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# The Dignity and Power of the Mother of God. ABLE SERMON DELIVERED BY PADRE

# Objections Refuted.

ACOSTINO.

The Rev. Padre Agostino da Montefeltro, In the sixteenth sermon of the Lenten course at San Carlo, Rome, dealt with the subject of devotion teithe Blessed Virgin. He said : There is a word which comprises ineffable awaetness. At this word all the deepest fibres of our heart vibrate and thrill us with emotion; at this word, the name, the earliset memories, obscured by the lapse of time, ravive and our eyes fill with tears. It is because there is nothing here below more exquisite, more tender, more leving, than the mother's heart. Her devetion exceeds all other; when, for example, her child is in danger, the mother forgets hereelf; do not speak to her of obstacles and difficulties. She feels equal to any sacrifice ; you might see her even to walk upon live coals to save her child. And her tender influence is mani-fested in all the great perils of life ; as well upon the battlefield as on the storm-tossed ocean. Behold the young soldier covered with wounds-the steersman in face of imminent shipwreck ; the pilgrim who has lost his way ; the poor exile in a strange land. What de they, that wounded youth, that pilot, that wanderer, that exile? If he is so happy as to have preserved his fate ; if he still believes in God and the soul's immortality, he ories; in God and the sour's immortanty, he ories; "My God, my God, have mercy upon me; come to help me!" and then he adds im-mediately: My mother !" But his mother cannot hear that ory of anguish; she is far away; perhaps she is dead—his poor mether ! mother 1

Well, my friends, the Christian knows a mother who dies not, and always listens to him, from whatseever place appeals are made to her. And she is the best of all mothers ; a mother given us by Jesus in the moment He was expiring for us. This mother is Mary. Then she was at the foot of the cross heart-broken with grief; no she is in Heaven, beautiful as the dawn, fair and gracious as a meadow enamelled with flowers, brighter than any star. Her robe shines more brightly than precious gems ; heaven and earth sing her praises in unison. Bat her glory and triumph do not keep her from thinking of us ; from harkening to the suf for Mary are always vivid, ever ardent in us; the more so in proportion to the perversences of the wayward, who shower in-sults upon them, and turn them into ridicule. But since we live in an age when it is not enough to love, but we must needs also defend what we love, allow me this morning to lay before you briefly the reason upor which our devotion to Mary reposes. WUn-happily even amongst us this wurship is at present questioned. There are poor misguided ones who have joined together in Mother present themselves, it is exactly this fallacious reason I would combat; leaving apart all the subtlety of philosophy, I only demand your heart, much heart-O my God ! for the love of that Blessed one Thou hast given to be our Mother, help me to-day especially, de Thou give efficacy to my words, and ist them penetrate all minds, bearing conviction to the understanding, and persuasion to the will i The devotion, the love of Mary, in a word, our worship of Mary, rests upon two traths, which no one with a spark of sense could deny or doubt. The first is her dignity -the Mether of God; the second is the power she has in consequence of this dignity, her dignity as Mother of God. It is a dogma of faith that the Son of God. in order to redeem man, became man; that is, took a human body and soul, a perfect humapity. He willed to take it miraculously and sporlessly in the bosom of a Mother; so that not only did He become man like us, but also our brother. There are no words capable of expressing the dignity of the manhood elevated hereby to the hypostatic union with God; but the dignity of the woman raised to the honour of being the Mother of God, IT SURPASSES HUMAN INTELLIGENCE to conceive. Think of the importance of this truth. A woman who has carried the Son of God Himself for nine months in her womb; who has fed Him with her milk; who has heard those Divine lips call her by the sweet name of Mother; this woman is Mary, "Mary," says the Gespel with sublime simplicity, "of whom is born Jesus Christ." And after this, my friends, must not all opposition pale at the name of Mary? Every thing that is said of her is not enough to make us comprehend her perfection. Shall we say she is full of heavenly grace? But there is nothing wonderful in that, since she was created to be the Mother of God. Shall we say she was conceived without stain of sin? But logic itself would make us believe that, since she was destined to give material life to the Son of God. Shall we say that her life was a pattern of every virtue ? of every perfection ?; But it is idle to argue and disouss the question ; we could not think otherchare their maternity with the fathers, and and received His last word 10h, my friends, Apis, Samoa, through the Mary shares it with none. Tes her Son only you know it ; the Gospel is full of Mary, and Mataafa, who is a Oatholic.

formed one man, so the divinity and humanity from one Christ; therefore, Mary is verily and really Mother of God. How, then, ought she to be honoured? Incontestably as the Mother of God deserves to be honoured. Then the accusation is false which is made against us, by those separated from us, who accuse us of idolatry? Yes, it is without foundation, because we are accused of adoring Mary ; but we do not adore her, we venerate her. Adoration is only for God, veneration is a worship of respect and love we render whover has deserved it. We venerate our country's heroes, and those who have been an bonour to it ; this respect naturally is reflected upon their mothers. Now, if good sense directs us to venerate our country's heroes, shall we not venerate the herolo Founder of a religion, and His mother also ? If the homage which a nation pays its king is extended to his mother, why shall we not also extend it to Mary, whom Christ acknowledged as His mother, to whom He paid respect, and to whom He was subject ? By venerating Mary we are not only in the right, we acknowledge her pretection also. Great is the king's power, but great again is the mother's power, because she reigns over the heart of her son. Mary is certainly not omnipotent ; it would bs folly to think it, and blachemy to affirm it; but she can influence much the heart of her Divine Son ; and this is a dictate of reason, if not a dogma of faith, and we may ic-voke her to second our prayers. "But why," say our enemies, "why pray to Mary? Is it not enough to invoke Jesus? Has not Jesus promised that He will Himself listen to our prayers?" Let us grant something. Yes, it is enough to call upon Jesus, rigorously speaking, no other invocation is absolutely necessary. But because a thing is not of absolute necessity we must not conclude that it is therefore useless, or, above all, blameable. Ab, my friends, here is the

## BAD FAITH OF OUR ANTAGONISTS.

They fabricate unreal doctrines in order to procure themselves the pleasure of disputing them furiously. They are like St. disputing them furiously. They are like St. —and what a mother ! Ah. my friends, de Augustine—before this conversion—who said of himself : "I had made a phahtom of the Chemick and Themas and the sevences and comfort contain-ed in these words ? The Mother of Jesus is the Church, and I barked continually at this phantom." Thus, why dispute the necessity of Mary's worship if the Church has only are we to draw from this gift all the great adtaught us its fitness and usefulness ? Let them combat these if they can. Has not great trust in Mary, by frequent recourse to Obrist Himself promised to receive our pray. ers ? Has He not told us to pray for each other ? Has not the Holy Spirit commanded us to pray one for another, to love each other? ferer's groans; from hearing to the suf prayers which rise to hor celestial throne, radiant with the light divine of maternal love. Behold why the veneration and love able for us to invoke the intercession of Mary, and we conduct ourselves in so doing accord ing to the spirit of the Sacred Scripture. The depth of the accusation stands upon the false interpretation given to the word "in-voke." They say : "You invoke God and Mary : and thus you affront God and place yourselves optside the spirit of the Gospel. But we invoke God to use His power ; we invoke Mary to use her intercession for us with Christ. We call upon God to command ; we call upon Mary to pray, to entreat for us. Where, then, I ask, is our idolatry ? Here saying that devotion to Mary is super-stition and idolatry. And as it is in the name of reason that these enemies of our want a favour, the poor who ask for help, can they not turn to the queen to intercede for them ; and if through her their petitions are granted, is therefore, the king's powe. slighted, or his goodness doubted in the least? This is our case. God alone can give grace ; but He listens to His mother's prayers. and for her merits grants us what He would never have granted to our deserts. And when we have obtained some grace through Mary shall we not show her our affection and gratitude ? Shall we not give her that title continually given her by the Catholic Church and call her health of the sick, and consola-tion of the sfficied? Must we, therefore, believe that in so doing we offend Jesus ? Ob, how strange it is to bear the assertion; to hear that by so doing we are without the pale of the Gospel! But it seems to me that the fact is just the contrary. Let us open the Gospel; what do we find there? That the Archangel presenting himself to Mary to an-nonnce the mystery of the Incarnation, says ; "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." Well, my brothren, what else are we doing, in not following the angels salutation in invoking Mary ? Instead of which, our separated brethren seem inclined to imitate the fallen angel, to whom God said : " I will put enmity between thee and the woman "-I read again another case in the Gospel. When Elizabeth saw Mary coming to visit her she exclaimed, "Full of the Holy Spirit :" "Whence is this to me that the mother of the Lord should come to me? Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." And we, honouring Mary, manifesting our affection and gratitude to her are only following Elizabeth's example ; whilst they, our separate brethren, are like the Bethlehemites, who expected the Messiah and repelled His Mother, who was bringing them Jesus. Again, the Gospel says that Mary answered Elizabeth : "FROM MENCEFORTH ALL GENERATIONS SHALL

be said that Mary did not give the Divine being to Jesus Christ; buteven other mothers give only the body to their ohlidren. Yes, Mary is really Mother of God, because Mother of Jesus, God-man, although she only gave her Son His human being, because the human being in her and as the body and soul formed one man, so the divinity and human ship. The Apostles themselves before parting composed a symbol, the Oreed, which was to be the distinguished sign of Ohrist's disciples. Well, in this profession of faith Mary has her place-and what a place ! She is there with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit : "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ-born of the Virgin Mary." After the Apostles come the saints and doctors of the Church. St. Ignatius of Autioch celebrates the miraculous pirth of Christ : St. Justin, that philosopher who left Plato's school tor Christ's, begins the comparison between Eve and Mary ; St. Ire: 2:18 continues this compari-son, saying, that Mary has become the restorer of mankind, demonstrating that through her the bleased generation has succeeded the accursed; Tertulilan completes the parallel, saying: "The crime of Eve in believing the serpent has been atoned by Mary in believing the Archangel." Hall, then, O Mother of God ; hall, Crown and Firmament of the Church-pray for us! You have heard St. Gregory, the Homer of Iheology; you have heard St. John, Europe, Asia, Africa, Rome, Censtantinople. Yes, from those great doctors who were honored by paganism itself, honor ed by the Church to this day, down to St. Bernard, from St. Bernard to St. Francis of Sales-all have blessed and honored Mary. Not only the Church, but all nations who were great in the bosom of the Church have honored Mary. Kings, barons, orders of knighthood placed themselves under her protection. The noblest children of all the arts, music, postry, painting, soulpture, have been inspired by her. When we have considered all these things we can but exclaim with those of old: "This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes !" The gift of His Mother to us was the last act of Christ's Testament, the last touch of His tenderness ; because He had given ne all-His tears, His sweat, His labors, His sorrows, His grace, His blood. He had left us Himself in the Saorament of the Eucharist; He had only His Mother left, and He gave her to u. are we to draw from this gift all the great ad-vantages intended? My friends, by reposing condition we are ; however evil our case, she

## LA BONNE STE. ANNE. Another Proof of Her Powerful Interce

sion-A Woman who has suffered from Spinal Disease for hime years Instantly cured-The Irish Catholic Pilgrimage to the famed Shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre.

The annual Irish Ostholic pilgrimage to Ste. Anne de Beaupró, which left Montreal per steamer "Canada" on Saturday last, under the direction of the Redemptorist Fathers of St. Ann's church, was a gratifying success. Nearly every parish in the city was largely represented and there were, besides, contingents from Ottawa, Prescott, Oornwall, Lancaster, St. Johns, Malone, N. Y., and other outside The following was the ORDER OF EXEBUISES.

Saturday, 5.30 p m., Hymn, "Ave, Maris Stella," to be supp as the steamor leaves the wharf. 6 p.m., Rosary; 6.30 p.m., Supper; 7 p.m., Sermon and Evening Prayers; 10 p.m., Resire; Silence to be observed from 10 o'clock p.m. until 5.30 o'clock on Sunday morning Sunday, 5.30 a m., Morning Prayers ; Sunday, 5.33 a m., Morning Prayers; on ar-riving at Ste. Anne, a procession will be formed, and all will proceed from the boat to the Church in a body, two abreast; 6 a.m., Low Mass; 9 S0 a.m., High Mass, with Sermon by Rev. Father Mallengier, U.SS R; 11.30 a.m., leave Ste. Anne; 12 noon, Dinner; 5 p.m., Leave Quebec; 5.30 p.m., Rosary; 6 p.m., Supper; 9 p.m., Sermon and Evening Prayers; 10 p.m. Betire; Silence to be observed from 10 p.m., Retire ; Silence to be observed from 10 o'clock p.m. until 5 o'clock on Monday morn ing. Monday 5 30 a.m., Morning Prayers ; 6 a.m., Hymu, "Ave, Maris Stella," to be sung 6 a.m., Hymu, "Ave, Maris Stella," to be sung as the steamer approaches the wharf at Montreal.

Each pilgrim on going abourd the steamer was basiled a copy of the above, and all being aware of the order to be observed, everything was car-ried out with systematic precision. There were quite a sumber of invalids among the pilgrims, sll of them full of unbounded confidence in the good Ste. Anne and hoping to be relieved of their maladies through her intercession. Some of the suffering ones expressed themselves as having been greably relieved, but at least one of these afflicted claims to have been effectually cured. Mrs. Kenny, of McCord street, has suffect intense agony for the last nice years from spinal disease, lying, as it was suppored a one time, at the point of death. She devoutly a sized at all the exercises of the pilgrimage and, with the other pilgrims, received Holy Communion on Sunday morning in the famed sancuary. She, however, experienced no change in her condition until she stepped on the boas on her return trip, when she im-mediately exclaimed that she was cured; and in support of her statement she san down on a thair, a thing she has not been able to do during the whole time of her afflic-tion. She was naturally very much affected and weps tears of joy for the great favor she had received, expressing in fervent tarms her heart will know how to plead it ; however deep our wounds, she will know how to heal them ; felt gratitude to Almighty God and the go d St. Anne. Mrs Kenny was at once surrounded however hard our heart, she knows how to by hundreds of pilgrims on board, many of them neighbors of hers and knowing of her sad comsoften it. And let us go to her not once bu dition for years, and hearby congratulations were extended to her on all sides. The neous sary details of the pilgrimage were carried out in a very estisfactory manner under the super-vision of Rev. Father Strubbe O.SS R. and a vision of Rev. Father Strubbe, C.SS R. and a committee selected from the St. Ann's Young Men's Society as follows: Messre. J. J. Geth-inge, D. Kiley, W. Murphy, M. Cullman, W. J. Brennap, J. S. Patrick, J. McInerny, and the Secretary of the pilgrimage, T. J. Quinlan The pilgrims returned to Montreal Monday morning at 830 o'clock, all being well pleased with the successful manner in which the pil grim set had been conducted, and thankful to the Almorbus for the innumerable and indivithe Almighty for the innumerable and individual bleasings both corporal and spiritual bestowed upon them through the divine inter-cession of "La Bonne Ste. Anne."

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# antry of Ireland, with the leaders of the Irish people at their head, and the treasury of the Irish race at their back. The announcement of Mr. Parnell which we publish to day is the reply to the declaration of war which the head of the Ponsonby syndicate made to the deputa-tion of the Tipperary tenants last week ; just as a no less important announcement, the trum-pet blast of the great Archbinhop of Oashel was the answer to the first operations of the Syndicate bettering ram amongst was the syndicate bettering ram amongst the homestrade of the Possenby estate. The Irish people have reason to be thankful for the blind malignity of their enemies—to be thank-ful for the dementia with which Providence has raised them. It is in these extraordinary conful for the dementia with which Providence has seized them. It is in these extraordinary con-junctions of affairs, resulting in consequences unforseen by all parties, that one beholds mani-fectations of an Intelligence above the intellig-ence of men. Mr. Smith-Barry's action in vin-dictively interfering between the landlord and the tenants on the Ponsonby estate at the mo-ment when the tenants' representative and the landlords representative were on the point of ratifying a settlement, has suddenly oreated, as if by a touch of magic, a situation which it would pass the wit of the greatest politician to would pass the wit of the greatest pointcian to devise :--a situation in which is is possible for the Leader of the Irish People, with the whole Irish Party at his back, to construct a combina-tion which brings the cause of the Irish tenant exactly on a parity with the cause of the Eng-lish Trades Unionist; a situation which removes the last the last crux of misunderstanding, the last shade of dissimilarity, between Irish and Eng-lish defensive combinations; a situation which simplifies everything to the densest or the most reluctant understanding, which solves into a single clear issue all the complicated questions of a previous state of things; a situation which of a previous state of things ; a situation which fixes the attention and excites the imagination in the world, and which completes the imagination of the world, and which completes the solidar-ity of the Irish people, while placing their ens-miss in the wrong beyond the aid of sophistry and falsehood for evermore We shall do no more to-day then publish the above announce-ment. It is news big enough for many herald-ince

# THOSE ROYAL GRANTS.

#### Parliament Will Not Restrict the Queen in ller Right to Demand Them - The Future Position of the Princess Louise of Wales.

LONDON, July 22.-W. H. Smith, the Gov-ernment leader, bas laid in the table the report of the Committee on Royal Grants. The report recommends that the sum of £9,000 be set ded to the quart-rly grant of the Prince of Wales. The report maintains the right of the Queen to ask Parliament to make further provision for grandchildren. The debate on the report was postponed until Thursday. The report advises that at the proper time a

law be passed providing that future sovereigns shall have no claim to parliamentary provision

for their grandohildren. It will be the keenest party struggle of the session. The refusal of the Government to ac-cept the proposal made by Mr. Gladstone, to deprive the Queen of the right to make further demands upon Parliament, led Mr. Morley and demands upon Parliament, led Mr. Morley and other Liberals in the committee to vote against increasing the allowance of the Prince of Walcs. birth. Some of our American papers show

# TOPICS OF THE DAY

## Opinions by Some of our Contemporaries

THE COUNTRY DOOMED.

There are only eighty-four Jesuit priests In all Canada; yet if you believe the Orange press, that country is doomed to inevitable ruin if those eighty-four men are not held in proper check .- Western Watchman.

## SECRET SOCIETIES.

Secret societies are out of place in America. They belong to the Orangemen and British-Americans.-Boston Pilot.

### A REFINED VOCABULARY.

The Montreal Gazette publishes the following list of new synonyms, according to the vocabulary of the refined Orange Canadian : "Coward-An M. P. who is not an anti-

Jesuit. " Reptile-A newspaper which is not anti-

Jesvit. "Wax Noss-A citizen who is not anti-

Josult. " Liar-A clergyman who is not anti-Jesuit.

"Featberhead-A bishop whe is not anti-Jesuit.

"Rats-A synod which is not anti-Jesuit."

## THAT SYMPATHETIC TELEGRAM.

The widowed Irish capital, Dublin, cont Silo to the Johnstown, Pa, sufferers. Eugland's widowed Queen, Victoria the Generous, sent-a telegram. England, by the way, paid for the message. --Chicago Citizen.

## SO IT HAS PROVED.

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh, has declared that he would not confer the freedom of the city on Mr. Parnell next month, an voted by the municipal council. No body cares. A better Scotchman than he is will be glad to do it .- Oatholic Record.

#### DISCRACING THE PULPIT.

Public opinion in Kingston is against any olerpyman who goes out of his way to attack any denomination. The people here all want to live peacefully with their neighbors; and when they go to church, they go to hear the gospel preached, not to listen to ridicule or accusations or misrepresentations of some other Ohristians. Notoriety-hunting preach-ers make a note of this !--Kingston Free-

## WHO ARE THE CANADIANS?

"A parcel of frothy religionists in Toronto have been denouncing the Jesuits as a foreign institution. These gentlemen smack more of Scotch thistles than they do of Canadian plants, and many are English or North of Ireland men, with as little of Canadian in their hearts, their blood or their brains as can

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## CALL ME BLESSED.

What are the generations who have fulfilled the Gospel prophecy ? The Catholic generations or the others ? I sincerely confess I have never understood our separated brethern upon this point. They erect statues wise of her who has carried Hollness itself in in their temples to men of merit, but the her arms. Shall we say that her throne is the highest next to God's, and that the angels praise her as the Queen of Heaven ? But that of the Redemption without feeling a touch of must be; because she is the Mother of sympathy for her who enters into all these God. But mark : not only is she the Mother mysteries ? A2 the oradle's foot; as at the of God, but she is Ris Mother more than foot of the cross, how can they help feeling a other mothers are to their sens, since they thrill of love for her who calmed His first cry

always; every day, morning and evening, and we shall be enlightened, consoled, and saved. Why hesitate? Do you doubt he: power? But she is the mother of God ; she can obtain all things. All that God com-mands is done, all that Mary asks is granted. Do you doubt her goodness ? But she is our mother. Then let us repair to her. Mothers, apply to Mary, and trust her with your children. Young maidens, trust your modesty to Mary. Youths, commend your courage and virtue to Mary. Ye poor, tell Mary your misserles ; oh, ye unhappy, your sorrows-and you will all find consolation ; because, though a mother may forget and forsake her children, Mary does not forget nor forsake them.

## MURDERED BY A MADMAN.

#### Terrible Hallucination of an Inwate of Toromo's Asylum.

TOBONTO, July 18 -A horrible murder was committed at the insane asylum last night. The police kept the matter very quiet, but the fact has leaked out that a most atroclous orime was committed there. Barker Potter was some time ago sent to the asylum as a dangerous lunatio. He was one of numerous cranks that infected Toronto and thought that whatever he did was inspired by the Saviour. Potter was placed in a ward between two other patients.

During the night Potter was seized with the "inspiration" that God desired him to kill the men sleeping on either side of him, he himself being Jesus Christ, and they representing the two thieves.

With a piece of hoop iron that he had secreted in the room and sharpened for some such deed he attacked the man on his left, Hector McDonald, a harmless lugatic from Grey county, who had been confined for fourteen years. Potter inflicted several fearful gashes upon his victim's throat, and killed him, his throat being cut from ear to ear.

Watchman Olarke, hearing the noise, ran to the room, whereupon he also was attacked by Potter, who cried : "I intend to kill you too." With that he made a second lunge at Clarke, "Look out for me," he oried, am Josus Obrist on the cross and must kill two men and then kill myself. I say I am the Christ, and the two I will kill are the

thieves. This is my Culvary." Assistance was summoned and after a struggle Potter was overpowered. While aid was coming Potter attacked another room mate named Midge, but before he could destroy him, guards had seized him. Potter, the murderer, belongs to Whitby and had been in the asylum for nine months,

One of the last official acts of the late Bishop Macheboul, of Denver, Col., was to invite the Dominicans from St. Jeseph's, Somerset, Perry County, O., to take charge of a new parish in the city of Denver. The or a new parten in the city of Denver. The landlords have determined to shand or fall to-first prior will be Father Donnelly, late rector of St. Dominio's Church, Washington, D.C., who is now in Europe for the benefit of his health. A new Cathello church is being built at

A new Uathelio church is being built at against a few groups of tenants it is no longer age 50,000 Tenkinese annually. Apis, Samoa, through the efforts of King a few groups of tenants they will have to deal age 50,000 Tenkinese annually. Mataafa, who is a Catholic.



## (From United Ireland, July 13th.)

Mr. Parnell authorises us to announce that a Tenants' League will be formed immediately to protect the tenants against the Combination of the Landlords. This League will be the official act of the whole frish Party, and will shortly be established at a Convention.

The announcement which we make above is perhaps the most important that has ever ema nated from the illustrious Irish Leader. It will nated from the illustricus frish header. It will bring joy to day to the hut and cabins of Irish tenant, evicted or trembling on the verge of eviction in every corner of the country, and terror to, the organized camp of the evictors. The real retters have brought their fate upon themselves. They have accepted the leadership of Mr. Smith Barry. They have entered into a or mr. Smith-Barry. They have envered into a lesgue and conspiracy with him to crush, if they can, the tenants whose devoted struggle has saved the remainder of the Irish tenantry from ruin. Not content with leaving individual rack renters, supported by Mr. Baltour's batter-ing ram armies and drum-head Coercion Courts, the new the rown the

to carry on their own obstinate war upon the combination which was protecting the unhappy tenants on certain isolated estates, they have organized the whole forces of landlordism into a vendetta for the purpose of aiding and inciting every rack-renter in the land to exterminate every rack renter in the land to externing to à outrante. The have sought for funds amongst the engines of the Irish people. They have advertised a programme: the Catholic tenants are to be swept away; "Loyal Protestants," as in the days of James and William are to be "planted" in their where advections of the the and William are to be "planeed in their places, and one estate after the other is to be proceeded against, so as to sap the union amongst ihe teuants, which is their only source of strength. They have selected Mr. Smith-Barry as their leader, and they have pointed to his interference on the Ponsonby estate as the model of the course of action they propose to purate. IWe do not deny that this is a com-bination as formidable as it is wicked; and if the threatened tenants were left alone to face it, there might be reason for anxiety on their be-half. But Mr. Smith-Barry and his friends have reakoned without their host. If the Irish landlords have determined to stand or fall to-

The differences among the Liberal groups on this question have been arranged and a solid opposition, supported by some Liberal Union-ists, will confront the Government. It is not likely that Mr. Gladstone will take a prominent

part in the debate. Mr. Gladstone, although he censured the Government for its attitude, voted with the maj rity of the committee. Mr. Labouchere, during the debate in the

House to day, moved the rejection of the re-port of the committee and to substitute therefor an address to the queen reciting, among other things, that the sums already voted by Parlin ment to the Royal family should be amp y sufficient for all their proper purposes, and that if further supplies are needed they ought to be provided through retrenchment of the ex-penses of the Royal family, not by fresh de-mands upon the taxpayers.

### THE BIGHTS OF SUCCESSION.

NEW YORK, July 22.—A London special to the Post says that in well-informed circles the story is current that the Marquis of Salisbury has written to the Queen urging her to extract from the Princess Louise of Wales a promise that upon her marriage she will renounce allbe rights to the succession to the throne. In the event of the two suns of the Prince of Wales dying without is ue, the children of the Princess Louise would be in the direct line of succession to the Crown. This is by no means such a re-mote contingency as may at first sight appear, and the fact that it is quite within the bounds of possibility that the Duke of Fife may, in course of time, be the father of a monarch, justified its discussion. Such a denouement, should it ever be brought about, would be re garded wibh anything but favor by the more influential of the old nobility, who have no idea of being ruled over by one of Fife's children. The official arrangement for the wedding are

The official arrangement for the wedding are published to-day. [London Truth of July 11 contained all the information there is in the above "special cable," and a good deal more, on the following: "Lord Salisbury has sent a memorandum, on the part of the Gabinet, to the Gaene and to the Prince of Wales, concerning the future position of the Princess Louise. The Prime Minister and his colleagues have thought it expedient (and very properly) to point out that at present only the lives of her two brothers stand between the Princess and the direct succession to the the Princess and the direct succession to the Throne. Prince Albert Victor is going to India in the autumn for several months, and Prince George follows an adventurous profession. If the two brothers died without issue Princess Louise would ultimately succeed to the throne. No subject could possibly be allowed to become Prince Consort to a reigning Queen, and it is easy to imagine the very embarrassing complication which would be the result of either Lord Fife or any one in a similar position becoming the father of the heir apparent to the Throne. or, possibly, even to the actual covereign. The practice among the Imperial and Koyal families of Europe is for any prince or princes who con-tracts a morganatic marriage to formally renounce his or her right of succession, and pre-aumably this course will be followed in the present case."]

The Oatholic University has at last been guaranteed its title. Judge Montgumery, in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbis, Wednesday, delivered an opinion by which the trustees of the University secure a clear title tothe site chosen.

The Spanish Dominicans baptize on an average 50,000 Tenkinese annually. The num-

sympathy with the frothy declaimers. Will they give us statistics showing how much Canadian there is in these very respectable gentlemen who find fault with the Jesuits as foreign ?"-Oatholic News.

#### Parnell's Latest Declaration.

EDINBURGH, July 20.-The freedom of the city was conferred upon Mr. Parnell to-day. In reply to the address accompanying the presentation, Mr. Parnell said that the Irish people would accept the tribute as another proof of the near triumph of their legitimate appirations for freedom. Referring to the special commission appointed to investigate the *Times*' obarges against the Parnellites, Mr. Parnell said if he had known it would block any enquiry into the Pigott conspiracy he would never have entered the court. The presentation took place in the Corn Exchange, which was packed to the doors, while hundreds were unable to gain admittance. The Earl of Aberdeen was in the ohair. Mr. Parnell was given an enthusiastic reception, the immense audience rising and cheering for several minutes. Deputations from all the Liberal societies in Scotland presented addresses.

Mg. Gladstone, in a letter to the Earl of Aberdeen, wrote :---

"The time has not yet arrived for detail. ing the memorable experience of Mr. Parnell during the last two years. I believe that experience to be unparalleled in the history of British statesmen in Parliament for the past two centuries. I consider the Parnellites to be in the best sense Conservatives. They have been a restrictive force of great value to the peace of Ireland and the honor of England, while the tyranny of the Government has deepened the aversion of Ireland."

> **Catholicity** in Nova Scotia. [Special to "THE TRUE WITNESS ]

HALIFAX, July 19 .- On the 10th instant, Arohbishop O'Brien, accompanied by Rev. Father Ellis, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hallfax, N. S., visited St. Peter's parish, Sheet Harbor, N. S., and administered the sacrament of Confirmation. Immediately after His Grace blessed a new bell for St. Peter's church, manufactured by E. Chanteloup of Montreal. The following three days were spent in visiting the parishes of Quaddy, Tsugler and Ship Harbor, confirming in all about one hundred and sixty, yeung and old. Amongst the number of adults who received Confirmation were twenty-seven converts who have been prepared and received into the Oatholio Church by Rev. Father McMen-amin, parish priset of the above missions. His Grace expressed much pleasure with the worthy manner he was received and the good order and progress of the Catholic Church he noticed during his pastoral visit.

A centennial celebration service was held recently in the Carroll Memorial Church at, Hyattaville, Prince George's County, near Biadensburg, in honour of Archbishop John Carroll, the first Cathalis Bishop in the United States. He was a cousin of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the distinguished signer of the Declaration of Independence.