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LETTER FROM HIS LORDSHIP BISHOP WALSH.

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...

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THE LONDON PRESBYTERY.

Parson: "I cannot marry you, my pretty maid. Milkmaid: "Nobody asked you, sir, she said." The London, (Ont.,) Presbytery has been discussing the question, "Should Romish priests be re-ordained into the Presbyterian church?"

We consider the discussion a mistake, for many reasons. In the first place, the small number of Romish priests asking admission—highly suggestive of the milkmaid's answer to the parson: "Nobody asked you, sir, she said," renders any discussion superfluous.

But, if we regret the discussion, we regret also the decision. By all means, gentlemen, re-ordain Romish priests when they do ask admission. Their ordination in the Catholic church can avail them little for Presbyterian purposes.

We have said that we have been led to look upon the London Presbytery as "of an elastic conscience with no principles worth mention."

Rome was not a Christian church—another thought it was. One gentleman thought ordination was one thing—another thought it was another. One gentleman, quoting Old and New Testament, proved that the Church of Rome, though guilty of idolatry, persecution and immorality, did not cease to be a Christian church, another—using the same quotations, "drew entirely different conclusions."

The Rev. Mr. Malloy led off the discussion with two strong assertions—"The Church of Rome was worse to-day, as to doctrine, than she had ever been before. If the Inquisition was not in full blast to-day, it was because the church dare not continue it."

Perhaps he is better acquainted with that Irish Inquisition called Orangeism, which, with the aid of an armed force of 100,000 British bayonets, has carried out so successfully in a Catholic country the principles of "No surrender," "Protestant ascendancy" and "Catholic disabilities."

As far as the Scotch Inquisition is concerned, the rev. gentleman will find it a vast improvement in point of efficacy and dispatch upon the Spanish. In fact, the thoroughness of the Scotch Inquisition is perhaps one of the strongest proofs of the wonderful progress of the human intellect under the vivifying influences of Protestantism.

PALM SUNDAY.

St. Peter's Cathedral was crowded Sunday morning to attend the services in connection with the blessing of the palm. His Lordship Bishop Walsh delivered a very instructive sermon after the blessing of the palm, showing that the custom was practised in the Catholic Church since the days of the early martyrs.

DEATH OF MR. HOLTON.

We noticed in our last issue the sudden and wholly unexpected death at Ottawa, on Sunday, the 14th inst., of the Hon. L. H. Holton. Not since the death of our brilliant countryman, Mr. T. D. McGeie, has there been such a feeling of universal sorrow evoked from all classes.

Mr. Holton belonged to that distinguished school of politicians which has given Canada its Baldwins, its Hinckses, its Dorions, and its Lafontaine's. He was a statesman who traded not on prejudice, trafficked not in corruption. In him the rights of the Catholic body ever found a ready, earnest, and untiring advocate.

A NIHILIST EMIGRANT.

Hartmann, the Nihilist conspirator, is it appears, to favor America with a visit. We do not know what the object of the conspirator is in visiting this continent.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

For sickly efforts to advance truth according to its lights, Protestantism merits recognition. Revivals and camp meetings have, it seems, done their duty with the result, as unprejudiced observers sadly notice, to bring contempt on religion and ridicule on the sacred name of Christ.

ELECTION PROBABILITIES.

The election campaign in Great Britain is calling forth an unusual amount of excitement, even for election time, on the part of politicians and electors.

The Daily News estimates the total probable Conservative less at fifty-six seats. But this calculation would seem to include gains made as well by the Home Rule as the Liberal party, and would, if the Conservatives were thus defeated, render it necessary for the latter to rely on the Home Rulers for support.

What was the result of the Moody and Sankey revivals? Just this, that the whole affair proved a paying speculation for those concerned in organizing the revivals, and—nothing more.

THE RELIEF VOTE IN SARNIA.

The following are the names of the persons who voted yea and nay on the motion to grant the sum of \$300 for the relief of the distressed in Ireland, in the Sarnia Town Council.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

RELIGIOUS instruction is entering again into the Prussian schools, and the parish priests are going to superintend it.

REV. JOHN A. WATTERSON, D. D., President of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, has been appointed Bishop of Columbus, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the beloved Bishop Rosecrans.

A MORMON missionary, from London, named McIntosh, is agitating his cause in Huron county, but is not meeting with much success. We hope some of the good farmers of the county will lend Mr. McIntosh a gun and a dog, and show him where the squirrels "most do congregate."

THE Essex Record of last week contains a paragraph in reference to St. Patrick's day, which we hope our friends in Windsor will cut out and keep for future reference.

"We are firmly of the opinion that an impartial jury cannot be got in Middlesex, and that the community will not be satisfied with the result of a trial in London. The prisoners could neither be condemned nor acquitted there without causing a great many people to suspect that justice had been disregarded."

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We would like to send the following to old John, and if not uncomfortable, stand by and see him read it: Brother Philip, one of the early pioneers of education of Notre Dame, has in his possession a curious looking snuff-box, which at one time belonged to John Knox, founder of the Presbyterian Church.

The spirit in which Ireland has taken up the gauntlet so insolently thrown down by Lord Beaconsfield, in his crafty letter to the Duke of Marlborough, is brave and encouraging. The heartless old schemer, excellent type of the Government he controls, arraigns the representatives of Ireland on a charge of endeavoring to create "a pestilence or famine"—the disintegration of the so-called United Kingdom.

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