

dogmatically ruled in Canada by a people whom they have beaten like hounds in every quarter of the habitable globe. It is a new thing indeed for an English gentleman to be snubbed without rebuke, when sitting in his place in Parliament, by a Frenchman who sits there himself only through the generosity and magnanimity of the English Lion.

Oh unhappy English Lion! Oh beast much abused! what acts of folly are perpetrated in your name! And yet he is not a bad beast, but has many good qualities, and would, we are sure, if he could lay his paw on him, give our friend of the *Montreal Courier* a pretty rough shake, for the insolently familiar manner in which that worthy speaks of him; and would not let him go either, until he had persuaded said writer, that it is as silly for an Englishman to reproach, or to assume any airs of superiority over the French, because of the misfortunes of the gallant Montcalm, and his brave companions in arms, as it would be for a Frenchman to taunt an Englishman with the discomfiture of Harold, and the issue of the battle of Hastings. It may be very fine to talk about "beating Frenchmen like hounds in every quarter of the globe;" and yet we are very certain, that men who indulge in this kind of talk, are very peaceable gentry after all—more accustomed to handle the yard measure than the sword, and little versed in the use of weapons more dangerous than a needle, or a pair of scissors. Such language we expect from militia heroes, or doughty barber's clerks, who cultivate mustaches, and put on a pair of borrowed spurs on the Sunday, in order to look like millitary men; but it is eschewed by gentlemen, because they know that the countrymen of a Du Guesclin, and a Bayard, are, to say the least, fully the equals of the wealthiest Anglo-Saxon tradesman in Canada; because they know that it is as untrue, as it is ungenerous, thus to speak of men who, in the hour of need, have freely shed their blood for the honor of the British crown; and because they remember that the laurels won by a De Salaberry, and others of this conquered race, are not less bright, than those which adorn the brows of some Anglo-Saxon celebrities of the same war, but whose names it might be reckoned invidious to mention. Such language may be expected from some scurvy Pistol, but is never used by men, who know what danger is, or who have faced the foe; and least of all, by men who have encountered the impetuous valor of the French soldier: it may proceed from the Editor of the *Montreal Courier*, but certainly not from the Great Captain of the age. Men who brag about Britain's victories, are the very men who do not win them; and when we hear a fellow talking about the French, or French Canadians, as a conquered race, as having been beaten like hounds in every quarter of the globe, and of the language of Fenelon, Racine, Massillon, and Bossuet, as a foreign jargon, we may be sure that the speaker is but a tame swaggerer—very innocent of blood, and as ignorant of the smell of powder, as he is of literature or good manners. In a word, that he is neither a scholar, a soldier, nor a gentleman, but merely a snob.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The following remarks from the *North American*, upon the ascension of our Saviour, are so very Protestant, that they hardly require any comment:—

"We have brought down the report of the parliamentary proceedings to Wednesday, when our pious Legislators adjourned till to-day. The reason is that some Saint went up, or more probably went down, on this day. As yesterday was the anniversary of the ascension of some Catholic Saint, the people of Canada must sacrifice £500 to his manes! When shall we see an end of these barbarous and expensive usages?"

Might we take the liberty of informing the writer of the above, that in spite of his sarcasm, it is still, a very generally entertained opinion, that Jesus Christ is more than a Saint, and did, actually, ascend up to Heaven, and did not go down, as he so piously insinuates. But, perhaps, he was not aware of the reason for the observance of the 29th ult., as a holiday. If so, we must be excused for remarking, that not to know that our Lord ascended into Heaven forty days after His resurrection from the dead—that is, after Easter—or not to know when, and why, Easter is observed, argues such an amount of ignorance of the Bible, and of Ecclesiastical History, that it is almost incredible, even in a Protestant. Had it been ignorance of some of the practices of the swarms of fanatics, the spawn of some of the obscure and ignoble sects, to which the Reformation gave birth, we should not have been surprised; for no one can be expected to take note of all the ravings of some half crazed cobblers, or extravagantly pious tinkers. But the history of the Catholic Church, whether that Church, be the Church of Christ or no, is the history of the world, and of all the great events which have occurred for nigh two thousand years.

We will publish in our next, with some remarks, a petition on the subject of Education, for which signatures are being procured in the City of Montreal. One thing we admire in this petition, is its honesty, the cool manner in which it proposes to take the trouble of giving religious education from the hands of the Church, and to commit it to a body of laymen, appointed by Government, without regard to their religious denomination. This assault upon every principle of liberty and religion, will, we have no doubt, meet with a determined opposition from every true Catholic. The Godless system that has been overthrown in Ireland, will never, we trust in God, be established in Canada.

Several Communications unavoidably omitted, from want of space.

We publish the list of Subscribers to the Catholic University, in Ireland. The sum subscribed will be remitted by the next mail for England. Report of the Treasurer of the Catholic Defence Association in our next.

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FASTS AND FEASTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. Dunigan & Brothers, New York; B. Cosgrove, Quebec.

Our separated brethren, who rail against the holidays, and seasons of prayer set apart by the Church, as so many helps to heaven to the Christian pilgrim, will find much instruction and much profit, if they will only attentively study the above work, from the pen of the Rev. A. Butler. Catholics will also derive some useful lessons, and find cause to thank God for the days of grace, with which He, in His mercy, so often favors them.

LIFE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN. By the Abbé Orsivi. Dunigan & Brothers, New York; Jno. McCoy, Montreal.

We have to thank Mr. McCoy for a beautiful edition of this interesting work, in which will be found a short history of the life of her whom all Christians delight to honor as the mother of their Lord; and from the perusal of which it is to be hoped that many will rise, with increased devotion, and a more ardent zeal, to imitate that chastity, humility, and above all, love of Jesus, of which the Blessed Virgin is to us the most perfect example.

To the Editor of the True Witness and Catholic Chronicle.

DEAR SIR,—Suffer me to express a hope, (through your journal) that your evangelical friend, the Editor of the *Montreal Witness*, feels somewhat better in the region of the heart, now that he has fairly disgorged himself of that black bile, which has been accumulating for the last few weeks—indeed, ever since the *Catholic Defence Association* was first spoken of here. That same *Defence Association* seems to be a fearful incubus, weighing down the heart and soul of his editorship; and really I do not know, whether the spectre that evidently haunts him, both by night and by day, assumes the likeness of Cardinal Wiseman, or of one of the Irish Bishops—"Cullen and McHale," or haply of your very self, Mr. Editor of the *True Witness*! Why, really the poor man is reduced to a pitiable state, when he is so spell-bound with fear of prelates, some thousands of miles distant, while yourself, with whom he has broken some dozen pens,—not *lances*—in a quiet way—seems, all of a sudden, to have sprung up before his alarmed fancy, as a huge Popish giant, breathing death and destruction to all your Protestant fellow-citizens, and brandishing in your hand those flaming fire-brands—the addresses and resolutions adopted at our late meeting! Poor man! poor man! the luckless personification of Collins' description of Fear:—

"—And back recoiled, he knew not why, Even at the sound himself had made!"

But now that he has got the load off his heart, let us hope that he feels "spiritually refreshed," as his edifying Boston correspondent says, speaking about the Anniversary meetings in that city.

But really now the good man has no need of praying as the Scotchman did: "Lord! gie us a good opinion o' oursel's," for "verily" he has a *very* good opinion o' himself. Only hear him advising us, whom he is pleased to call his "infatuated friends"—and lo! the advice is to this effect, that he hopes Catholics will not be guided by their priests, who are the "interested party," just as if we did not know that already—of course they *are* the interested party—interested for the salvation of our souls. And then the cream of the joke is, that the worthy Praise God Barebones strokes his chin very complacently, and says that there is a fair probability of the advice being well received, "for," quoth he, "it addresses itself much more to the good sense of Catholics than the bombast of notoriety-seeking editors," &c. "Oh! Sir Harry Vane! Sir Harry Vane! may the Lord deliver us from Sir Harry Vane!"—to wit, evangelical editors!

But just only pause and examine those remarks of this modest man, and you will confess them the greatest medley of low Exeter Hall bigotry, determined misrepresentation, and canting hypocrisy, that imagination could devise. Now, any gullible Protestant reading this trash,—and if his readers were not gullible, he would never attempt to dose them as he does—would really look upon our *Defence Association* as a regular military organisation, preparing to take their houses and lands, and put them all to the sword, (or the pike, or any other instrument sufficiently sharp to destroy life;) instead of a peaceful society, instituted for the purpose of concentrating Catholic sympathy here, on behalf of the Catholics of the British islands, whose rights are flagrantly violated. Your man of truth and justice (of course evangelical) shows up the Association as a terrible fire-brand, slung amongst the community here to enkindle discord. Your own frank and honest expressions of sympathy, and your ardent appeals to the generosity of our people, on behalf of the great Catholic undertaking of this age,—the Irish national university—are twisted by this perverter of truth, into blood-thirsty anathemas against our Protestant fellow-citizens. But all I can say is, that if they are silly enough to believe such foul calumny, with such counter-evidence before them, they are worthy of no better or nobler fate than to be gulled by such a man as *that*. Instead of listening to such ribald cant, it were more honorable to the enlightened Protestants of Montreal, if they followed the example of some of their brethren in Ireland, in England, and in Scotland, who have joined the Catholics of the realm in denouncing this unhallowed infringement on the sacred cause of religious liberty. Many of the wisest statesmen of the empire, (to wit, Lord Aberdeen, Sir James Graham, and many others) who were hitherto no friends of the Catholic cause, have now taken sides with us on this question. In Ireland, the most enlightened and estimable Protestants join with the Catholics—attend their meetings, and sign their petitions. The first name on the requisition list, for a county meeting in Kildare, was that of Lord William Fitzgerald; and when the meeting assembled, the chair was taken by the High Sheriff of the county, also a Protestant. One of the speakers too, Dr. Grattan, said, "Although I am a Protestant, I will be the first to set on foot a subscription, in aid of the purpose for which we are assembled." Mr. Editor, let me ask the credulous readers of the *Montreal Witness*, are not these Protestant gentlemen at least as well informed on the subject as *he* of the *Montreal Witness*—yet, have they any misgivings as to the true character of these Catholic meetings? No! for they themselves are doing their duty to their oppressed fellow-countrymen, by assisting in getting up these grand demonstrations on behalf of civil and religious liberty. These truly good and enlightened men, see no cause why Catholics in England should be interdicted from having Bishops to confirm them, and to ordain their priests, any more than Catholics in Ireland or in America; and they see no reason for keeping aloof from the *Defence Association*, because it is "under the direction of the