



**OUR NEXT NUMBER.**

In all probability the next issue of THE TRUE WITNESS will be a surprise, and a very pleasant one, to our ever increasing number of readers. Owing to the great delay and trouble of taking down, removing and again setting up presses and machinery, it may possibly be a day later than usual when this number goes out from the office. If we can possibly succeed in having everything in working order on time there will be no delay; yet should THE TRUE WITNESS not reach our subscribers until a day or so after the usual date, they will kindly take into consideration the circumstances. We anticipate publishing our issue of May 15 in an entirely new dress and in the form used during forty years by this journal.

Fully aware of the ever augmenting interest taken by our friends and the friends of Catholic journalism throughout Canada, in THE TRUE WITNESS, the management is anxious to improve in every possible way the mouth-piece of the English-speaking Catholics of this Province. Extra exertion was made to present the reading public with a souvenir number worthy the enterprise and progress of the Irish race in Canada; and success attended the effort and rewarded the labor and expense. Now it is only proper that, having secured new premises, and occupying a more central position, the paper should appear in the most attractive and presentable form possible. Consequently a full new dress will be used in our next issue.

It has also been deemed better, in consideration of the very greatly increased advertising patronage, and for the sake of the advertisers who are unanimous in their preference for a large sheet and lengthy columns, to resume the eight page form. Besides this form gives us considerably more space for matter than does the present sixteen page semi-magazine shape. With every fold in the paper a certain amount of space is taken away, so that, in the old form, the subscribers will have more reading matter, and the advertisers a better opportunity of displaying their notices. Again, we find that the increase in the advertising patronage would soon deprive us of nearly half our space for reading matter, as the form now stands; while with the larger form it will be easy to add on an extra sheet according as the space is taken up by the advertisers. Having carefully weighed the different pros and cons, the management came to the above decision and we are confident that our patrons will be pleased with the new departure. Every step in advance is something gained; and on the difficult highway of journalism the strides must necessarily be slow; as long as they are sure the result must be encouraging.

We will once more refer to another question—it is with reluctance we do so. The heavy expenses incurred in moving, the great outlay for a new dress of type

and the renovation of all the plant, to a certain degree oblige us to remind a number of our delinquent subscribers to come to our assistance and to give a helping hand. A dollar or a dollar and a half, is a small sum, yet had we now in our possession the third of what is due us we would be enabled to do still more for our readers. The subscriber who persistently neglects to pay in his small amount not only does a grave injury to the paper, but he is guilty of an injustice toward every subscriber who has paid up; he deprives the management of improving, as it otherwise would, the paper, and thus the one who is prompt in paying his just debt has to suffer on account of the negligence of his neighbor.

We hope that this will be the last time we shall find it necessary to refer to this unpleasant phase of the subject and that THE TRUE WITNESS, in its new dress will not be obliged to occupy valuable space with what should unnecessary reminders.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

THERE is a press rumor that it is the intention of His Grace Archbishop Duhamel, of Ottawa, to visit Rome this summer, and to lay before the Holy See a plan for the division of the archdiocese into three, with sees at Hull and St. Andrews. What truth there is in the report we cannot say; but we would not be surprised were it exact. There are very few, outside the Archdiocese of Ottawa, who are aware of the immensity of that important ecclesiastical division. The extent of territory covered by the archdiocese, the vast population contained in its limits, and the number of parishes under its jurisdiction, would suffice to bewilder and tax to the utmost the energies of any ordinary prelate. But His Grace of Ottawa is gifted in no ordinary degree, and it would read like romance were we to tell all the miles he is obliged to travel, all the important cases he has to consider, all the labor he must undergo, and all the vigilance combined with activity he must exercise in order to watch over and govern the vast district confided to his care. Great indeed are the merits of Ottawa's Archbishop and glorious the work that he has so successfully carried on for over twenty years.

WORTH, the world-renowned dress-maker, of the Rue de la Paix, Paris, who recently died, has been the object of some severe comment in a French journal. He was of English and Protestant origin, and the secretary of a Catholic syndicate has taken up his defence. He shows that M. Worth was a man of great charity, who always gave a portion of his profits to the support of the unfortunate. He became a naturalized Frenchman some time after the permanent establishment of his famous business in Paris. He was born a Protestant and died one, but he allowed his children to be brought up in the Catholic faith. One of his sons is mar-

ried to a French lady of a very fervent Catholic family. For many years Worth has ruled as a supreme dictator in the world of fashion. He took the measure of royalty and fitted up the most famous personages of the last half century in Europe. The Empress and the actresses came to him and the doors of the palace were as open as those of the green room when Worth appeared. In his own line he may well be styled the Napoleon of the millinery world. Because he did not die a Catholic is no excuse for attacking his memory; if it were there would no longer be any possibility of saying a good word for our departed friends of other religions.

SINCE the commencement of the American troubles the Turkish post office authorities have seized and destroyed all photographs of Mr. Gladstone and Prof. Bryne, on the ground that these portraits constitute "seditious literature." To be consistent these wisdom-struck Turkish officials should "Grahamize" the letters of certain correspondents and declare them to be "immoral works of art." It is wonderful how narrow and how small are the ideas of people who live under a species of autocracy and whose atmosphere is one of petty suspicion. When looking at favors they put their eyes to the large lens of the telescope; when they study their imaginary dangers they take the other end and behold them most disproportionately magnified.

We understand that Mr. J. D. Purcell, an accomplished and talented advocate, has been recommended by the Solicitor-General for the vacancy created by the death of Judge Barry. Mr. Purcell is not only a good lawyer, but speaks the French language as fluently as his own. The appointment would be an excellent one.

A FRIEND has written to us asking us to give, through our columns, a list of the text books for the study of the Irish language. We would advise our correspondent to write to The Visitor, of Providence, R.I. That organ has taken deep and active interest in the revival of the Irish language in the United States, and we know of no person better able to furnish the desired information than the editor of that very ably-conducted newspaper. Again, he might write to Mr. J. O'Daly, President of the "Fuirionn Na-Gaedhige," Boston, Mass.

A RECENT despatch to the secular press said that "the Pope, with a view to extending the Catholic movement in England, has decided to beatify several English Catholics who were killed during times of Catholic persecution." It may be true that the Pope intends to proceed with the process of beatification in some of the cases mentioned. In that there would be nothing surprising. Nor is there anything wonderful in the fact of such investigations taking place at a time when the Catholic spirit is reviving

in England. But that the Pope has suddenly taken the idea of beatifying any English martyrs in order to give a fresh impetus to the actual movement, is absurd. No person's beatified or canonized until the Sacred College has fully investigated all the arguments for and against, and that most positive evidence of sanctity is forthcoming. A process of beatification of one lasts for years and years, even centuries.

THERE has been a marked advance in the study of the Irish language, throughout Ireland, last year. One thousand and fifty on candidates presented themselves for examination in their native tongue. The previous year there were only eight hundred and thirty-one candidates. The number of school masters who obtained certificates to teach Irish doubled. The Irish language was taught in eleven new board schools and the sale of books of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language increased to a very considerable degree. It is a healthy national sign to note the revival and spread of the old harmonious and beautiful tongue of our fathers.

THE Boston Republic, commenting upon the new Vicariate-Apostolic in Wales, and recalling a special coincidence, says:

"It is rather a striking coincidence that just at the time when the Anglican establishment in Wales is tottering toward dissolution, Catholic progress in that principality should induce the Holy See to order the creation therein of a vicariate apostolic. It was said by somebody, not many years ago, that if there were more Catholic priests capable of speaking to the Welsh people in their native tongue there would be a surprising number of conversions recorded in that country. Perhaps the new vicariate-apostolic will make a special effort to secure such evangelists for his flock."

There is not a doubt that a people always prefers to hear the great truths of religion in the language peculiar to the race. The preacher who can speak the tongue of a nation, that is small comparatively in numbers, is sure to awaken the sympathies of his hearers and is able to go more directly to the heart; his chances of success are thereby greatly increased.

WE hear and read a great deal about the bogs of Ireland. The general reader—if a stranger to Ireland—is under the impression that these vast tracts of soft and marshy land are useless and that the country possessing them must feel the effects of so much wasted territory. The coal mines of England are not considered a draw back to the country; on the contrary England would be glad to have many more square miles of them. So with the peat bogs of Ireland, which, as fuel, are equal to four hundred and seventy million tons of coal. There is not a country on the face of the globe, in proportion to its area, that is more rich in natural products than Ireland. All she wants is proper government and adequate laws to be the garden of western Europe.

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