his. We have but one heart. Oh, do not separate me from him, as long as he breathes the breath of life!"
Her wishes were complied with; but a cot was procured for her, and a nurse to attend to both their wants. He lived but a few days longer, and his lest attend to both their wants. He lived but a few days longer, and his last words were to thank God for His many mercies. The last rites of religion were performed over him, and a few sympathizing friends accompanied the widow to the grave, where she saw the remains of her husband interred in every way becoming a faithful Catholic who died in peace with God. Let no one ask, "What good does the Society do?" What good! Can anything be more honorable to human nature, more worthy of all the praise we can bestow, than such acts of charity as these, which are of almost daily occurrence in every town and city in the United States and throughout the world, wherever the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is established?

Two members of the Society rapped on

### MODERN MIRACLES.

New York Freeman's Journal.

A devout priest writes on the subject of the prevalence of doubt among young men. He states that he has heard even young Catholics say that they did not believe in modern miracles. It is the fashion to hold that nothing is certain except uncertainty. This fashion is the result of slavishly following the modern taste, which confounds Faith with ignorance. The Catholic young men that pretend to believe miracles have ceased because they have never seen a miracle, are as logical as a certain negro preacher who tried to prove to his congregation that the escape of the Israelites through the Red Sea was no miracle. "Brethren," he said, "it was in winter, and the Red Sea was frozen over, and the chosen people crossed on the ice. But the ice wouldn't hold the Egyptian war-chariots, and so the whole New York Freeman's Journal. Egyptian war-chariots, and so the whole caboodle of them fell in." This explancaboodle of them fell in." This explanation would have been considered satisfactory had not a brother on a back seat arose and asked if he might make a query. The preacher agreed. "He was there to answer questions—to enlighten the ignorant." The brother said that he had been reading in a "Geography" that there was not any snow or ice near the Red Sea. The preacher grinned from ear to ear. "Poor, ignorant brother," he said, "don't you know there wasn't any geography in them days?" This settled the matter.

The attitude of the young Catholics to whom our reverend correspondent alludes is similar to that of the negro preacher. They advance denials without evidence, because it is the fashion to doubt. They

It is a mistake to imagine that the best sort of Protestants are impressed by attempts of young Catholics to show how little a Catholic may believe and still remain inside the Church. A Protestant suspects all such efforts at "minimization," and he cannot see the advantage of submitting to the discipline of a Church which is so very like his own denomination. If some young Catholics read more, thought more, and knew more, our correspondent would not have cause to complain of the skeptical airs of young people who assume that there was ice in the Red Sea!

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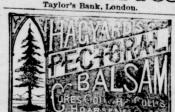
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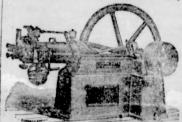
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