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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.

London, Ont., May 23, 1879. DEAR MR. COFFEY—As you have become proprietor and publisher of the CATHOLIC RECORD, I deem it my duty to announce to its subscribers and patrons that the change of proprietorship will work no change in its one and principles; that it will remain, what it has been, thoroughly Catholic, entirely independent of political parties, and exclusively devoted to the cause of the Church and to the promotion of Catholic interests.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely, JOHN WALSH, Bishop of London.

Mr. THOMAS COFFEY, Office of the "Catholic Record."

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Our American neighbors celebrated on the 22nd inst., with a heartiness of enthusiasm peculiarly their own, the anniversary of Gen. Washington's birthday. With American national sentiment the name of Washington is so closely, nay, inseparably connected that the people who enjoy the fruits of his great services in the senate or the battle field, and in the chief magistracy of an infant nation—can never fail to do honor on every available occasion to his memory.

operations were eager in enquiry as to his course and gave much trouble and annoyance to his friends in the national assembly. He was surrounded in the camp by men jealous of his reputation, or doubtful of his capacity. Besides, a very large proportion of the American people themselves, amongst whom he had to quarter his troops and whose battles he was fighting, were hostile to the cause he had at heart. Excepting Virginia and New England, it is doubtful if a majority of the people in any one of the thirteen colonies were heartily in favor of separation from the Mother Country.

rap'd, marvellously rapid as its progress—engrossed as are the American people in the study of their own and their country's interests, neither they nor the world at large can forget the glorious deeds and exalted virtues of Washington.

HONOR TO A PATRIOT.

The unanimous election of Michael Davitt for the county of Meath to replace Mr. A. M. Sullivan, resigned, is a just tribute to noble-hearted self-sacrifice and patriotic magnanimity. The people of Ireland are under lasting obligations to the newly-elected member for Meath, and to that great county for so nobly giving expression to its tribute of gratitude.

BISHOP WALSH'S LECTURE.

Bishop Walsh's lecture in the Grand Opera, on the evening of Thursday, on the Rome of Augustus Cæsar, was in every respect a masterly effort, as will be seen from even the meagre report which we are enabled to give.

more heartfelt devotion than in Canada. The following is the letter of Father MacHale to His Grace of Toronto:

St. J. Rath's, Tuam, February 4, 1882. My Dear Lord Archbishop,—I have forwarded to your Grace, for the use of your Cathedral church the Chasuble worn on solemn occasions by the late Archbishop of Tuam, with the corresponding Dalmatic and Tunic.

MR. ROBERT BELL AGAIN.

Mr. Henry Merrick is "loud" on charities and charitable institutions, and Mr. Robert Bell still "louder" on Catholic Schools. The former is representative in Parliament of that Boyne Water ferocity which would tear the crust from the orphan, the clothing from the mendicant—the latter the spokesman of that Orange illiteracy which detests Catholicity because of its zeal for education and enlightenment.

other effect than to force the Commons, out of self-respect if for no other motive, to carry out the evident desire of their constituents by voting his expulsion. Bradlaugh will certainly be again a candidate for Northampton and may possibly secure election.

ASH WEDNESDAY.

We reproduce as singularly appropriate to the season, the following beautiful extract from one of the published sermons of a gifted priest, Rev. James J. Murphy, now no more: