

the visit of a Bishop usually takes place on Sunday.

The Lord's Day Alliance should consider well all these suggestions, for if they were extreme in their demands they would have arrayed against them all the Catholics of the Dominion, who constitute 42 per cent. of the population.

In conclusion he said he was heartily in accord with the general purpose of the meeting and would do all he could to ensure a more faithful observance of the great day in which we commemorate the resurrection of the Lord.

On resuming his seat Father Drummond was heartily applauded. Rev. Dr. Sparling then introduced Rev. Dean Matheson, suffragan bishop elect, saying that his recent appointment was one of the sanest things the Church of England had done. The Dean congratulated Father Drummond on his candid statement of the Catholic position, concurred with him in deprecating exaggerations which had often injured the cause, and went on to deprecate the too frequent desecration of Sunday. He was not in favor of Sunday cars, for he thought they did more harm than good. He was shocked at the idea of people shooting on Sunday. He protested against the railways making their clerks work on Sunday. Dean Matheson was repeatedly interrupted by applause.

The Hon. Colin Campbell then spoke from the legislative point of view. He himself rather favored Sunday cars, but he thought the Manitoba statutes, which he believed the recent Privy Council decision did not affect, barred the way.

The Rev. Mr. Shearer was then firmly constrained by the audience to ascend the platform, where he proved himself a very interesting and incisive speaker. He agreed with Father Drummond in advising the avoidance of extreme measures. He told a capital story of a Manitoba country mayor and two other officials going shooting on Sunday. The mayor's \$100 gun exploded; another man's broncho ran away and they had to walk back many miles; last, but not least, they found floating in a lake a corpse which, contrary to the saying, "dead men tell no tales," told the tale of the Sunday duck shooting. Finally, to avoid worse disaster, they each paid \$5 to the local constable to square themselves with the law, which—and this is the path of the joke—had not the slightest hold on them. Mr. Shearer was enthusiastically applauded.

Then the Rev. Joseph Hogg proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers, especially to Father Drummond for his learned address. The Rev. J. B. Silcox, in seconding this motion, said he was like the man from Maine, who, after reading Plato for the first time, said he agreed with him in many things. So did he with Father Drummond. The meeting then broke up.

A WELCOME LETTER.

Edmonton, 28th Oct., 1903.
Business Manager "The Northwest Review," P.O. Box 617, Winnipeg.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your circular of the 5th inst., addressed to me, and requesting me to secure as much and as many as possible subscriptions in Edmonton to the "Northwest Review," I am glad to be able to say, that we have several times recommended from the pulpit your most valuable paper, to our English-speaking congregation. We had done so before, and we will do it again, from time to time.

The "Northwest Review" has lately greatly improved in every respect, and I hope, that before long, it will prove to be the favorite paper of every Catholic family where English can be read, in the Northwest Territories.

I remain, dear sir,
Devotedly yours,
H. LEDUC, O.M.I.

FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

Pius X. intends soon to issue a decree with a view to reforming church music all over the world. But we fear it will not do much good, unless the Holy Father devises some method of reforming church choirs. If he succeeds in

this, he will deserve canonization. —The Leader (San Francisco).

We have not heard one word from Mr. George Moore since he "turned Protestant"; but the papers have not overlooked his "conversion." The "New Ireland" is less surprised at his turning Protestant than at his ever having been a Catholic. It says: "The average citizen has not been apt to associate him with any particular Church, has supposed, indeed, that, in the words of the Black Country witness, he 'didn't go in much for religion.' A letter published in the following day's 'Irish Times' touched the matter off to a nicety. 'One is reminded,' it says, 'of Aesop's fable about the gnat which was sitting on a bull's horn, and said to the bull, 'I'm going away now.' The bull said, 'I didn't know you were there.''" —Western Watchman.

Dowie, having read the Alaskan award, threatens to come to Canada. He probably wants a slice while it is going.

Now that Bourassa and Col. Denison have found themselves in agreement, the Millennium might as well consider itself booked for an early date. —Montreal Star.

Cities, as a rule, get about the sort of government they deserve. There is a kind of political justice in this. Absence of civic courage and vigilance and a deadening of the public conscience must have its penance. Just as in Biblical days, the Lord sent a horde of locusts to plague the unholy gentile, so in our day a horde of grafters are cut loose to wreak the vengeance of Heaven upon an apathetic and low principled community. —Milwaukee Catholic Citizen.

Mr. Ballour appeals to the people of the United Kingdom "to reverse, to annul, and delete altogether from their maxims of public conduct the doctrine that you must never put on taxation except for revenue purposes." Free trade and an exclusively revenue tariff are thus declared to be out-of-date and unsuited to modern conditions by the leaders of the Mother Country, the only modern country which has tried to put these doctrines into effect. —Winnipeg "Telegram."

High tariff advocates urge us to put up our duties now, so that when there is an industrial depression in the United States we shall not suffer from it. Will they please tell us how it will be possible for industrial depression to affect the United States, blessed as it is with a tariff averaging 73 per cent? And if 73 per cent. duties cannot safeguard the United States, with its enormous resources, from depression what immunity would Canada have from a similar visitation should her tariff be equally high? —Manitoba Free Press.

Of course it does not follow that the increase of the public debt of a country means extravagant government, but in Canada, the Liberals have continued the insane policy of railway bonuses, high tariff and other evils, inaugurated by Conservatives, which were denounced in days of opposition as corrupt, and the burden is growing heavier for the taxpayer. Instead of lowering the tariff, or ceasing the corrupt railway bargaining the Government has gone on in its unbusiness-like manner, and the increased revenue taken from the people in times of prosperity has been handed over in millions and millions to the grafters who prey upon the country, and doubtless, as the Liberals declared, share the swag with their political pals. This is why the national debt is growing. —Winnipeg Tribune.

In the course of an article analyzing the criminal statistics lately published by the Department of Agriculture, the Montreal Gazette says: "By countries England supplied 6.13 per cent. of the people convicted, Ireland 2.5 per cent., Scotland 1.22 per cent., Canadian born 70.02 per cent., United States 5 per cent., and other foreign countries, 5 per cent. The census of 1901 shows that 87 per cent. of the population is native-born. The native born supply only 70 per cent. of the criminals, so that it may

once more be pointed out that the foreign element furnishes considerably more than its share of the criminals.

The statistics also show that while ignorance may be the close friend of criminality, yet education is not a check to crime. The criminal class shows a steadily increasing percentage of people laying claim to more or less education."

In his younger days the late Lord Salisbury wielded considerable power as a journalist, but he never betrayed any inclination to seek laurels in authorship, as nearly all modern English statesmen, from Disraeli down, have done. When he was once asked whether it was true that he was engaged upon a novel, he replied: "Certainly not. I want my old age to be as honorable as possible." Perhaps his Lordship was conscious of having exhausted the capabilities of fiction in his speeches on the Irish question. —Ave Maria.

The criminal statistics of Canada for the year ending June 30, 1903, show:

That there were 248 more convictions for crime last year than the year before.

That there was a very considerable increase in the number of boy criminals.

That more people were convicted last year of infraction of the laws relative to the sale of liquors than ever before.

That there were fewer convictions of women for drunkenness than in the previous year.

That the cities furnished about fourteen times as many criminals as did the country districts.

That more females were convicted last year than during the year ending in June, 1901, this being, however, the first increase in eighteen years.

That the foreign population is credited with convictions more than proportionate to their numbers.

That Ontario furnishes as great a percentage of criminals, less 3.52, as all the other provinces together.

That 37.7 per cent. of those convicted were Catholics, while the Catholic population is 42 per cent. of the whole. —New Freeman, St. John, N.B.

The main objects of these bodies (the Southampton Ratepayers' Municipal Reform Association and All Saints' Ratepayers' Association) are to ensure that the various public departments in the municipality are efficiently and economically managed solely in the interests of the ratepayers; to oppose everything like jobbery or corruption; and to resist the introduction of party politics in municipal affairs. The promoters of this healthy movement have our hearty sympathy. Politics are the bane of municipal life. How often is the welfare of the people put out of sight in order that party requirements may be satisfied? A man who is new to public work, who has no knowledge of municipal government, and whose only qualification is that he is a mere party-tool, is run as a candidate against one who has devoted years and great ability to municipal duties, but is no partisan. The party man is supported by the party organizations and returned at the head of the poll. This will happen continually until citizens take matters into their own hands and abjure politics in municipal contests. —Catholic Times (Eng.)

There was a highly interesting gathering in this city last week. The retail liquor men were in convention. The delegates, the cream of a most lucrative business, gravely discussed its features, and exhilaratingly imaginative saw many good ones. They failed to perceive the influence their trade possessed in aiding the spread of morgues, poorhouses, reform-schools, jails and penitentiaries. They failed to tell the community that the bad houses of the city are the direct outgrowth of the boon companions of drink. Of course they told us of the large sums their business paid into the city, county and State treasuries in way of licenses, and how much the taxpayer benefited. But the offset was left out. They

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