

have hitherto guarded the Lord's Day from sacrilege.

A REMARKABLE if not somewhat Utopian proposal, has been brought to light by the *Pall Mall Gazette*. It is already in projection to form an Agricultural Guild, in connection with the Church, which will acquire and possess land, and cultivate it on a new basis. The Guild will have two sections—fellows and brothers. To become a fellow it will, at starting, be necessary to subscribe to the capital and show a fitness for the position. The brothers will not contribute to the capital; they will be boarded, lodged, and clothed, and, on admission, be between the ages of 15 and 25, and live in community, and observe the rules and conform to the discipline drawn up for the guidance of the order; they will share in the profits of their labor, and be taught practical farming by scientific and other experts in agriculture; they will, after a short probation, enter into an agreement to remain in the community at least three years, and remain unmarried. It is hoped that the training they will receive will be of use to them in starting the battle of life for themselves, whether at home or in the colonies. If the efforts of the Guild are the means of decreasing early and improvident marriages, lessening the poverty and misery attendant thereon, and thinning the over-crowded towns of the Old World of some of their surplus bone and sinew, it will prove to the world its right to exist.

The trite saying that "Blood is thicker than water" has received a striking confirmation in the excitement among the nations of the Latin race over the insult offered to Spain by Germany in the matter of the Caroline Islands. In France and Italy the feeling of wrath and indignation runs almost as high as in Spain itself, and, if the latter country should be forced by the high-handed aggression of the Germans into war, she will not lack enthusiastic allies. We are thankful to say that our latest advices indicate that a peaceable solution of the question at issue is not impossible.

At last Mr. Parnell has thrown off the mask of reserve which he has hitherto worn, and has proclaimed to the world the real objects of the agitation of which he is the leader. They may be summoned up in one phrase,—the Independence of Ireland. We admire Mr. Parnell's frankness, but we are astonished at his want of policy. If we are not very much mistaken in the temper of the English people, this indiscreet revelation of the aims of the Irish Nationalists will unite all political parties in England in a firm determination to palter no longer with unveiled treason. So mote it be!

Our readers are no doubt aware the Supreme Court of Manitoba has unanimously affirmed the validity of Riel's conviction and the legality of the Court by which he was tried. The convict's counsel are now seeking to carry his case before the Privy Council in England, and we hope that no obstacles will be placed in their way, for while we are entirely satisfied as to the justice of Riel's conviction and sentence, we deem it most desirable that the questions which have been raised as to the constitutionality of the proceedings should be decided by the highest Court of the realm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

REGINA, N.W.T., Sept. 2, 1885.

SIR,—Will you please correct an error in your reprint of my pastoral. You make me say that we have received £980 from the Church in Eastern Canada. I regret very much to say that the "£" should be \$. We have received 980 dollars not pounds.

Yours faithfully,

ADILBERT.

Bishop of Qu'Appelle.

[We very much regret having made the mistake referred to by the Bishop, but we regret the fact more: the amount is so small, utterly out of proportion to what ought to be done for this portion of the Canadian field.—Ed.]

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

DEAR SIR,—Our brethren in Nova Scotia are agitating the whole-hearted support of King's College, as a Church ministry institution. We imagine this feeling very good; but what is the practical benefit of having a ministry educated at King's College, if graduates of other colleges, principally from England, are usually, almost universally, chosen to fill any position of importance in that diocese smaller than a poor country parish? Are these things so? We cannot deny the facts. Certainly a change is wanted badly in the system of patronage and promotion to parishes.

PRESBYTER.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

DEAR SIR,—In your paper of August 9th the "famous sermon of John Wesley on Korah" is mentioned. You would confer a favor on many of us if you tell us where to get copies of that sermon at a small cost. If not to be procured, would it not be a speculation for good for the CHURCH GUARDIAN to publish the sermon for a small sum? I fancy every parish priest would be glad of many or few copies.

PRESBYTER.

[The sermon in question was published in tract form in England some time ago. It is to be found in the third volume of the edition of Wesley's sermons printed by Jno. Mason, London, in 1846, being Sermon 115. We are willing to publish the sermon in full in the GUARDIAN, not as a speculation, but for general information, and will do so in the number of the 30th Sept., provided we receive orders for, say, 500 copies, on or before the 24th instant. These numbers will be supplied at 2c. each.—Ed.]

RUPERT'S LAND.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,
Winnipeg, August 20th, 1885.

To the Editor of THE CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—I write to place before your readers the circumstances of a certain district in the Diocese of Rupert's Land, which I have lately visited. The district referred to is that of which Virden, on the C.P.R. is the centre. The work of our Church in that Mission is under the temporary charge of Mr. F. Davis, a student of St. John's College, who during the summer months has been laboring in that field with great zeal and manifest success. On Sunday, August 9th, I visited this district and held three most interesting and enjoyable services. In the morning I preached and administered the communion in the large waiting-room of the C.P.R. station at Virden. The room was filled with a most de-

vout and attentive congregation; the responding and singing were most hearty, and about twenty remained to partake of the Lord's Supper. In the afternoon we drove to the house of Mr. Steward, where we had a hearty service which seemed to be much appreciated. After tea we drove on some six miles to the Pipestone Creek, where we found the house of Mr. Shaw filled to overflowing with people. The service was really most delightful; all the chants and hymns being very well sung and the responding very good.

In returning to Mr. Steward's for the night Mr. Davis and I met with one of those incidents which vary the monotony of mission work in Rupert's Land. The night being very dark we lost the trail and drove into a large pond, stuck our horse and had to plunge knee deep into the water and mud to unhitch him and get horse and buckboard out of the slough. It was Mr. Steward's thoughtfulness in hanging out a lantern to guide us which saved us from spending the night on the prairie. On the alternate Sundays Mr. Davis holds service at two centres of settlement south of Virden, besides the usual service in Virden.

Now, the circumstances of this large and important sphere of church work are as follows: The people can pay a certain portion of the stipend of a clergyman, and are willing to put forth their utmost efforts in the way of self-support, but the settlement is as yet too young and the settlers have still to struggle with too many difficulties to allow of this mission being as yet entirely self-supporting. The sum of two hundred and fifty dollars a year is absolutely necessary for carrying on the work at Virden and its vicinity. The state of our Diocesan Mission Fund is such that it is impossible for this sum to be furnished from our own resources without abandoning our work in some other field, which, of course, we are exceedingly unwilling to do. We have as yet this year received no assistance from Eastern Canada; but even supposing we get only what we got last year, there will still be no funds for establishing a mission at Virden. Am I asking too much of my fellow-churchmen in the older dioceses when I ask them to come to our aid in this special case? Are there not some two or three congregations in Eastern Canada which might join together to supply what is needed for carrying on our work in this promising and important sphere of work for which I am now appealing. What is so urgently needed is an annual sum guaranteed for say three years, so that we might count upon it, and make our arrangements accordingly. Any aid as yet received from Eastern Canada has been so fluctuating and spasmodic, that in making our arrangements for opening new missions and entering new fields of labor we have never quite known what to count on; and therefore the sums received have not been nearly as valuable as if they had been in the form of regular grants. When I mention that the total assistance received from Eastern Canada by the Diocese of Rupert's Land for the year 1884 was \$1,300, and that both the Presbyterian and Methodist bodies during that same year received ten times that amount, your readers will easily realize how terribly handicapped we are in maintaining the proper position of our Church in the new settlements of our diocese, and how very difficult it is for us to undertake new work, however urgently that new work may seem to claim our attention. I do trust then that the Churchmen of the older dioceses may make some special effort to enable us to take up this mission, which I feel convinced, if aided now, within a few years be entirely self-supporting. Should any members of our Church feel interested in this special case which I have brought before them, I shall be most happy to furnish any further information.

Thanking you for the space afforded in your valuable columns. I am yours, &c.,

J. D. O'MEARA,
Canon of St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg.