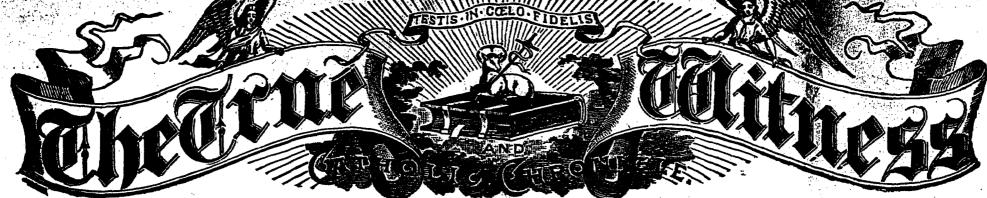
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EDITORIAL NOTES.

" J. F. D," from Ottawa, asks for information concerning the pieces for recitation, from the pens of Irish or American writers. A very long list might be given; but our judgment might not meet with the approval of the person interested. If he could secure a copy of "Haye's Ballads of Ireland," or "The Spirit of the Nation," is seems to us that a sufficient number of pieces most suitable for recitation would be found on those pages.

UNCALLED for attacks upon Protestant associations are the fruitful source of much ill-feeling. It seems to us that terness that is the usual consequence of dace neither good in those who are the they are intended to benefit.

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As a BULE the Italians are not very epigrammatic in style ; but there are exceptions. Recently a statesman of the country described its condition in the following graphic manner; "Italy is united, free and ruined." It is unnecessary to comment upon these words. The state of the much-boasted nation is fully and exactly pictured. According to all appearances the day is not distant when Italy will reap the bitter fruits of the anholy seed sown by infidel hands in her political soil.

In presenting THE TRUE WITNESS in another forth and in a new dress, we desire to state that, on account of a certain amount of matter that was over from last week's issue, for which we had no room and which we cannot leave out, it has been necessary to give a couple of colmmns in the old type. The contrast with the new dress will be all the more apparent and will enable our friends the better to appreciate the change. Next week, w out fit.

with this dogma, yet he is a Protestant. and according to their own teaching he has as much right as any other Protestant to his opinions on questions of religious belief.

WE CAN easily understand that certain people, of narrow minds and vindictive dispositions, should be jealous of the success of others; but that they should be foolish enough to make the public aware of their prejudice and envy is almost incomprehensible. Their very expressions carry with them their own punishment. The one who deliberately seeks to find

faults in others and then enjoys the publication of his supposed discoveries, is not a very safe monitor-to say the least. differences on questions of religion, as It is the index of a fine mind, a true heart well as on all other questions, could be and a generous character to be always maintained without stirring up the bit- ready and even anxious to help and encourage. When a writer displays the hanh words. Fierce denunciations pro- opposite disposition he is sure to, sooner or later, incur the censure of the public objects of them, nor in those for whom and to feel the pangs that must ever be the sole gratification of the one who has done a mean thing or said an unkind and injurious word.

A CERTAIN class of citizens of the ultraloyal brand, especially in Ontario, might take a few lessons in Christian practice from the very Queen whom they profess so loudly to support, serve and love. At Nice, recently, the Queen, in driving through the city, met a Maundy-Thursday procession of Catholic confraternities. She ordered the carriage stopped until the procession had passed. Lord Ripon, a Cabinet Minister and a Catholic, was with Her Majesty in the royal carriage. We know of a few very patriotic and loyal gentlemen who would have asserted their principles by driving through the procession.

In the Catholic Review of last week is a very timely and sensible remark. "If religious liberty," says our contemporary, "were to be so invaded that it could be denied to Catholics, an attempt would next be made to deprive the Jews of it. In case that effort, too, was successful, issue most regularly and in an entire the triumphant denominations would the Catholic missionary in the colors of begin to persecute one another. For their own sakes, all citizens should oppose political divisions on religious lines. Otherwise, the gospel of Hote, that they practice, may some day be turned against them by some of their own associates." Not a few of our would-be politico-religious firebrands in Canada might take the hint and calm their ardor.

He intends to be ready for the Exposition of 1900. Elevators will carry the public down the shaft, which will go down 2,100 feet. Restaurants and concert rooms are to be established, at regular intervals,

which will be arranged to correspond with the temperature. Owing to the intense heat, below that point, a narrower shaft will be driven down to about 5,000 feet. This latter is intended more for scientific purposes than for pleasure. We have not learned where M. Grousset purposes fixing the scene of his attempt. We poses fixing the scene of his attempt. we of restoring a right and a privilege of trust he may not come upon any lurking the Roman Catholic minority, which, acunexplored depths. What next?

A CERTAIN Catholic publication coniders that THE TRUE WITNESS is a "sanctimonious journal." Perhaps so. We it a thoroughly Catholic paper; the the neighboring Republic, are unanimous in the opinion that we have succeedhigh approval, and our truly Catholic contemporary-to whom we all wish the greatest possible amount of successunkind word of our contemporaries; and we certainly hope that our critic inal law or procedure? may prosper, both for the sake of the cause it advocates and the welfare of all connected with it. As in the past, so in the future, we will always have a kind word, both in public and in private, for Catholic-not necessarily "sanctimoni-

ous"-newspapers of Canada in general, and for the admirable publication in question, in particular.

THESE "bad Anti-Christian Catholics who preach hatred and abhor the Bible," must be queer people. Strange that in this age of enlightenment there should still exist preachers who seek to paint secretary of the English Catholic Truth

scene that followed would furnish a splendid subject for the pencil of Bengough or the pen of Mark Twain.

*** THE sixth paragraph in Dr. Bourinot's now famous letter contains a very strong and very reasonable statement. It runs

thus: "That the question at present demanding a deliberate and calm judgment from the Legislature and Government of Manitoba is not a question of sectarian or non-sectaria: schools. It is a question volcano as he descends into the hitherto | cording to the judgment of the highest judicial tribunal, has been improperly taken away by the legislative authority of the province.'

In the issue of THE TRUE WITNESS, four weeks ago, we made use of the same argument when editorially treating the have. however, always tried to make subject of the Manitoba schools. Quite a fuss has been kicked up on account of hierarchy, clergy and laity of our Pro- Dr. Bourinot giving his opinion on the vince, as well as the Catholic press of constitutionality of the act. Very strange! In Canada, in the United States, in Great Britain, Dr. Bourinot has ed. We are perfectly content with such [been long considered a leading authority upon constitutional and parliamentary questions. So is Taschereau an authority on commercial law; so is Archibald; so cannot prevent us from continuing the is Roscoe. Would it be wrong for a work we have undertaken, even by call- judge of the criminal court to have reing names. We are always delighted to course to these authorities-either to notice the progress made by any Catholic their published works or to the authors paper; we make it a rule to never say an individually, if living-for light upon a difficult or complicated question of crim-

ELSEWHERE we publish an extract from a circular of Mgr. Begin, of Quebec, to the faithful servants of the Church. clergy of that archdiocese, on the question of Benefit Societies. The words, 'Grand Council of Canada," that appeared in parenthesis in the last paragraph of [ST. GABRIEL'S T. A. & B. SOCWAY that extract, are not to be found in the original circular, the words of which are:

However, we have, in this archdiocese, benefit societies that have already given roof and satisfaction in every respect. t suffices for me to mention L'Union St. Joseph (which already exists in many perishes), the Catholic Mutual Benefit Apociation (C.M.B.A.), and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

T. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

special committee, composed of Messrs. Feeley, Walsh and Costigan, was ap-pointed to arrange dates for regular quarterly attendance in a body at Holy Communion. It was decided to hold the annual picnic of the society at Otterburn park on Saturday, 3rd August. After

the transaction of routine business the meeting was brought to a close. OBITUARY.

THE LATE MRS. A. RAJOTTE.

On Friday last, at noon, there passed away in this city a most estimable and worthy lady, in the person of Elizabeth Murphy, the beloved wife of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. Alexis Rajotte, passenger agent at the Dalhousie Square Depot. The sad event took place at the residence of her husband, 99 St. Hubert Street. Mrs. Rajotte leaves a family of eight children to mourn her loss. The cause of death was enlargement of the liver. She suffered the great pains of her protracted illness with exemplary Christian fortitude. Mrs. Rajotte was ever a model Catholic, a fond wife and loving mother. Her father was a native of Carrick-on-Suir, Ireland, and held for years the responsible position of governor of pensions in Aylmer, P.Q. A few ycars ago, ber aged mother, a most kindly and nable person, went over to the silent majority. She was a sister of Captain John L. Murphy, of Ottawa, one of the most successful promoters of Canadian navigation, also of Mrs. M. Murphy, of Ottawa, and Miss Mary Murphy, the last mentioned being her untiring and faithful attendant throughout all her long illness. One of her daughters is married to Mr. M. F. Sheridan, contractor of this city. To her bereaved husband and all the members of her sorrowing family we desire to convey the expression of our sincere sympathy. A good woman has gone and we pray that her soul may rest in the peaceful reward promised to all

We would ask the Ottawa, Pembroke and Aylmer papers to kindly reproduce this notice.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

At the regular monthly meeting of St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. Society, it was moved by Mr. James Kane, and seconded by Mr. Patrick Pelan, and unanimously ad opted :

Whereas: It was the will of Almighty God to call to his eternal reward, after a long and painful illness, our beloved brother Mr. James Harrington, the dearly beloved father of our esteemed brothers.

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PAUL BOURGET.

To the Editor of THE TRUE WITNESS.

DEAR SIR,-Not for the sake of argument, but rather for the sake of justice. do I wish to pass a few remarks on a recent editorial in a Montreal paper en-titled "Paul Bourget's Views." Now if, indeed, these were really his views, P. Bourget is more to be censured than pitied. He should not have undertaken to treat a subject with which he is not in the least conversant. In a very few lines he displayed remarkable narrowmindedness. He sayss : " Passing along Sherbrooke street, I was attracted by the crics of the McGill boys playing a game of foot-ball. A few yards farther west, I met the Montreal College boys, walking two by two, and with a monkish air, etc. Had poor Paul Bourget taken the trouble to inquire, he would have known that the Montreal College boys had been playing base-ball and hand-ball for two hours before going on their promenade. Moreover, he would have learned, granting that his intellectual faculties were not over-strained by the composition of the book he has written, that these boys not being allowed out at night, are pleased to be able to go for a quiet walk after their games. And, again, if he would prefer seeing the boys walk, four by four, or six by six, let him send in a petition to the aldermen to have the sidewalks widened. As for the "monk-ish air," he compliments these school boys very highly, for in walking, as they do, like gentlemen, and not yelling out the cannibal cries of "Who's all right?" "What's the matter with us?" etc., they imitate the students of Old English colleges. Our educational establishments are intellectual gymnasiums, rather than gymnasiums for the body, as so many colleges now are. It is actually painful to hear him deploring the physical bank-ruptcy of our boys. Perhaps he was not in town last spring when St. Mary's Col-lege won all their hockey matches and carried off the Duke of Connaught's flag; when Mt. St. Louis held its own for football, and put a splendid base-ball team in the field, and produced the best college band in the city. Perhaps he did not see and hear the Montreal College boys playing hand-ball in the best handball alley in Canada ; perhaps he did not see their performance of Antigone last Wednesday. In fact, there are still some-things for Paul Bourget to learn, even concerning the least important affairs of our colleges here in Quebee, let alono everything he has yet to learn concerning that which he tried to write about, namely, the moral training of our boys.

AN ENGLISH contemporary remarks that "the zeal of Anglican ritualists in imitating Catholic practices has the good result of familiarising the people with Catholic ceremonies, and preparing them for the final step." Probably this tendency is the cause of so much opposition on the part of certain clergymen of the Anglican persuasion to the more or less ritualistic practices that are being gradually introduced in their churches. The stronger that opposition the more evident is it that the Romeward movement is feared.

IF GERMANY is really a Protestant country it is not without its strong Catholic element. Recently a mission took place in Munich and one hundred thousand persons approached the sacraments. This would be wonderful in any land and any age; but in the country that produced Luther, and at the close of the nincteenth century, the event is most significant. It would require a considerable number of revival meetings to uproot the silent, potent and unostentatious faith that led so many to the tribunal of penance and to the Holy Table.

A CORRESPONDENT from Michigan war. to know what "were the receipts of the Peter's Pence, for last year, for each country?" We are not in a position to give the information at present; but if we will be glad to publish them. The private undertaking in Montreal. We When a man has to change his liome prudence to secure a certainty before running the risk. *_*

A CATHOLAO contemporary says: "Our Protestant neighbors assert that they The answer, or answers, to this question | Church. would be very interesting. We would, also, be glad to know what our non-Oatholic friends consider as essentials in Christianity. The most essential point of belief, in our estimation, is that that of Babel. M. Paschal Grousset, like at the expense of his reputation for com-Christ, the Founder of Christianity, is Jules Vernes, wants to get down into the God, the Second Person of the Most Holy bowels of the earth: His plan is an in-once attempted for a merting in the God, the Second Person of the Most Holy | bowels of the earth: His plan is an in- once attempted Trinity. The Unitarian will not agree version of the idea of the Eiffel tower. House of Com

W DELENSING STREET

MR. G. L. GOMME wants, from the Athenæum, evidence of the way in which people look on the superstitions of others and of what they think of those who do not believe in their own superstitions. This gentleman has in view such survivals as the bad luck attached to killing rats, the number thirteen, the spilling of salt, and so on. We don't exactly see what Mr. Gomme expects to benefit by the information, even were it possible for the Athenaum to furnish him with what he requires. It would be difficult, at this age, to trace any of those superstitions to a correct source, and even then it would be no easy matter to express an opinion regarding the people who believe in them. Some of the sensible and profound men in the world have little peculiarities and whims, strange fancies and beliefs, that are totally inexplicable.

IT IS EXPECTED that the general Italian elections will take place some time this month. Crispi, who was once the friend of Garibaldi, and the associate of Mazzini, is anxious to have the support of any of our friends can furnish the figures the Catholic element which he so long persecuted. But Leo XIII. is too wise same person asks a question regarding a | for the old radical premier. The Sovereign Pontiff would not agree to any would advise him not to try, as Montreal compromise, nor would he recognize in is already well supplied in that line, he any way the arm that robbed the Church might only meet with disapointment. of its rightful possessions. Crispi will be as little thought of some day as Gariand remove to a strange place, it is only baldi ; and Garibaldi is as neglected and forgotten as are the once fashionable garments that were called after him ; but the Papacy, whether under Leo or under his successors, will be as strong and unchangeable as ever. It is a suicidal believe in the essentials of the Christian | policy that wars with the Vicar of Christ. religion and divide only on non-essen- | Napoleon learned that lesson to his cost; tials. Will they tell us which are the so has every leader of men who sought essentials on which they are all united? | to govern over the ruins of the immortal

> M. EIFFEL wanted to scale the heavens when he built his famous tower in Paris; it was a greater success, in one way, than

Society, gives the following interesting information :

"For the benefit of those who are willing to allow that a Catholic knows something about Popery, and who are not that of St. Patrick's when it has underafraid of facts, even when they run counter to preconceived notions, I beg to

tracts from the letters of eighteen South American and eight Mexican bishops and archbishops, approving of Father Vaughan's work in distributing the Sacred Scriptures.

"(2.) That I have similar extracts from twenty South American, fourteen Mexican, and three Cuban papers to the

same effect. "(3.) That the first edition consisted of 100,000 copies, nearly all of which were circulated gratis.

"(4.) That a second edition is now being printed to meet the demands of South American archbishops and

"(5.) That an order for 4,000 copies of this edition has been received from Spain.'

Yet, we will often hear the old story of ignorance and superstition in Spanish countries and the deadly opposition of Spaniards to the Bible.

STRANGE THINGS will happen as long as this world exists. O'Donovan Rossa, the ex-political convict, the exiled enemy of the British Government, the one-time most dreaded opponent of English rule, lived to return to Ireland, to lecture in the cities of that country from which he had to fly, to even address public meetings in London, and-most wonderful of all-to raise his voice in the Imperial House of Commons. What he expected to gain by attempting to address that body from the gallery is more than we can imagine. He knew perfectly well that no out-sider, even were ne a member of the House of Lords, would be permitted to intrude by open expression upon the debates of the House; he also knew that he would never have time to express what he wanted to say, for the guardians of decorum in that institution are numerous, watchful, quick in action, and armed with authority. Unless he was suddenly carried away by the expressions which he thought were intended for himself personally, and spoke out without reflecting upon the position and the circum-stances, the only other explanation we can conceive is that he was anxious to create a little chest motoriety for himself

A Start Barris

The Gazette, referring to the renovation of St. Patrick's, recently said : One of the most exquisite Roman Catholic edifices in the city will undoubtedly be gone its extensive repairs, that are exof old St. Patrick's will certainly not rewalls remain, and they are so changed, finish of the decorations, as the entire body of the church is filled with the scaffolding.

The old organ gallery is being turned into a general gallery for the congregation, while above it again is another gallery in course of construction, which will be occupied by the new organ now being built and the choir. The stained glass windows in rear of the high altar are now being painted in Vienna, while all the windows in the church will be in harmony with these perfect works of art. Two new white marble altars will also be in position at the reopening of the church, which, although only indefinitely stated as being in the month of October. will be attended with magnificent and imposing ceremonics.

The total cost of the improvements will be in the vicinity of \$40,000, the church improvements costing alone some \$25,000, and the new organ \$6,000."

CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

The first weekly cencert of the season took place last Thursday evening and was largely attended by citizens and scamen. The programme was well executed and loudly applauded, several of the performers receiving well merited encores. The songs, recitations and instrumental music were artistically rendered by the following ladies and gentle-men: Mr. Parizeau, Dr. Wheeler, Geo. Holland, O'Callagan, Miss Lawlor, Miss Clark and Miss Wheeler.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & B. SOCIETY.

The regular monthly meeting of the above society, which was held on Sun-day afternoon, was largely attended. At the religious meeting Rev. Father Mc-Callen preached a short sermon on the power of good example. The Rev. father's discourse was, as usual, a most practical and eloquent one and was listened to with wrapt attention. Hon. Senator Murphy presided over the business. The usual monthly reports of the committee of management were read and approved, as was also the monthly report of the secretary. On imotion of report of the secretary. Un motion of Mr. John H. Feeley, seconded by Mr. John Walsh, a resolution of condolance was adopted to the family of the late Mr. Joseph McCaffrey. Mr. Feeley made a short address on the subject of the Rev. President's sermon at the religious meet-

ohn and J. J. Harrington; be if there fore

Resolved,—That, we, the members of St. Gabriel's T. A. & B. Society, whilst bowing in humble submission to the wil of Divine Providence, who decrees af things for the best, tender to brothers John and J. J. Harrington and family pected to be quite finished towards the our sincere sympathy and condole with first of October next. The congregation them in the loss they have sustained. them in the loss they have sustained. praying the Ahnighty may grant them cognize the old church. Nothing but the in His heavenlygraces to bear the trials and crosses of their life with patience and decorated and improved that it is prac-tically a new church altogether. As yet Resolved,—That, a copy of this resoluno idea can be given of the beauty and tion be sent to brothers John and J. J. Harrington and family and recorded on the minutes of this meeting, and a copy be sent to THE TRUE WITNESS.

WILLIAM FORD, John Lynch, President. Rec.-Sec.

AT. ST. PATRICK'S.

The First Communion will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Ascension Day, the 23rd instant; and in the evening of the same day, at 7.30., Confirmation will be administered by His Grace Archishop Fabre. A number of adults are preparing to be confirmed on that occasion and this is a good opportunity for those who may not heretofore have received this Sacrament.

THE PUPILS OF ST. ANN'S.

On Friday, the 17th inst., the pupils of St. Ann's School will prese t a five-act drama, "Edward, the Confessor," in St. Ann's Hall. This will not be the first essay of these young men, as they have already climbed several rungs of the histrionic ladder, and having done so, it is but natural that they should wish to reach the top. The Director, Rev. Brother visited Villa Maria convent in the morn-Prudent, has chosen a play that would test the abilities of older heads than his pupils, but, he knows his boys, and we feel sure that his confidence is not misplaced. Rebearsals have been held almost nightly for some weeks, and on Friday afternoon and evening all those who attend the performance are promised a rich reat.

STUDENTS CONFIRMED.

Thirty students of Mount St. Louis College were confirmed in the chapel of the institution on Sunday. The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered by His Grace Archbishop Fabre, who delivered a short lecture at its conclusion. His Grace was then presented with addresses on behalf of the French and English students, replying to each in turn. Haydn's Third Mass in D, with orchestral accompaniment, was sing. At the Offertory the March from "the Desert." of Saint Saens was given. There were fifteen pieces in the orchestra. Prof. Oscar Marpieces in the orchestal viola ; and tel, violin; R. J. McGuirk, viola ; and Van Pouke Brothers, assisted by the stu-dents of the College, making up the num-ber. Brother Sephorien conducted, His. Grace was entertained to dinnor by, the Brothars Brothers.

Montreal, May 9, 1895.

A CLASS-MATE OF MGR. FABRE.

DEATH OF THE REV. ABBE PIETTE AT BOU-CHERVILLE.

The Rev. Abbe Maxime Piette, former cure of the parish of St. Bruno, died on Tuesday of last week at Boucherville, at the age of 76 years. The Rev. Abbe Piette had retired from the active ministry some years ago, on account of illness, and lived on his private property at Boucherville. He had been forty-eight years a priest and was a college class-mate of Archbishop Fabre. The funeral took place at Boucherville on Friday, morning.—R. I. P.

THE ANNUAL PLIGRIMAGE.

The annual pilgrimage of the young men of Notre Dame to the shrine of Notre Dame de Bonsecours took place on Sunday morning and was largely attended. Rev. W. Hebert officiated at Mass, during which a large number partook of Holy Communion. Rev. Abbe Lenoir took up the collection, and Rev. H. Filiatrault delivered the sermon.

MGR. FABRE AND MGR, O'BRIEN.

His Grace Archbishop Fabre has goue to Boston, to be present at the fes-tivities in connection with the sacerdotal jubilee of the well-known prelate, Archbishop Williams, of that city. The Rev. J. E. Donnelly, parish priest of St. An-

thony's, accompanies his Grace. Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax, and Rev. Dr. Murphy, of the same diocese, were in the city on Sunday. His Grace ing and the "Sault" in the afternoon.

LABOR DIRECTORY FOR 1895.

A most neat, handy and useful little book, compiled by Mr. R. Keys, and printed by L. Z. Boudreau, of this city, has come out for 1895. It is called the "Labor Directory." It contains a list of the Trades Councils in Canada, with office addresses in each city ; the officers and committees of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council; a list of the different bodies that compose the Council; the Trades Unions, with full in crmation concerning them; the Railroad Organiza-tions; the K. of L. Assemblies; the articles of the code referring to exemptions from seizure; Master and Servants Act; Street Railway farcs for Montreal; the routes of the city cars; the Lacrosse Schedules for 1895; the Fire Alarms, and much more necessary information. The little directory is well gotten up and will prove of considerable benefit to our citizens.

Why They Could Not Begin — Amy at the football grounds: Wirydon't Lley begins to play? Dolly . Inesaurgeone haven't arrived yet.