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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.

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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 only principle.

Believe me, Yours very sincerely,

JOHN WALSH, Bishop of London.

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LONDON, FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 1881.

Diocesan Contributions Towards the New Cathedral.

The Rev. Father TERMAN, Chancellor of the Diocese, thankfully acknowledges the following contributions from the Diocese, towards the erection of the new Cathedral:—

- April 21, St. Anne's, Rev. P. Andreux, Pastor... \$115 00 May 17, Malton, Rev. F. J. Ouellette, Pastor... 250 00 " 21, Windsor, Very Rev. Dean Wagner, Pastor... 500 00

THE IRISH LAND QUESTION.

The excitement in Ireland on the land question seems to increase every day. The Land Bill must soon find its way to the Lords, where it is almost certain to find rejection or radical amendment.

PRIESTS AND PEOPLE.

A contemptible effort was made some time since to excite a feeling of animosity on the part of the Irish laity against the priesthood. The attitude assumed by individual members of the clergy on the land question was made the occasion of base and deceitful appeals to the people to divide from the clergy.

THE TORY LEADERSHIP.

We referred some time ago to the selection of a leader by the English Tory party. Since that time a choice has been made. A contemporary thus refers to the selection:—

there are at present only four hundred. Let me ask Mr. Gladstone what has become of eight hundred families once so happy in their humble homes who have disappeared from the parish?

Lord Salisbury can prove successful only when prejudice again assumes the ascendant in British politics.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Efforts are being made in New Hampshire to change the divorce laws, that divorces may be made much more difficult of attainment.

The reverend Mother-Abbess of the Franciscan Convent at Drumshambo, Co. Leitrim, Ireland, is a grand daughter of the patriot Henry Grattan.

The Liverpool, Eng., Catholic Times says that Monsignor Kirby, Rector of the Irish College at Rome, is shortly to be raised to the Episcopacy, as Bishop in part infid.

The Brooklyn sensation preacher Talmage has characterized the revised New Testament as a desecration, profane and a religious outrage.

A Methodist elder in Wheeling, Maryland, comes out and preaches on the authority of several prominent dignitaries of his church, that the souls of all that died are still in an intermediate place, none being taken to heaven or sent to hell until after the resurrection.

In New York city, the police are continually finding out secret societies of boys yet in their teens who have pass-words and grips like the older lads, and hold their meetings in empty cellars, garrets, etc.

John G. Moore, Mr. Bowell's brother-in-law, and manager of the Belleville Intelligencer for quite a time, was Treasurer of the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario for a number of years.

Bishop Keane, of Richmond, whose eyesight has been seriously impaired for some time, returned to Alexandria, Va., from New York, Friday, where he had been to consult a prominent oculist.

The London Times says: "The audacity of Parnell in repeating Archbishop Croke's advice in the House of Commons is simply astonishing. It is now necessary to vindicate the authority of the law."

The cable man has again been forced to "deny the report," as usual. A short time since he said Cardinal Manning refused the use of the halls of the League of the Cross for the purpose of holding Land League meetings.

To change the education difficulty in France, the contrast between the training which boys and girls receive is remarkable. The young man's education is exclusively scientific, whilst the girl's is religious. Marriage comes—the man is indifferent, if he be not hostile to religion, whilst the woman is pious, if she be not fanatical.

By far the ablest critique of "The Revised Testament" that has come under our notice is that which appeared in the New York Sunday

Lycee, whilst the mother wishes to place her son under the care of the Jesuits. Naturally the possessor of the stronger will wins the day, and the son is disposed of.

The New York Sun recently printed a well-written article on "Young Women Preachers" of the Methodist Church, containing the arguments of both sides.

With aged people, middle-aged married couples, youths, and misses they are popular. With wife-hunting men, old bachelors, or men in love and with young women hunting for husbands, or with those in love they are not popular.

We learn from the Missions Catholiques that the Sultan was the first Sovereign to send a telegram of condolence to the Sovereign Pontiff on the death of his brother, Count Pecci. The Holy Father, it says, was much touched, and replied by a telegram couched in the most affectionate terms.

"Some short time since we were asked to show two gentlemen through the college and let them see everything curious or interesting that we have. As we were examining the various articles in the Museum, one of the gentlemen was attracted by a bead having on it this inscription, 'Found on the Grave of Father Marquette.' 'Why,' said he, 'that reminds me of a rather peculiar adventure of mine about a year ago. A friend and I were rowing quietly down the Mississippi late one evening, and were rather inclined, on account of the beauty of the scene, to look around us than to make much progress. As my eyes were carelessly turned from place to place along the shore I saw the end of a large canoe projecting into the water, from beneath the roots of a tall tree that stood just on the edge of the bank. We went closer, and found that the other end was buried in the solid earth, and that the exposed part had been laid bare by the washing of the water. The boat had been buried in the mud before the tree had grown. As we examined it we found that it was brass bound, and on one of the brass bands was the name 'Marquette,' half effaced. It was the boat of the missionary. We went on our way, intending to return in a week or two, and force it from the remaining earth. We returned, but the tree had fallen, and the boat was not to be found."

John Bright recently made a speech on the Land Bill. In the course of it he gave vent to some of his old-time friendly feelings towards Ireland and Irishmen.

The Common School Board of this city have instructed many of its teachers to reduce the quantity of home study, and many others to dispense with the recitation. Whether this action makes the pupils obedient and the teacher anxious or not, is of far less consideration than the bad results that are likely to result from it.

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The time for holding these will be the usual made known and it is hoped that the trustees, parents and all concerned in the welfare of the schools will signify their interest in the same by being present.

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HAMILTON LETTER.

Whitsunday—The Bazaar—The Dundas Branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Society—A Worthy Organization—Schooling Made Easy—A Radical Innovation by the Common School Board—Local Items—Our Separate School—Things in General.

The 5th instant was Whitsunday, and Pontifical High Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral. His Lordship Bishop Crillon pontificated, preached at the Gospel, and at the end of the Mass gave the Papal Benediction.

The various ladies' committees in connection with the Bazaar have been fully organized, and a friendly emulation between the committees of the different tables that are well for the success of the enterprise has been thoroughly excited.

The Dundas Branch of the C. M. B. A. several months ago to establish a branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association in that town was brought to a very satisfactory conclusion on the 29th of April.

The conditions for organization required by the Association at large having been fulfilled, Mr. Barry, of Brantford, was authorized to organize the branch in Dundas and install the officers.

The gentlemen elected to office are as follows: Spiritual Director, Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly; President, A. R. Vancity Esq., Mayor of Dundas; First Vice-Pres., Mr. James Hourigan; Second Vice-Pres., Mr. Sowerbeer; Rec. Secretary, Mr. D. Griffin; Financial Secretary, Mr. Joseph Brown; Treasurer, Mr. J. K. Smith; Marshal, Mr. M. Shippard; Guard, Mr. P. Savage; Directors: Messrs. W. Casey, A. S. Cane, Coghill, Thos. Birnie, Stephen Pope.

The Dundas Branch is likely to be successful. At present its membership is necessarily small, but as its affairs continue to be managed by officers as efficient as those named above, men who in other matters have shown themselves always zealous and energetic, there can be little doubt, under favorable circumstances, of its final and complete success.

The Association is, in a complete religious foundation. Practical Catholicism, as far as concerns the members, is an essential requisite to membership, and the same good qualification is expected to be held by the member during the period of his stay in the Society. Regular meetings are held, at which the affairs of the Society are considered, those of the Association at large made known, and the members benefited by the knowledge and mental discipline thus afforded.

In case of illness or sickness that incapacitates the member, the member is amply provided for, and in case of death his or her family will receive the sum of two thousand dollars. Here, then, is a most advantageous and profitable proposition for future worldly contingencies, and assisting to maintain moral rectitude. There are many in this world very few elements of true profit.

These facts were virtually incorporated in a general report of the Grand Recorder, published in the Record some weeks ago, but your correspondent thought that the Dundas branch merited a particular notice. Its meetings for the present will be held in apartments placed at the disposal of the members by the worthy President, who throughout has worked most earnestly in behalf of the Society's interests.

A KIND-HEARTED SCHOOL BOARD. The Common School Board of this city have instructed many of its teachers to reduce the quantity of home study, and many others to dispense with the recitation.

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QUEBEC LETTER.

I but re-echo the universal sympathy felt, and the horror felt, and the sympathy entertained for the terrible calamity that has befallen them, through the lament on board the ill-fated

At the same time "somebody has blundered" expressed the conviction, that "somebody" "somebodies" will be penalty.

On the 19th ultimo, a requiem for the repose of the soul of the late Rev. Canon Shephard, by the Very V. G., in presence of Chacoutin, and a large number of men and a numerous female congregation, that sisterhood a day of joyful anniversary of their vows was turned into a day of chapel was deeply draped appropriate inscriptions were

On Sunday the 10th of the Rev. Canon Shephard, the occasion of the following grave—Rev. Messrs. Bouffard, Inouart, Marois, Paradis, Deschamps, and as well as L. Paradis, Beaudouin, Grand Altar was most tastefully arranged for flowers and colored lanterns, which were placed on the altar and outside part occupied seats in the effect, as viewed by the gation present, was grand. At nine o'clock a solemn Mass was celebrated, the clergy, headed by the left the Presbytery and Joseph street, entering the Church and proceeded to Mass was immediately the Archbishop officiating. Rev. Messrs. Paradis and deacons. The congregation was most grand and the Very Rev. O. then occupied the pulpit most eloquent sermon, then continued, and at 10 o'clock the procession was reformed. Presbytery in the same described, each one carrying a taper and chanting the Rev. Mr. Marois acted as cantor. The choir, and his Vicars were obliging in attending to many strangers. We many flags were displayed along the line of process.

On Thursday morning in the Basilica, and at the following meeting Wm. Grant, of the diocese P. E. L., St. Pierre, L. Paradis and Jos. L. diocese of Quebec, and of the diocese of St. John.

And the RASTOR of the city, the archbishop's departure on his pastoral morning, commencing at the Basilica, and at 10 o'clock the procession was reformed. The Revs. Father L. McGrea preceded him to dress for confirmation.

The able and elaborate dress of the BISHOP OF QUEBEC, as published, challenges all who have read it.

A large number of the families of the three assembled at St. Andrew's day last, to see off by to Lake St. John, Met (Times), Mother St. Marc and Mother St. Marc St. John from Chicoutimi by Bishop Racine, to meet for the establishment of the popular institution.

The three sisters, who respective positions in the Treasury and General Convent, will be absent a fortnight.

Bishop Langevin, of the Basilica, and in the Church, after which the collect in aid of the and in St. Roch's church, the battle of Laval fought out before the mittee of the Legislat First Communion of Patrick's will take place on Saturday night, 23rd on his right and left

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