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NEW YEAR'S.

Another year, like some great river, has dropped into the ocean of eternity. Nothing remains of all the great and stariling events that occurred in the year that has now flown by but a name and a up by agitators during the greater memory. Even these, after some time, part of the past year; and shall be blotted out or obscured in the dimness of mental vision, and we, or those who come after us, will be forced to contound and confuse one year's hap penings with another. Only the exact historian or chronicler will be at all able to discriminate and schedule exactly, and in proper order, the events of each year as they occurred. The great mass of bumanity is too apt to forget the distinctive marks and traits of preceding years and draw from them the valuable lessons which they impart to the mind that ponders and reflects. It should be admitted, however, that, besides leaving a name and a memory, the transactions of last year are necessarily followed by consequences and results of which some offer a pleasing aspect and some are much to be regretted and would be avoided if that were possible. But it is in the essential order of things as ordained by God's providence and their own nature that causes must necessarily produce certain effects and that every human being must abide by the consequences of his own acts. Those amongst us who have been careful, prudent, law-abiding e and self-disciplined during the past year must now enjoy the rewards of a good conscience and the pleasing satisfaction of being able to say we have done our duty. If no other result followed the exact or even the honest performance of duty we should feel amply recompensed to: the few sacrifices we felt called upon Accasionally to impose on ourseives. But the consequences are for greater and more reaching in scope mous, as Mr. Meredith represents it, why and measure. Our ten poral affairs are in a state of solid security, our family relations are peaceful and confidential and happy as can be this side the grave, and our standing among our feilow. citizens is one of trust, honor and praise. How aifferent the position of these who, solemnly propounded policy of the whole during the year that has just terminated. squadered away their time, or made a had and criminal use of it! And how serious the losses they have sustained in health, in pocket and in character; There are many who will regret perhaps professes indeed great liberality, and we to their dying day that they did not take acknowledge that in the far past we have advantage of the opportunities offered for their improvement and their betterment during the year gone by. Others there must be who condemn their own spathy and want of energy in not having accomplished the work assigned them, in not havir g fought the good fight, in not hav. ing gained that victory over wretched self without which no victory can exist and no happiness can be secured. Some of those latter will continue on to live, or rather vegetate, during the coming year as they have done in the past, and there is no remedy for them, no possible amelioration or hope of salvation except in a miracle from God, which must not be expected because not deserved. No doubt a great many wish to live the year over again, and tell us how different their life and conduct should be did they but get the chance and the opportunity. Well, another year is before them, time is yet at their dipossi, and they should feel grateful for so great a boon. With time sternity may be gained. Time, says the merchant, is money. Bat it is more than money, it is heavenly tressures. With a proper use of time we can obtain peace of mind, tranquility of conscience, command over self, determination to do better and a new lease of life both temporal and eternal. Let us all acknowledge the importance and the value of the New Year that is accorded us by heaven's favor. We might have been among those numbered among the dead, we might have been among those who during the year gone by were suddenly crushed to death, were instantaneously herried into the presence of the have had no such intention, but that the Omnipotent and Just Judge. But, bea- Catholic body have given no sign that wen be thanked, we are spared another they have any such intention. It is unyear. Let the lessons of the past teach us to make proper and beneficial use of it. draw such inferences as Mr. Meredith has

THE ARCHBISHOP OF KING-STC" AND MR. MEREDITH. In another colurce will be found the ord. Th

letters addressed by His Grace the Most Reverse i James Vincent Cleary, Archbishop of Kingston, to Mr. Wm. Meredith, M P. P, leader of the opposi tion in the Gatario Legislature. It will that all Protes an's ought to unite against be seen that the correspondence which Catholics, whereas he declares that preceded the last letter was short, and there is a terrible danger to civilization that occasion was given to it by a paslest Catholics should unite to wring sage in Mr. Meredith's Opera House from Protestants some concession which speech on the 16th ult. His Grace adthey ought not to have. A man who dressed his first letter to Mr. Meredith has not the csimness nor the states demanding on what grounds the latter manship to draw more rational infergentleman had attributed to him cerences from his premises is not fit to be tain sentiments which he had found in the leader of a great party under the Kingston newspaper, the Canadian Canadian constitution. Mr. Meredith Freeman, "which," said he, "is to some may be, and undoubtedly is, a very extent the organ of the Archiepicopal genial man in social life, but just by

See." The sentiments are as follows : such a course as he is adopting now h "Holding as we do, the balance of led his party to disaster in 1886 ; and power between the two great factions, we have but to be independent, and we can dictate the terms upon which one we hope that if the course which Mr. Meredith has pointed out for that party to pursue now be accepted by them. or the other shall receive our support." We believe that the paper in question that they will meet with disester again. is the only one among the papers in As far as we can see the only course Oatario which are under the control of which the Conservative party can pur-Catholics which has uttered such sentisue, if they have the prosperity and ments, amid all the provocation which harmony of the Province at heart, is to has been given to Catholics during the repudiate Mr. Meredith and raise a very

violent crusade which has been kept lifferent flag from that which he has un furled. It will be seen from the correspon when we consider the violence lence between His Grace and Mr. Merof many of our foes, they are comparaedith that the purpose of the leader of tively mild and gentle words. Have not the Opposition was to effect one of two the Ministerial Associations, the Episcopapurposes. If His Grace approved of the lian and Presbyterian Synode, with the article of the Canadian Freeman, it Bishops and Moderators at their head, would give the former the opportunity the Methodist Conferences with their to join the Toronto Mail in represent-General Superintendent, ex Bishop Car ing the Catholic vote as a purchasable man, and the Orange lodges, appealed to commodity, to be sold to the bighest the worst passions which it was possible to bidder, and this would give a grand excite, to suppress "Romish aggression" opportunity to work upon the prejuwhich did not exist, and especially to dices of those from whom Mr. Meredith drive the learned and unobtrusive Jesuit hoped to gain support. If, on Order out of the country ? Have not the the other hand. His Grace expressed Protestant pulpits of the country redisapprobation of the Freeman's expresechoed with denunciation of Catholics in sion, it will be noticed from Mr. Mere general and of Jesuits in particular ? and dith's first reply to the Archbishop that have not certain politicians threatened us he would represent the Archbishop as with Ocange bullets if we would not yield virtually declaring that Catholics might our fair rights as British subjects, if the conscientiously support him, even while voters of the Dominion would not accept he flourished the no. Popery flag in their their dictation? Have we not been faces. In fact the latter gentleman has similarly threatened even from the the imperturbable impudence to draw Protestant pulpits, wherein firebrands this conclusion even from the just like the Rev. Dr. Wild have been demand of His Grace to know on what allowed to utter similar threats and grounds he attributed to him the inspir to have those threats published broadation of the Freeman's article. It is not cast through the press, without being brought to task except in the mildest His Grace's duty to undertake either the defence or repudiation of a newspaper terms by a few journals ? And has not the article over which he has not nor does chief organ of the pretended Equal Rights he claim control ; but it was certainly Association openly proclaimed over and Mr. Meredith's business to be sure that over again that the voters of that organ the sentiments were those of the Arch. ization should do precisely what the bishop, before drawing from it the sweep. Freeman says the Catholics can do? ing conclusion which he has declared to Why then should the Catholic editor be be the fature platform of his party. singled out as if he alone had sinned in The other points raised by Mr. Merethis matter ? And if the guilt were enordith in his letter are merely a lame attempt te draw public attention from the should the Most Reverend the Archreal issue between him and the Archbishcp of Kingston be made responsible bishop, an isus on which he has been for views which there was not the least completely beaten. To follow such a earthly reason for attributing to him ? course as this is unworthy of a lawyer of And why should the utterance be so

Mr. Muralith's reputation. He knows strongly insisted upon as if it were the very well that this mode of procedure will not gain him new adherents among intel Catholie body ? ligent people. We must conclude that it is Mr. Meredith has thus made the prointended as an appeal to the hoodlums posal of a paper, which is itself responwho are moved by their worst passions sible for it own views, a reason for pro claiming war upon the Catholic body. He Maredi

Of the three Sisters of St. Joseph who drawn from one perhaps accidential utter. ances of a single journal, the it flaence of have gone to fere charge of the Belle River school, one holds a second class which on the Catholic population is but professional certificate, and the other limited But when we consider that just such utteranges have been over and over two hold each a third class certificate. sgain reiterated by Protestant journals In this campaign against our schools, like the Mail, we see the dishonesty of where impudence avails not, brazen misstatements must do the devil's work. Mr Meredith in drawing the conclusion

THE SCHOOLS IN WINDSOR.

A great hubbub is raised about the action of Catholics in Windsor endesvoring to keep the nuns as trachers, although such teachers have given the utmost ratisfaction and have had the training of the Windsor little girls in their hands for the last thirty years. The facts of the whole case of the Wind. sor difficulty may be explained in a few words. About thirty years ago the Catholics were a majority of several hundred over the Protestants of that section, and most of the real estate was in the hands of Catholics. The latter paid more than one-half the school taxes; yet they were willing to join partnership with the Protestants and pool the school taxes for the mutual benefit of each. The Ostholics, of cause, were allowed the privilege of separate schools to all intents and purposes. Oae of these privileges is that teachers who are considered as qualified in

Lower Canada are recognized by law as qualified teachers in Ontarlo. Thus the nuns who came from Montreal and taught in Windsor were looked upon as qualified teachers, and accepted as such by the united board of Catholics and Protestants. But now the Protestants have increased in numbers-they own a greater portion of real estate-and pay a trifle more of school taxes. Therefore they turn around upon their Catholic fellow citizans, and tell them to dirmiss the nuns. While the Catholics had the numbers and the money they could educate their children as they pleased ; but now, when the Protestants feel they have the upper hand, they show a spirit of unfairness and growl and dictate and threaten law. It is generally the case, that when the Cathones are in the mejority, as in Lower Canada, there is no trouble about schools or religion Once the other people feel their strength they use it against their former Catholic friends with an unsparing and unrelenting hand.

MR. BALFOUR ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

Mr. Balfour stated in his speech at Partick the grievance under which Catholics labor, and in consequence of which they are deprived of the opportunity of endowed university education. He said :

"Trinity College, Dublin, I have al-ready spoken of, and there are the three Queen's Colleges, of Belfast, Galway and ork. The Roman Catholic population of Ireland, I suppose, is about four-fifths of the whole population. They are the noorest as well as the mos numerous part of the Irish population yet I find that only one in seven of the existing students at these endowed col-leges belongs to the Roman Catholic religion, and I find that the number at Trinity College is only six per cent. of the whole; and actually at this moment in Ireland there are enjoying the advan-tages of higher education in endowed colleges less than two-hundred and fifty individuals in all of the Roman Catholic religion,

rather than by reason. We need say but Tae injustice of such a state of affairs few words more on this subject at present. even Mr. Balfour acknowledges. Yet As to the term "ferocious bigots" the parallel is complete between this used by His Grace in referring to some and the condition to which the opponof the Equal Rights Associa ents of separate schools in Canada would tion, it is a paltry trick of Mr. Meredith bring this country. They know very o pretend that it has been applied to well that Catholics are so determined to all. However, that both ferocity and have religious education for their chilbigotry are rampant in the organization dren that they would have it even i is evident from a reception accorded separate schools with a legal status were to the speeches of Major Bond and others abolished to morrow. Yet their determin who werecheered to the echo when they ation is, if they can effect it, to deprive declared their resolution to take to their Catholic schools of all State recognition muskets in order to deprive the Province while they would tax Catholics for the of Quebec of its rights under our constitu. education of their children. The in tion; and has Mr. Meredith forgotten that ustice of this was further acknowledged Mr. Dalton McCarthy also threatened by Mr. Balfour in his first declara Orange builets against the Catholics of tion of the intention of the British Government to correct it. He said : Of the reference of Mr. Meredith to

A GREAT WORK.

The colored population of Windsor is very later Many of these people are Catholice bd many more of them are undergoing instruction in Catholie doctrine. Rev. Dean Wagner, with that apostolic zeal which has ever been his baracteristic, has undertaken the work of providing church and school accommodation for these perishing souls. Obstacles have from time to time beset his path, great expenditures had to be made, while the prospect looked gloomy of receiving an income to balance them ; but, nothing daunted, the good Dean ever looks upward for inspiration and cheer, and pushes resolutely forward in every great work he has undertaken. This is the case in the present instance as regards the bazaar he has in hand for the purpose of collecting funds in aid of the noble project mentioned. The cause is one that appeals with special force to the Christian heart, and we sincerely hope that the efforts of this noble and self sacrificing priest will be attended with a degree of success that will cheer him in his purpose of bestowing on his colored flock the light of divine faith,

and guarding them in their daily life against the wiles and snares by which they are surrounded. We earnestly ask our subscribers to read the annou ment on last page of the RECORD.

A RECKLESS PARTY ORGAN.

The London Free Press had, in last Thursday's issue, an article on the ballot question, that would appear formidable enough at first sight, but, when the said article is examined, sifted and stripped of its loose verbiage and repetitions ad nauseam, there is very little left worth serious consideration. The Free Press starts out with an unjustifiable statement to the effect that Archbishop Walsh has declared his opposition to the vote by ballot. The Free Press does not quote from any lecture, sermon or letter of the Archbishop in proof of its statement, and yet it goes on the length of a whole column building arguments upon such statement and repeating, till one is sick of the dose, that "the terrors of the un. seen and exclusion from the sacraments are threatened from time to time on the faithful if they dare to uphold a contrary doctrine, or dare to exercise those priv. ileges that other citizens enjoy."

The Free Press mentions the contro versy between Mr. W. R. Meredith and Archbishop Cleary in proof of its contention, whereas that controversy has no more to do with the ballot than with base ball or Home Rale. The dispute in Peterborough about the dismissal of one teacher and the appointment of another is also given by the Free Press as a further proof in point. The Free Press can be logical when it pleases, and may become erratic or dezed when foolishness, better than wiedom, suits its purpose. What is there in the ballot anyway that such a row must be made about it ? It is utterly impossible with the hallot, as used in Canada, to conces! a man's vote from the scrutineers or the returning officer. There is an soltation going on now all individual to exercise, and Protestant over the United States and in Canada about amending the ballot law so as

to secure freedom of conscience in voting. It is utterly preposterous and absurd for the Free Press to main. tain that the Bishops are sfraid of the ballot, or to maintain that the present mode of voting at municipal councils or that he has a divine right to the exercise provincial elections is any security of his authority within the Church of God.

and given to understand that the people have no confidence in their devotion to school matters, school difficulties will cease, the ordinary routine will be assumed, and Toronto will fall into line with the other school districts of the country and elect all its trustees, not by contentious voting, but by peaceful and barmonious acclamation.

The London Free Press may we all ts silly vaporings and hodomontade about Catholics counting and quivering at lections before what it calls "the Ecclesiastical lash." The Free Press should spare its sympathies for the benighted Protestants of Onterio who are lashe into fury and bigotry by the ravings of the rev. maniacs who, three years ago, drove their flocks before them to vote for the Scott Act and are now crack. ing the lash over their heads to compel them to join the Equal Rights or no-Popery Association. The Free Press did not approve of the action of the preachers during the Scott Act agitation, but it pats them on the back and says, "go on boys, give it to 'em" during the anti-Jesuit and anti separate school yellow fever.

SEPARATE SCHOOL DIFFI-CULTIES.

The Mail and the anti Catholic press generally are just now engaged in raising a great clamor in regard to disputes which have arisen in several cities and towns concerning the manner of conducting the separate schools. In Peterborough the school board, by a narrow majority, dismissed the Frincipal who had occupied his position for many years. The dismissal of a teacher is not a thing of such infrequent occurrence that it should be made the occasion of a cry for the abolition of the school system, yet the press of which we have spoken have made the dismissal of Principal McIlvaine an excuse for demanding the abolition of separate schools. Teachers are frequently dismissed or changed in the public schools, but no one demands that the whole public school system ought to be demolished on this account. Why should a different rule be applied where the separate schools are concerned?

But in the Peterborough case there were some people, represented by the minority of the board, who were dissatisfied with the action of that body, and His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor, Bishop of Peterborough, told his flock that the dismissal was made with his approbation, and that the minority should take no steps to restore the principal. His Lordship had cer tainly a perfect right to state his wiebes, and as the religious guardian of the schools his wishes are entitled to be regarded with the greatest respect. The anti Catholic press point out that the school laws do not confer on the eccles. iastical authorities any powers to control the school trustees, except in so much as some of them may be them. selves inustees. We are perfectly aware of this, but the Bishop of Peterborough does no more than exercise a moral control, such as the law really permits every clergymen equally with the laity exercise such control.

We do not deny that the Bishop's authority is of more weight than that of a private citizen, or of a Protestant clergyman, but this arises from the fact that Catholics recognize and Protestants have no right to inter knows how every citizen registered his fere with him in the exercise of his duty. We have no doubt that His Lordship has sufficient reason for the stand he has taken in the present instance ; but at all events there is no ground for the interference of the anti-Catholic press in a matter which His Lordship is quite competent to settle with his own flock. The matter will be settled, as it ought to be, without such interference. In Ottawa a somewhat similar difficulty has occurred, though the circumstances are to some extent different. The Arch. bishop of Ottawa was desirous of changing the religious order which has charge of the Ottawa French schools. Most of the French speaking trustees were opposed to the change, and resigned in consequence. The school elections, which have just taken place, will decide whether or not His Grace the Archbishop will be sustained by the people. The Protestants of the Province surely ought to be satisfied with this, but the anti-Catholic press take sides at once against the Archbishop. From their point of view the Archbishop must be wrong. From the Catholic point of view, the presumption is that the Archbishop is right. We await further developments and particulars before saying more on the subject, but whateve: the circumstances may prove to be, the difficulties both in Peterborough and Ottawa can and will be settled by Catholics, and not by the anti-Catholic

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hostile Equal Righters who have the cry | O of Equal Rights on their lips, but wio aim only at the total destruction of lib. erty of conscience as far as Catholics are o concerned.

MR. MEREDITH'S POLICY.

We mentioned in a former issue that Mr. Meredith, the leader of the Ontario Opposition, in his speech at the Opera House in this city, in which he fore. shadowed the policy of his party, declared himself plainly sgainst Catholic education in Catholic schools.

He asks why "should a public man, when he criticizes public legislation" on this subject, "be greeted with shouts of intelerance by any particular church, and should the no-Popery cry be raised against him ?"

He here throws upon Catholics the odium of having raised the no Popery cry in Ontario. Mr. Meredith knows very well that this is a false representation We maintain that the right now enjoyed by Catholics of establishing and supporting separate schools is no extraordinary concession. It is merely a recognition of the natural right which all parents possess, of giving their children a religious training if they deem it proper to do

so. If Protestants prefer to turn religion out of the schools in which their children are to be educated, we are free to say we believe they make a great mistake, but we do not propose to force our opinions upon them. Our jurisdic. tion extends only to our own children, and as regards them no legislature has the right of declaring that we shall not be allowed to educate them morally and religiously. Though we are but a minority in the Province, we have a right to say how much or how little religious instruction shall be given in the schools to which our children shall be sent.

It is unnecessary for us to prove here that religious instruction in the schools is necessary for the proper training of chil. dren. Over and over sgain the Protestant clergy have declared this to be the case, both in Canada and the United States. A few days ago the Rav. D .: Barrows, a prominent Congregational minister of San Francisco, Cal, and pastor of the First Congregational Church in that city, preached from his pulpit thus :

"We believe that we need more religion in our schools, not less. We assert, and reassert, that Protestantism should present a solid front in protesting sgainst the secularization of our schools, or the attempt to rule out of account in school life the only thing God has ever accounted of value on earth.'

The Presbytery of Manitoba has recently made a similar declaration, and the same clergymen who are anxious now to take from Catholics the right of religious education, have over and over again declared that they wish to make a certain amount of religious instruction compulsory in the public schools, so that they really desire to force upon Catholics such religious instruction as they see fit to arrange for themselves, while they would prevent us from having such as we ourselves desire. We ask no special favor. We demand only to be left free to devote our own money towards im. parting to our own children such an education as we feel bound in conscience to impart. If Anglicans, Methodists or Presbyterians desired such a liberty, it would certainly be ungrudgingly granted to them. If these do not want it that is no reason why we should be deprived of it. It is not Catholics wh claimed that the war is a no-Popery war. The bauner of no Popery has been dis played by the Ministerial Associations, the Synods, the Presbyteries, the Orange lodges, and the anti-Catholic press, and Mr. Meredith's speech is a declaration that he will fight with that banner displayed.

not swayed by the illiberal views which are so frequently found among Ontario politiciana; but in his Opera House speech he has deliberately straved from his antecedents. He undoubtedly endeav ors to induce the whole Protestantism of Ontario to declare war upon the Catholic body, while he dishonestly strives to throw upon the Catholics the olium of having brought the position upon themselves. From the words of the Kingston Freeman he draws the inference :

"One of the great evils is the great Quebec and Ontario ? danger to the State of a minority swaying from side to side and securiog concessions aspersions cast by His Grace upon the as the price of their support to one of the parties or the other. This is one of the dangers of modern civilization. Wherever girls of Ontario, it should, not be forgotten that we have the testimony of that is done then it is the duty of both His Grace and two priests who were parties to units against what is a danger present, besides other evidence, that the to the common wealth."

words attributed to him were grossly Thus at the very moment when demagogues of the most violent character are misrepresented, and that they were false. endeavoring to imbue the Protestant people of Ontario with hatred for the Catholic religion and the Oatholic people of the We fear the Toronto Mail's correspon-Province, Mr. Maredith calls upon all dents are working on instructions simi-Protestants to unite with him in resisting lar to those given by some of the base an Imaginary Catholic aggression. Chicsgo dailies. Those employees are

It does not excuse Mr. Meredith that he supposed to write up a sensation every says : "I believe that there are hundreds day, and if nothing bappens upon and thousands of Roman Catholics who which to base an exciting producdo not subscribe to that view and who do tion, not fall into the position of combining into themselves together to be able to dictate in which nothing transpires in the terms to what are here termed the two Catholic community calculated to be great factions of the state.

looked upon with disfavor by Protestants, We assert not only that there are hunthe Mail's agents skip lively into the dreds and thousands of Catholics who field of misrepresentation. Here is a case in point. The correspondent says : "In Belle River Miss Healy, a duly qualified teacher, has been lately dis. missed and a couple of nuns who have no certificates have taken her place." worthy of the leader of a great party to

SHAMEFUL CONDUCT.

the imagination is

"We ought to make some attempt to carry out a scheme of higher education which should satisfy all the legitimate aspirations of the Roman Catho lation on that point. That we shall take such a course I have no doubt." All the reasons which could be adduced in favor of Mr. Balfour's scheme at that time are tenfold more cogent as applied to elementary education in public

schools.

Mr. Balfour as an afterthought set con ditions which he knew could not be fulfilled, and the impossibility of which he himself acknowledged ; but this was evidently a subterfuge of the most despicable character, invented for the purpose of quelling a fanatical cry which might endanger the Government. Batthe point brought action. If a day passes of his reasoning remains in full force, that Catholics are in equity entitled to have the same State aid granted to Catholic education which is accorded to non-Catholic Institutions.

> Gounod, the composer, is to write a Mas which will be sung by four thousand choristers at the epening of the grand organ which is being built in St. Peter's Church, Rome.

gainst publicity. Every politician vote at the last general election. And enmities and heart burnings have been engendered by such knowledge that could never proceed from a square, open vote. Voting by ballot in Canada and the United States is a hollow sham-it is a fraud, a delusion and a snare Every man knows the day after election howevery other man voted, and to hazard the assertion that the hierarchy of Canada trouble themselves in the least about it. the Free Press ought to be able to produce something more than bare assertion. There is only one place in the whole Dominion where any contention exists on the score of voting by ballot for school trustees. Oatside of Toronto that question has not been raised. As a rule the best men in every parish are elected by acclamation to be school trustees for the ensuing year. It happens in most places that the trustees are elected against their will, and by pub lic opinion compelled to take their turn at school trusteeship. But the daily journals in Canada can scarcely furnish an example, outside of Toronto, where the school trustees have not been elected nnan. imously and by acclamation. What necessity is there in al! those two hundred and fifty school districts for a law about voting by ballot, when no voting is done anywhere ? Must the whole country be disturbed and legislated for against its will because there are a few sore heads in Toronto. Take one half dozon malcontents, that nothing could ever satisfy, out

of Toronto, and there would never be a word about the manner in which people should vote at school elections. The best men would be selected by acclama. tion, and after a few of those obstruc tionists are left at home once or twice,

True Catholics recognizs without reserve-s the primary duty and right of the clergy and especially of the Episcopacy, to direc Catholic education, and all separate school's difficulties will be settled by Catholic themisives without the intermeddling ;

papers.

Mr. Meredith cites what occurs in the United States as a pattern which ought if possible to be imitated by the people of Ontario. Hs save :

"Look across the border at the state of things. No separate schools from one end of the United States to the other. (Loud cheers.) They have thought it consistent with their views of right and justice to deny separate schools to the Roman Catholics of that country."

This is true, but what is the result? The Catholics of the United States will not be cheated of their right to impart a Christian education to their children, and 700 000 Catholic children are attending Catholic schools, at a cost of \$10,000,000 annually to the Catholic people, while they are paying about that same sum for the education of their Protestant neighbors' children, whose parents are not ashamed thus to make paupers of them This is the state of affairs which Mr Meredith would like to see introduced into Ontario ; and from where the cheering came in, it is evident that his audience fully understood him.

It is true Mr. Meredith does not propose at present to abolish the separate school system. He tells us why he wil not do this; it is because the charter of the Dominion, the Confederation Act will not permit him to go so far. To do this would upset the Confederation Act, and would necessarily subject the Protestan schools of Lower Canada to a Catholi majority, while the Oatholic schools of