mensity stretching out on every side, ove the blue expanse of heaven, which ems spread over the leafy foliage like rich transparent drapery, what music ere in the sighing breeze, filling the soul with heavenly pensive contempla-tion—what music in the sweeping wind. And was it not this that suggested the And was it not this that suggested the organ, that grand instrument, so much used in religious worship. Certain it is that it sprang from a religious mind, and that its place by excellence is in the Church. Nowhere, perhaps, will man be more impressed with his own littleness and the omnipotent power of the great Creator than out smidst the giant trees of the boundless amidst the giant trees of the boundless forest. And as in the great Cathedrals, forest. And as in the great Cathedrais, with their buttresses rising up and ter-minating abruptly like the broken trunks of trees, and their ceilings sculptured with foliage of various kinds, Christian architecture sought to give an idea of the woods, so the musician by means of the organ has introduced the breezes that murmur and the wild winds that that murmur and the wild winds that roar in the recesses of the forest. What shall I say of the organ, that noblest and most princely of musical instruments, whether considered in regard to the grandeur and beauty of its sounds, the variety of its powers, or the sacred purposes to which it is dedicated. According to St. Augustin, the organ is a very ancient instrument of music. However, he tells us that the name was originally applied to any musical instru-ment, and it was only in the course of time that it was exclusively used to designate that "Aorld of sounds" which we call the organ. The period when organs were introduced into the churches of western Europe is very uncertain. of western Europe is very uncertain. Pope Vitalion is supposed to have been the first to admit it about the year 670. The Greek Emperor Copronymus sent one as a present to Pepin, king of France, in 755. In the tenth century they had become common. Whilst other instruments were applied to pro-tane uses the organ in a special manner remained consecrated to the highest purposes of religion. What a noble symbol of the Christian Church, what colors and tongues and peoples in the bosom of Christianity, differin dress, customs and manners, interests, politics and govjust as the organ, with its stops and pipes and multiplied varieties of notes ended together, forms one little world of melodious harmony.
What a wonderful influence it exer-

What a wonderful influence it exercises on the congregation! Into the church the congregation comes, the solemn tread of hoary old age, the light, buoyant steps of youth; the wrinkled brow and the fresh bloom of youth; the rich, the poor, the proud, the humble; the ambitious man with thoughts of honor and distinction, the avancious with amortious man with thoughts of honor and distinction; the avaricious with thoughts of gain, the weary heart bowed down with care; the laborer thinking of the heat and toil of the day, the lawyer of his clients, the doctor of his parints, the hanker of his critical states and the same of his critical states. his patients, the banker of his stock. Into the church they come with a thousand varying thoughts, then the organ swells upon the air, the soft notes of the Tantum Ergo strike the ear, and the thoughts and affections of all are borne

upward to the throne of God.
What wonder the royal prophet tells
us to use it in praising God! What wonder the Church encourages music, and throws around it the protecting mantle of her blessing to teach us that its highest and noblest use is to elevate our thoughts and affections and to assist us in praising God. Music was intended not only to cheer but to improve mankind. Hence she became the handmaid of religion, her mission on earth divine, and in no other sphere, like unto that of sacred melody, did she soar to loftier flights, win brighter laurels, or pour forth more enrapturing strains. Here her magic power produced grand and lasting fruits and many an untutored savage, deaf to every call, sank down beneath her heavenly spell in adoration to the triune God. Her voice became powerful engine of good. She breathed in touching strains the lamentations of a Jeremiah, the sublime effusions of a David, and poured the celestial balm of consolation into wounded hearts, strengthened the drooping spirit and sang with bewitching sweetness of a brighter land. In the midst of lamps, altars of gold, torches and altars of gold, torches and perfumes, with organ and many a well tuned instrument, she has transported, ameliorated and filled

with holy rapture countless thousands. Go listen to some of those grand old hymns, around which clusters the memory of centuries, see the multitude swaying to its melody like the golden corn fields to the breeze of heaven,

very soul of music;—what a response it finds in every heart, how it elevates the soul and makes it thrill with what is to

en indeed a bright etherial messenger to man, singing her glad songs to him in moments of joy, and pouring out her love, plaintive, soothing melody, when tears be-

spoke the lonely heart. Such is the nobler mission of music on earth. But she stops not here, unlike her sister arts, painting and sculp-ture and architecture, which will finish their career on earth,—she will soar up above the decorations of earth, above its mountain summits, its minarets and towers and cloud piercing spires;—and when all their proudest trophies will be mingled with the dust, she will seek her mingled with the dust, she will seek her native home in the glad city of the king of peace; she will enter with sounds harmonious through the golden portals of heaven and mingle with kindred melodies through endless time. Our song and our music here should, like the home of the argals around Bathlahem? of heaven and mingle with kindred melodies through endless time. Our song and our music here should, like the hymn of the angels around Bethlehem's cave, tend to cement our hearts and fill them with charity towards our fellow districts. Though his afficients hymn of the angels, around Bethlehem's cave, tend to cement our hearts and fill them with charity towards our fellow man; should tend to the honor of God, who gave this heavenly messenger to cheer us on through the valley of death and over the enchanted ground, and up through the azure firmament, to that the spiritual wants of the Catholics of

On Monday, 20th of September, Mr. On Mondsy, 20th of September, Mr. Thomas Grace, merchant of Kazubazua, was joined in holy wedlock to Miss Lizzie Doyle, daughter of Michael Doyle, Esq., township of Lowe. The nuptial ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. McCarthy, P. P. Wakefield, assisted by Rev. C. Gay, P. P. Wright. The presents to the bride were numerous and in exquisite tests. in exquisite taste. We cordially wish the happy couple many years of unbroken happiness.

On Wednesday, Sept. 22nd, Mr. C. J. Fitzgerald, of New York, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Cook, daughter of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Philip Cook, Esq., one of London's most accom-plished and amiable young ladies. The Rev. Father Walsh officiated at the solemn ceremony. Our best wishes accompany bride and groom.

We have much pleasure in chronic-ling the marriage of Mr. James Buck-ley, Petrolia, to Miss Pherbina Adams, of the same place which made and the same place which we will be same place with the same place which we will be same place which we will be same place which we will be same place with the same place which we will be same place which we will be same place with the same place will be same place with the same place which we will be same place which we will be same place with the same place will be same place will be same place will be same place will be same place with the the same place, which was celebrated by Rev. Father Tiernan, at St. Peter's Cathedral, on Monday, the 27th inst. Miss Mary Coffey, London, was bridesmaid, and Mr. Richard Callinan, Marthaville, supported the groom. After the ceremony the bridal couple left, smid the congratulations and best smid the congratulations and best wishes of friends, for a prolonged trip to the East.

On Tuesday, September 28th, the Rev. Father Cummins, P. P. of Woodslee, officiated at the marriage in St. Peter's Cathedral here, of his brother, Mr. Martin Cummins, of Wawanosh, Ont., to Mrs. O'Donnell, relict of the late Mr. O'Donnell, relict of the late Mr. O'Donnell, of Stratford, formedly Miss Pender. nell, of Stratford, formerly Miss Pender gast. The hearty good wishes of the many friends of both bride and bridegroom accompany them to their new

Miss Teresa G. Sharkey (daughter of Peter Sharkey, Esq.) and John L. Carleton, Esq., a rising young barrister, were married at the Cathedral, St. John, N. married at the Cathedral, St. John, N. B., on Wednesday evening, Sept. 22nd, by the Rev. J. J. Walsh. After the ceremony, the bride and groom with relatives and immediate friends were entertained at the residence of the bride's father, Elliott Row. Mr. and Mrs. Carleton took the night train for Boston and New York, followed by the best wishes of hosts of friends for their future happiness. The proof of the popularity of the happy couple was fully shown by the numerous and costly presents received. The Record extends its congratulations, and wishes the young couple many years of married life. ears of married life.

CONSECRATION OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ARTHUR.

To the Editor of the Enterprise :

DEAR SIR—As the dedication of St. John's Church, Arthur, is to take p'ace on Sunday, the 26th inst, and as there is only one other Roman Catholic Church dedicated in the diocese of Hamilton, owing to the existence of debt a condensed report of the history and progress of the Church in Arthur, for the past forty-four years may be interesting to some of your readers. And for that purpose it will be necessary to commence about the year 1842, when this as well as most parts of the then counties of Wellington, Waterloo and Grey, was little better than a howling wilderness. In those days the population was composed of all shades of denomina-Instance the "Te Deum," a hymn of thanksgiving to the Creator, grand and lofty in its sentiments, breathing the Rev. Father Gibney, of Guelph, was pas-tor, and his mission extended from there to Owen Sound and almost as far Instance the "Miserere," the cry of map, as well as circumstances would the prophet king for mercy, the cry of many a weary heart in every age since then; how it moves the profoundest depths of the human soul. Yes, she has of either churches or schools throughout this vast wilderness was not at that time thought of. Private residences as they would now be styled—then they were called shanties were the only substitutes for churches. The priest sometimes accompanied, but often alone, went from one part to another on foot, carrying his vestments and often some of the press. vestments and often some of the necessaries of life, in a valise. This as well as other sacred duties was performed alike other sacred duties was performed alike by Fathers Gibney, Saundrill, Cullen, Bletner and Dumortier in the order named, extending over a period of eighteen years; no resident priest being stationed here until Rev. Father Laussier took charge of this Mission in the fall of 1860. It must be remembered, however, that at that time Ray. Father, Dumortier, had that time Rev. Father Dumortier, had completed what was known as the "old church," a frame structure, which was the

bright land, where she is ever sending up her glorious hallelujahs, ever dying away in tuneful sweetness on the distant confines of eternity. Let it be our lot to follow it, freed from the discord of earthly passions, to seat ourselves on the banks of the beautiful river, that runs and lapses and murmurs on with sweetest symphony, and pour out in glading the menting strains of our own true home, joining the united voices of many a separated land and the grand chorus of the angels forever more.

The attendance in the morning, considering the unfavorable weather, was very large, and in the evening the church was crowded in every part from the sanctuary to the doors. Many non-Catholics were in attendance at Vespers. All were delighted with the sermons, which made profound and lasting impressions. The collections at both services were liberal. His Lordship the Bishop and Father Collections at both services were in collections at both services were in the morning, and by Dr. Carl Verrinded over by the accomplished organist of the Sacred Heart Church, Mrs. McGinnis, in the morning, and by Dr. Carl Verrinder, organist of St. Peter's Cathedral, in the evening.

WEDDING BELLS.

Thomas Grace, merchant of Kazubazus,

the profession to the distant confines of earthly passions, to seat ourselves on the fist and the discord of of the summer of '73he succeeded by pressing solicitation in inducing the Sisters of St. Joseph, of Hamorder of Mount Carmel were enrolled in the order of the Scapular, and thus more immediately placed themselves under the protection of the Queen of Heaven. The fruits of the Mission have been abundant, and it is to be hoped that they will be lasting. Language is too cold and unmeaning to give anything like a report of the goodness of God through his Church to His children. Only the soul made clean and pure in possession of a Church to his children. Only the sour made clean and pure in possession of a plenary indulgence can express or appreciate the gifts that cannot be told in the language of earth; the eyes, once down-cast by sorrow and the cares of a cold world, now beaming with joy through tears of love and happiness, express what engels alone can read.

stroy, Our good pastor Leo, a keen eye is keeping On the watch tower of Peter 'neath Italy's sky. With love for the flock that God placed in his keeping. The treasures of grace has unlocked for our The treasures of grace has unlocated to the sake,
In God's holy temple all nations are meeting,
Holy peace with their God and their neighbors to make. Further in the summer of 773 he succeeded by pressing solicitation in inducing the Sisters of St. Joseph, of Hamilton, who have ever since conducted with untiring zeal, the management of the school. Too much praise cannot be given to those good Sisters, who kindly volunteered to sacrifice their strength and abilities for the advancement of education in the poor mission of Arthur. The Rev. Father next turned his attention to the crowning act of his missionary labors in Arthur, viz., the erection of the present beautiful church with its ample present beautiful church with its ample accommodative facilities, and which can be truly called one of the finest churches in the Diocese of Hamilton, the erection and completion of which placed the Rev. Gentleman in the front ranks of zealous priests. And although it was expected that he would desire to remain in Arthur and reap the reward of his untiring energy and zeal finding himself physically declining, he asked for and was granted the Walkerton Mission of which he is still the much esteemed pastor. Rev. Father Doherty, the present highly esteemed and efficient incumbent was then appointed to further the advancement of the Arthur Mission, and although the present magnificent church was built and a good school in

testimony to that fact. Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the privilege of occupy-

ing so much of your space I remain yours

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the grand bazaar and distribution of prizes to be held in the town hall, Sarnia, on 26th, 27th and 28th of October, 1886, for the purpose of liquidating the church debt. The list of prizes is of a most inviting character and

s sure to secure for the Bazaar many

generous patrons: The people of Sarnia have been at all times liberal in assisting

good works of this kind elsewhere, and

emittances should be addressed to the

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

MISSION AT SEAFORTH.

The people of Seaforth have a right to

return special thanks to Almighty God, and their good pastor Father Shea, and

the pious Carmelite Fathers, for the great blessings conferred by the jubilee which

was begun on Sunday, 12th inst., and ended on the 20th. The good Fathers Seehan and Smits labored with a zeal

and devotion which only the salvation of souls and the hope of a higher reward

than man can give inspired, from four

o'clock in the morning till twelve at night, on the pulpit, at the altar and in

the confessional, giving three sermons a day and the holy way of the cross with

day and the holy way of the cross with eloquence and unction inspired by the love of God and filial love for man. Towards the close, the eloquent Father Krith left his College at Niagars to assist his companions Fathers Seehan and Smits, who, by his sublime and powerful eloquence, moved the minds of the people to a determination to serve God in sarpast, and love their neighbors for the

earnest, and love their neighbors for the love of Him who died on Calvary. The mission was closed by solemn high mass for the departed souls and Te Down.

Rev. Father Bayard, P. P., Sarnia.

Hotel, London, Ontario, on the morning of the 8th October, and will remain until the evening of the 16th October. They will visit five places only in Canada, viz, London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, and will return to each of these places every seven weeks. Consultation and examination are free of onarge. These doctors do not advertise no cure no pay, nor treatment free of charge, as they believe that the "laborer is worthy of his hire." They simply ask a reasonable remuneration from peration, there was nevertheless, a heavy burden to be removed. Father Doherty, however, was equal to the occasion, and although the church debt was a source of great anxiety to the late Bishop Crinnon, it has been completely obliterated in the that has been completely obliterated in the absolute cost of treatment, and if satisfactory to the party examined, treatment will be given, otherwise no displeasure A heavy incumberance on the R. C. Cemetery has been paid off, and one of the most, in fact the most, magnificent separate school in the Diocese has been completed. While these facts require no comment, but stand out in bold relief; it must be gratifying to the Rev. Father Doherty as well as to all who have aided in their They will in no instance accept. fying to the Rev. Father Doherty as well as to all who have aided in their accomplishment, to feel that the Church and church property in Arthur stands on equal footing with that of any in Ontario. I have already taken up too much on your space Mr. Editor, but before closing I would just like to remark that all these strides in the way of progress and enlightenment have been profession. The number of cases were treated and rejected in the following mark that all these strides in the way of progress and enlightenment have been accomplished without trespassing in the slightest degree upon the feelings or opinions of our seperated brethren. On the contrary, a better feeling than that existing between the Roman Catholics of Arthur, and their fellow citizens of other denominations, could not well be conceived and this report would be still

conceived, and this report would be still more imperfect than it is did it not bear

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While by her great love choicest blessings descending
From the throne of that Saviour to Whom
she gave birth.
Hail, pure Queen of Angels, and Mother
most holy,
Still teach us to love thee and pray to thy THE CANADIAN

That the joys of this world may be counted as folly
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THING. The author of human salvation Jesus Christ when he had redeemed us from bondage with his blood, and was soon to ascend into Heaven to His Father, inascend into Heaven to His Father, intrusted the work of imbuing the world with heavenly doctrine to those whom he named Apostles, who had learned from Him as disciples, and had been witnesses of what he had done and taught. All men were by the design and favor of God to be healed; nor could they have been healed except by offering them the light of truth. Those therefore, mindful of their most noble charge, having received the power of the Holy Spirit enter with great courage Holy Spirit enter with great courage into the various regions of the world, announcing everywhere the wisdom of the Gospel, going even farther than the arms of the people that subdued the earth had penetrated, so that even from the first days of the Church it was true

that their sound hath gone forth into all the earth and their words unto the ends of the It is a tradition that the duty fell to St. Thomas of discharging the Apostolic office in the wide extent of India. Here, office in the wide extent of India. Here, in truth, as ancient written monuments attest, after the Ascension of Christ, when he had gone into Ethiopia, Persia, Hyrcania, and finally into the peninsula beyond the Indus, after a most difficult journey, and after most streamous labor, he first enlightened those nations with the light of Christian truth, and giving to the Supreme Shepherd of souls the testimony of his blood, was called to eternal reward in Heaven.

From that time India has not ceased to honor the Apostle that has deserved

to honor the Apostle that has deserved play well of that country: in most ancient books of liturgical prayers and other celebrated the name and the prai celebrated the name and the praises of Thomas, and in following centuries, even after sad diffusion of errors, his memory has not been blotted out; and the faith he had disseminated, although it lay as it were in a trance, did not become entirely extinct. Wherefore aroused by new cares of apostolic men, it has more widely spread, and flourishing in distinguished examples of virtue, and rising out of the blood of martyrs, has recalled those nations from savagery and by degrees civilized or martyrs, has recailed those nations from savagery and by degrees civilized them. At the present time Christianity has been so diffused in the Indies that the children of the Church throughout the peninsula have happily increas the number of sixteen hundred thou-sand: priests are held to great honor, Catholic doctrine is taught in the schools with the greatest freedom, and there shines forth assured hope that more numerous bands are to come from that nation to Jesus Christ. We have therefore determined to establish in more firm order and manner Catholicity in the Indies: for it has not, though the attention of our Predecessors was great and constant, attained that ordered and permanent establishment whose force is so great in protecting the discipline of Christian life and in begetting the salva

To touch very briefly the memory of past times, in the beginning of the 14th century, noble members of the Francis can and Dominican Orders endeavored can and Dominican Orders endeavored to free from death as it were the ancient faith; passing over to the Indies with the authority and mission of the Roman Pontiffs, they labored greatly in healing the wounds of heresy and in abolishing the superstition of the pagans. But when a more expeditious route by the way of the Cape of Good Hope was opened to the Indies, wholesome fruit increased with the concourse of apostolic men. The Society of Jesus then attained special renown: and in the first place arose to a miraculous degree the great apostle of miraculous degree the great apostle of the Indies, Francis Xavier, who having endured incredible labors, and overcome with lofty courage great perils of land and sea bore as if in triumph the sacred Cross into those regions and united to Jesus Christ, destroying manifold error, a great multitude of men not only on the Malabar coast, but also in Coromandel and Ceylon and even in the more distant

provinces as far as Japan.

To this great spread of Christianity, besides the laborious cares of the Missionaries, the work of the illustrious kings of Portugal and Algarve much