#### Super Omnes Speciosa.

Is any face that I have seen-Some perfect type of girlbood's face : Some nun's, soul-radiant, full of grace-Like thine, my beautiful, my Queen ?

Of all the eyes have paused on mine— And these have met some wondrous eyes So large and geep, so chaste and wise— Have any faintly imaged thine?

The chisel with the brush has vied, Till each seems victor in its turn : And love is ever quick to learn. Nor throws the profiered page aside :

Yet few the glimpses it has caught. For thou transcendest all that art Can show thee-even to the heart Most skilled to read the poet's thought

That thought can pierce its native sky Beyond the artist's starry guess : But all that it may dare express, Is through the worship of a sigh.

And this thou art, a sigh of love— Love that created as it sighed : And shaped thee forth a peerless bride Dowered for the spousals of the Dove.

To set the music of thy face To earthly measure, were to give Th' informing soul, and make it *lice* As there—God's uttermost of grace. -Catholic Work

HON. EDWARD BLAKE, Q. C. LLD., M. P.

Orator, Lawyer and Statesman-an Eminent Irish Canadian.

(Wm. Ellison in Buffalo Catholic Union and Times.)

In this present sketch the mind of the biographer has not to strain itself in making choice of a subject among distinguished men of Irish blood and lineage in Canada, for the name and fame of Hon. Edward Blake entitle him to a front place among the many worthy sons of Ireland who justly rank on the roll of honor.

At a time when Hon. Mr. Blake has won fresh distinction, as an orator and patriot, by his great speech in the Imperial Parliament, on behalf of Ire land, it may be considered a fitting occasion to give the readers of the Union and Times some definite partic ulars of the life and career of the man, although in the wider and public as pect of the case the character of Hon. Edward Blake is known all over this continent and in every part of the world wherever Irishmen have found a home.

In Canada, for a generation at least the name of Mr. Blake has been as a household word among the people, and with whatever project, public or private, he has associated himself he has ever been the eloquent and fearless advocate of purity, honor and honesty. At the bar he distinguished himself a an early stage of his professional career as a lawyer of keen perceptive faculties, great mental grasp of points in dispute and clear and logical argu ment on the legal issues involved in any case he handled. With such marked forensic ability combined with unflinching honesty of purpose, 'tis no wonder Mr. Blake quickly reached a high place at the Ontario bar, nor that in later years he has been recognized as the first among the leading lawyers of the Dominion. But his great gifts as an orator gained wider scope when he entered the Provincial Legislature, in which he became Premier of Ont ario, and wider still when he entered the Federal House at Ottawa as member for West Durham in the year 1867 During his long years of faithful serv ice there many were the hot and famous debates he engaged in, and while a pronounced Liberal in politics his acute sense of justice and clear vision led him to appreciate whatever was good in both parties. But men or measures that were faulty could not have his sanction, nor could laws that he believed were not framed in the interest of the people, no matter from

what source they proceeded. His great power in debate was duly

down to actual results and see what Mr. Blake has done to help forward the cause of Home Rule for Ireland, for that was the prime object of the Irish Nationalists in seeking the powerful assistance of the great Canadian ora tor and statesman

He scarcely had left the steamer at Moville before he had to utter his warmest thanks to enthusiastic crowds, both lay and clerical, who gave him cordial welcome to Ireland ; and hardly a day had elapsed when he was called upon to address overflowing meetings in Derry, Belfast and other politica centers, prior to his visit to South Longford, where he was afterwards elected and for which constituency he sits in the British Commons still Then in rapid succession, in nearly every city in Ireland, England and Scotland he spoke to immense audi ences in powerful advocacy of the cause of Home Rule. Nor did he deal in empty theories, because in every he uttered he had before his sentence mind the practical working of the Home Rule in Canada, and no more convincing arguments in favor of that system of government ever fell upor the ears of eager listeners. And shortly after his arrival in London he made an address before the Eighty Club, which was pronounced a master

piece of eloquence and statesmanlike views. was, however, when Hon. Mr. Blake entered upon his duties in Parliament that his eminent abilities as an orator and debater showed to the best advantage. His maiden effort in the Imperial House was in the shape of a reply to a speech made by the Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. Of course a great deal was expected from a man of the high reputation of the Irish Canadian, nor did he disappoint his for the well-reasoned and friends,

powerful rejoinder placed him at once in the very front rank of the great speakers in that famous assembly. Not long after that he again raised himself high in the estimation of great parliamentaries by a reply he made to Mr. T. W. Russell, who rather sought to distort the real situation in Ireland, and to misrepresent the valuable re

sults of Home Rule in Canada. But the greatest effort of Hon. Mr. Blake's life was made a few days ago the in introducing the question of financial relations question between Great Britain and Ireland. He was specially selected for the unfolding of the great problem, and it required a statesman of the first order and a speak er of pre-eminent ability to do full justice to such a theme. Mr. Blake consumed two hours and more in the presentation of his weighty subject, and yet he held the closest attention of the House to the end, and as the last words of his masterful speech closed. congratulations were showered upon him and the feeling was universal that the eloquent Irish Canadian had added fresh laurels to his already wide fame The subject of this all-too brief sketch, Hon. Edward Blake, Q. C., LL. D., M. P., etc., was born in the province of Ontario in 1833, son of the ate Hon. William Hume Blake, a dis tinguished jurist of Upper Canada, for time Attorney General and subse quently chancellor of the province, by atharine Hume, granddaughter of William Hume of Humewood, England, M. P. for Wicklow in the British House of Commons. Descended from such noble Irish stock as the Blakes of Galway and the Humes of Wicklow, Hon. Edward Blake has come by his nobility of character by inherent right, and it is easy to conceive that under the supervision of such exemplary parents

young Master Blake's budding faculties

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

# GOLDEN JUBILEE.

The Ladies of the Order of the Sacred Heart will celebrate the Golden Jubilee on our behalf. of the establishment of the order in New York, at the convent in Manhatt. anville, on the 20th. The ceremonies will occupy three days. The order of exercises for the first day will include a solemn Pontifical High Mass in the

a solemn Fontineal right Mass in the chapel at 10 a. m., a banquet in the refectory at 12:30 p. m., and Benedic-tion of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel at 5 p. m. The other two days will be given over to social intercourse, partaking of the nature of a reunion Members of the order are now en rout for New York city from Aukland, New Zealand, China and South America, and other remote points. It was fifty years ago, on the 20th February that the incorporation papers for this convent were issued to Archbishop The date of the celebration, however, was set for May that more propitious weather might be secured The Mother House of the Order was founded in Paris in 1800 by Mother Barat. Its magnificent dimensions to day in the Rue de Vaennes is in strange contrast to the humble quarters

occupied at Amiens when the first school was founded. One of the earli-est friends of the Order was the Countesse de Grammont, one of Marie Antoinette's ladies of honor, together with her two daughters, Antoinette and Eugenie. Phillipine Duchesne, a talented woman, fancied the World as a propitious field, and at St. Charles, Mo., U.S., established in 1818 the first branch in America. It did not thrive there, however. With her thrive there, however. With her came Eugenie Aude, Mme. Octavie Berthold, a daughter of one of Voltaire's secretaries ; Catharine Lemarre,

Hughes.

and Marguerite Monteau. After earnest efforts Archbishop Hughes secured the establishment of the order in New York. The first house was in Houston street, under the charge of Mother Gallatzio, a near relative of Prince Demetrius Gallatzin. The latter had already preceded her here, and in his priestly labors had won re-cognition. From Houston street the onvent was moved to Astoria. Under Mother Aloysia Hardy's directions in was transferred to Manhattanville, where the Lorillard estate of fifty seven acres was sold to her at \$100 an acre, embracing the old house. It value to day is conservatively put at \$100,000 an acre. During her ad ministration throughout the country there were founded twenty schools, each consisting of an academy for young ladies and a parish school for poor children. The last is always a prime consideration with the order, while its academic equipment is a standard

in a great many educational centres The present building was erected after fire destroyed the old familian walls in 1888. While rebuilding was going on the estate of Oswald Otten dorfer was temporarily occupied on his generous tender. Eugene Kelly, Count Loubat, the daughters of Michael Bou vier of Philadelphia, and both Francis and Joseph Drexel aided generously toward the erection of the present Mother Jones was the buildings. Mother Jones moving spirit in that work.

A number of ladies are aiding the members of the Order in arranging for the Jubilee in May next. Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Mrs. Thomas H. O'Connor, Mrs. William Berge, Mrs. William Buchanan, and Mrs. Robert McGinnis, jr. have formed a committee to take charge of part of the details, and to ask all the old pupils who may find it possible to join the celebration.

Mary's Month.

by daily experience that it is not in vain the Blessed Virgin prays for us to her Divine Son and offers her petitions

# CONVERSIONS.

The Liverpool Catholic Times an nounces the conversion to the Catholic Church of the Rev. Mr. Black, one of the Cowley Fathers. Out of the Inquiry Class started at the close of the mission in the Paulist church, New York, last January, twenty-four are now in the Church.

Mrs. Clarke, wife of the Rev. J. Clarke, late of St. John's church, East London, South Africa, was received into the Church recently in Dublin.

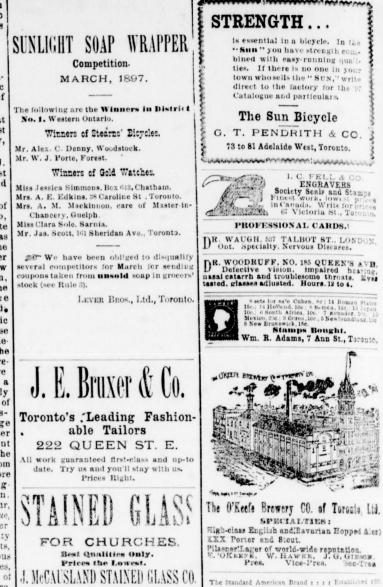
The Rev. H. Mather, the son of Canon Mather of St. Paul's, Clifton, Bristol, England, and recently curate of St. Bartholomew's, Brighton, has been received into the Church by the Rev. J. Bampton, S. J. Mr. Mather was confirmed and tonsured a few weeks ago by the Bishop of Clifton, and left England in company with the Rev. B. W. Maturin for Rome, where he intends to study for the priesthood. M. Francisque Sarcey, the dramatic critic and general journalist, whose pressige continues to be universal despite the determined attacks of the younger generation of writers who resent his superiority, may now be re garded as in a fair way to become a practical Catholic. He was formerly one of the friends and colleagues of Edmond About, that unflinching assailant of the Papacy, but a change came over him a few years since after he spent some time under treatment for his eyes in the institution of the Brothers of St. John of God. From that time M. Sarcey has been more favorably disposed towards the relig ion of the mejority of his countrymen. Now he writes to the Abbe Delfour, editor of the Universite Catholique, who lately referred to him in that per iodical as being inclined to triviality in his choice of journalistic subjects

and of never giving his numerous readers his views on loftier themes like that, for instance, of the hopes of man beyond the tomb. M. Sarcev re plies that he has to do his best in order to interest his readers, and he expresse his gratitude to M. Delfour and other ecclesiastics who remember him in their Masses and have thereby made him, as he says, if not more Catholic at least more tolerant and Christian The admission is significant coming from the bosom friend of the man who "Question Romaine" enthusin the iastically backed the Garibaldians and the despoilers of the Papacy.-Paris Letter

## Protestant Dissensions.

The utter lack of harmony between the teaching of Protestant divines makes one wonder how the sectarian seminaries can make pretence of a course of theology. The ordinary observer, taking note of the discordant utterances of the Protestant pulpit, is at a loss to understand how a sufficient number of "orthodox" clergymen could be got together to form a staff That certain little difficulties of this kind do exist is picturesquely shown by a bit of personal history which a convert contributes to the San Franscico Monitor.

"About the time that I wasexamined for my own ordination, two ministers -one an exceedingly High Church man, and the other a Protestant of Protestants-were examining a young man for ordination who was of the same school as the Low Churchman. 'Mr. ———," said the High Church-man, 'if the Bible and the Bible



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acknowledged in the Commons ; and on the retirement of the late Hon. Alexander MacKenzie-a former Do minion Premier-he was selected as leader of the great Liberal party. This position he resigned some tim before he was called to the English House of Commons as member for South Longford, and as Mr. Blake was preceded in the leadership by an ex Premier, he has had for successor the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, the present distinguished Prime Minister of Canada.

During the long years that Hon. Mr. Blake gave his strong mind and clear intellect to the consideration of politics and statecraft he left the impress of his far seeing views upon every measure and policy he advocated, and although bitterly opposed by his opponents at the time, no public man has been more thoroughly vindi cated as the wisdom of his views upon public questions has been unfolding itself in later years.

But admirable as has been his Canadian record of services to his country. the patriotic side of his personality was raised to a higher plane when h consented, at the call of Ireland, te leave his home in Toronto and his large legal connections in Canada, to cross the Atlantic in order to give his commanding talent and devotion to the suffering land of his fathers.

The circumstances connected with the call to Ireland are perhaps unequalled in the history of a public man, and reflect double distinction in honor implied. A case can the scarcely be recalled in which a statesman of one country was called by an-other nation to serve in the parliament of a third. This unique honor has been conferred upon Hon. Edward Blake, and right well has he merited and deserved the high distinction. In such a noble procedure the high motive that paompted the action merits the gratitude of the people directly interested, and the admiration of all fair minded men who desire that eventhe rule of conduct. But let us get valid.

rot the tender nursing and bent which left a beneficent impress upon his boyhood's life and materially aided in shaping the grand characteristics which have since distinguished him in all his moral and official life. He re-ceived his education at the University of Toronto, where he took first class honors in classics and proved himself an apt student of rare mental gifts and perseverance. In 1858 he received the degree of M. A., was called to the bar in 1856, and created a Queen's Counsel in 1864. From that time on ward his forensic triumphs were rapid and enduring and such as placed him in possession of the highest profession al practice. His eminence in the courts of law brought him government. al offers of the very highest judical rank, but he declined the Chancellorship of Ontario, and at a later period the Chief Justiceship of the Supreme

Court of the Dominion As would be naturally expected, a man of Mr. Blake's intellectual canac ity tends strongly in the direction of higher learning for the rising genera tions in Canada; and as Chancellor of the Toronto University he gives both moral and material encouragements to

induce to the higher branches o studies. It is not unusual for him to donate as much as \$10,000 at a time to that great seat of education, and the same liberality of soul marks his gener ous contributions to the Home Rule

fund in Dublin. So absorbing is the splendid public career of the honored gentleman that one loves to dwell upon it almost to the exclusion of his pri-vate and domestic life ; let it suffice to say that Hon. Mr. Blake married Margaret daughter of the late Rt. Rev. Dr. Cronyn, Lord Bishop of Huron, and that his private life has been as blissful as his public life has been distinguished.

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Devotion to the Blessed and Immacu late Virgin, the Mother of our Lord and our God, Jesus Christ, as practiced by His Church, has become a word to conjure by, by many of our brethern separated in faith from us. Strange that they who claim such an intense love for the Son should look so coldly and askance at the Mother. In honoring the Blessed Mother, Catholics are accused of idolatry. Thus, we are charged with constituting the Blessed Virgin an object of supreme worship, that we exalt her to the throne of the everlasting Godhead, in a word, that we admit the deification of Mary. the Catholic Church has de Now. clared innumerable times that we hold no such doctrine, and that it is con trary to holy faith to pay such divine to a human creature. nonors Church indeed honors her as being exalted and privileged in a most s ecial way by God, but with our whole heart we proclaim to God alone

supreme worship is due. Catholic devotion as expressed beautiful in this charming month in a special manner, to our dear Lady goes back through the history of the Church, and in every age we will find the faith-ful have loved to link together the tribute of their piety and devotion to the Blessed Virgin. The most ancient liturgies of the Eastern Churches all bear witness to the reverence and piety of the faithful in her regard.

Rest assured that the people attending May devotions will draw down upon themselves the blessings of the holy, upright and pure life. No cheerless creed separates them in the holy communion of saints. Death has not severed the bonds that unite the members of the Church. Their prayers are united with the angels and saints, and above all with the Queen of angels and saints, who rejoice before God's throne and partake of the Redeemer's triumph in heaven. God alone is the giver of all good gifts. He is the source of all blessings, the foundation of all good

ness. Whatever power or happiness or glory the Blessed Virgin and the saints possess, whatever patronage they may exercise in our behalf, all comes from God. The faithful know full well

alone is the religion of Protestants, what did the people do when they had no Bibles, as in the early cen-turies of the Church?' Mr. was nonplussed ; but the Low Churchman, trying to help him out, put his foot in it by saying, nervously: 'That is not a fair question : there vere no Protestants in those days.

The humor of these theological ex aminations is an unworked field ; and, we may judge by what happens when the ministers meet in convocaion, it is a field worth prospecting in Probably the best theological lesson ever taught in that seminary was the Low Churchman's naive declaration, There were no Protestants'in those days."-Ave Maria.

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