



LAVAL AND VICTORIA.

The Amalgamation Celebrated by a Grand Ceremony at Notre Dame Church Sunday Morning—The New Faculty Swear Allegiance to the Church.

The amalgamation of the faculties of medicine of Laval and Victoria was celebrated Sunday morning by a brilliant religious pageant and a solemn Pontifical mass at the Church of Notre Dame.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S ENTRANCE. Promptly at 9:30 the members of the faculty met in the Cabinet de Lecture, and soon afterwards a procession was formed thus: Gentlemen of the Seminary, theological students in surplices, Archbishop Fabre, accompanied by his Guards, Bishop Moreau, of St. Hyacinthe, Bishop Racine, of Sherbrooke, Archbishop Tache, of St. Boniface, the faculty of theology, the professors of law and the professors of the medical faculty of the amalgamated institution.

His Grace Bishop Racine preached a most eloquent sermon from the words of the psalmist David: "It is the Lord who has done it, and it is admirable in our eyes." He recalled the prophetic words spoken on the 18th May, 1842, by the Jesuit Father Guilmet to the little colony of Montreal: "This which you see is nothing but a grain of mustard seed, but this grain of mustard seed will produce a large tree."

TO ALL ITS GLORIES MONTREAL HAS NOW ADDED the privilege of university instruction. The presence of the reunited faculties that day in that temple of the church loudly proclaimed that man still needed God, that science needed religion. The aim of religion is the enlargement of the kingdom of Jesus Christ on earth.

ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE PROFESSORS, the preacher told them they should light the torch which should shine with the divine light, to wage war against ignorance and to instruct men. The erection of Laval university was the crowning act of the sacrifices which were imposed upon our fathers for the propagation of science and letters.

TURNING TO HIS GRACE ARCHBISHOP FABRE, and complimenting him upon the celebration of the success of his labors on this 15th October, the feast of his patron Saint Edward, the preacher concluded with these words: "May you live long, Monseigneur; live for

many years for the good of your people; and bless with your benedictions the city of Montreal and Laval university."

A SOLEMN CEREMONY. The beautiful hymn, Veni Creator Spiritus, having been most impressively sung by all the Seminarians, Archbishop Fabre took his place in front of the altar, with the Archbishop of St. Boniface on his right, Vice-Rector Proulx of Laval next repeated a long and formal declaration of the catholicity of his principles and, by kissing the missal, took the oath to always abide by the principles of the Catholic Church, and to see that in the university no doctrine should ever be taught contrary to its principles.

A PROTESTANT TRIBUTE.

The Relations of the English and Roman Churches.

We find the following bold utterances in our morning contemporary. Coming from the pen of an English churchman they will undoubtedly be read with great interest:—

To the Editor of the Gazette: Sir,—At the late meeting of the Provincial Synod a motion was brought up, and I believe, referred to a committee, embodying a resolution to see what steps can be taken to meet the advancing power of the Roman hierarchy in this province.

Firstly—Can any one point to a definite instance in which the Church of Rome has used unconstitutional means to obtain her ends in the history of Canada? I hold she has a perfect right to influence the electorate through her clergy, as every Christian body has.

Secondly—Is the activity, self-denial, unworldliness, spirituality and progress of our church, in this province, at present sufficient to justify us in opposing the work of, and in seeking to convert people from other Catholic bodies, and is the progress unmitigable enough to free our self-satisfaction, assumption and laudation from the charge of humbug.

But there is still another aspect in which the subject may be viewed by an English Churchman. Can any man who really believes from his heart in our prayer book, who believes that an episcopal government and succession in the church is necessary, not simply to its well-being, but to its very existence; who believes that without it, to say the least, doubt is cast on one of the two sacraments which our catechism teaches the youngest children are generally, i. e., universally necessary to salvation; who believes that by virtue of the Holy Ghost given by episcopal ordination, priests have the power of forgiving and retaining sins, and that auricular confession may be practised by and in cases of sickness is to be urged upon church people; who believes that if not by transubstantiation yet in some very real way its Body and Blood are "verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's supper," I can say such a man, (and for my part I cannot see how any honest person can remain in our church and use his prayer book and not be such a man), can such a man be other than rejoiced that the Christianity which is taking firmest hold of a great part of this new continent is a Catholic Christianity, in which the essentials common to the Roman and English churches are preserved?

without comment and certainly censure on the work of another and larger and more active branch of the one Catholic Apostolic church. We have our own work to do, and God knows it is far from being done yet. As a nation and as a church we enjoy self-complacency. We love our missionary meetings and we love our synods. We love to meet together and sing hymns in which we describe ourselves as soldiers, as an army, as men whose one object and aim in life is to spread Christ's Kingdom. But—but what are the facts? In the face of other and more self-denying communities in the Catholic Church, I almost blush to write them. That a man should be married, as all allow, in the majority of cases adds to his happiness and possibly righteousness; but that marriage is necessary in all cases or that men with great objects before them may frequently, with profit, deny themselves the luxury of a home, no one will gainsay.

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THE CONSPIRACY IN CHICAGO.

Fresh and Interesting Developments in the Cronin Case.

CHICAGO, October 12.—Judge Horton today issued an order for a special grand jury to investigate the attempts at jury "fixing" in connection with the Cronin trial. AL Hanks and Mark Salmon, original court bailiffs, are under arrest, charged with packing the Cronin jury.

Three new suspects were arrested here yesterday for alleged complicity in the murder of Dr. Cronin. Before they were arrested, Chief of Police Hubbard had a long talk with a prisoner in the jail named Gillivan. The three suspects were taken into the State Attorney's office, and, it is said, made statements. The authorities refuse to say anything about the new prisoners, whose names even have not been made known.

At 11:20 p. m. seven men were in the State Attorney's office, presumably undergoing examination. CHICAGO, October 13.—Secret conferences and rumors of further arrests tell the story of new developments in the Cronin case to-night. The state's attorney and his associates were in private session. All the lawyers for the defence were generally believed to be in close confab elsewhere. At 11 p. m. it was known that a new arrest had been made and the prisoner taken for confinement to an outlying police station. Two other arrests were expected before midnight. Edward Hoagland, who confessed to having engaged in a plot to fix the Cronin jury, implicated Kavanagh and O'Donnell as the men through whom he was revealed nothing until he was confronted by his mother, who inadvertently admitted his connection with the plot. Hoagland is not under arrest, but is obliged to report to the state's attorney every half hour by telephone.

A WIDE REACHING PLOT. CHICAGO, October 14.—The grand jury this afternoon returned indictments against John Graham, clerk in A. S. Trade's law office, for connection with the Cronin jury bribery, also, true bills against the six men arrested Saturday. One of the State Attorney's assistants said today: "Bailliff Solomon and Hanks and Tom Kavanagh have agreed to tell all they know about the plot. We are sure, therefore, of reaching the head and front of the conspiracy." The excitement about the criminal court-building was intense this afternoon that it was necessary to lock and bar the outside doors. John Graham, the indicted clerk, was arrested Sunday night, and has been looked up ever since. He was the man who was to put up the money with which to bribe the jurors, and it is asserted by Judge Longenecker that the evidence against him is very conclusive.

After presenting the indictments the grand jury adjourned for the afternoon. The State Attorney says the case by no means ends with the present indictments, but will be very much more far reaching than the most sanguine can suppose. Other indictments may be expected to follow in short order. When the matter is ripe the State Attorney will give a detailed account of another branch of jury bribing conspiracy. It is the intention of jury authorities to railroad all the men under indictment to prison as fast as possible. Although Chicago has received a good many shocks in the past few years, there never has been a time when the community was so excited, and nothing else is talked of. What sympathy there may have been for the men on trial charged with Cronin's murder is now dissipated.

THE LEADERS IN THE PLOT. Kavanagh, the leader of the corruption business, was a member of the Ogden Group picnic committee, and began to plot against Tom Kavanagh's partner, Brown, was summoned for the Cronin case as a witness by Bailiff Cole, and the defence had to use a peremptory challenge on him. A neighbor of Brown and an acquaintance of Kavanagh was also summoned and had to be got rid of by another peremptory challenge from Smith, who has been indicted for perjury in Oshkosh, Illinois from Connecticut. He seems to have taken great interest in the present Olan-Gaul trial. He has figured as a manufacturer of verdicts for weak juries before now, it is understood. In other words, he is regarded as a jury fixer.

Jerry O'Donnell, the agent of Tom Kavanagh, is a man by no means a fool of the Buckley "ring" in Camp No. 20, and has tried his hand rather industriously in the fixing of juries. It was only a few days ago that he was appointed a revenue gauger, and it is intimated that he is not the only United States official interested in securing the release of the suspect Cronin murderer. Bailiff Solomon has made a complete confession, but the full details have not been given by the state. He also gave up his list of witnesses, all of whom he had approached. So far the only names made known are George Tschappatt, Louis Alexander, H. C. Maley, R. H. Nicholson, George Schlager and Ed. Brodie. George Tschappatt is the man whose name was first printed in Chappett, and was the first to give notice that he had been approached.

THE RUSH TO CONFESS. Luther LaRin Mills, one of the attorneys for the state, said to-night:—"We have had confessions from this very day—from six to ten in number. They are absolute, giving us the whole miserable conspiracy. They reveal a most damnable organization against the law of the land, and conspiracy that will startle the continent when it is thoroughly known—a conspiracy of ramifications, of audacity, revealing spiracy of ramifications that is a surprise to the men who cannot magnify the damnable outrage of this conspiracy. In the taking off of Dr. Cronin and the manner in which it was done the whole world was startled. The second conspiracy will alike startle the whole world."

The indictments returned by the grand jury this afternoon in a joint bill against John Graham, Mark Salmon, Alexander L. Hanks, and Fred W. Smith. This evening it was learned from the State Attorney that Graham is the supposed prominent citizen whose mysterious confinement gave rise to so many surmises. Graham gave \$10,000 bonds this evening and was released. But little information about him, could be secured at the office of Lawyer Trudel. He had been there for 12 or 14 years. Lawyer Trudel said Graham had never been admitted to the bar.

Hope is one of the three things that abide when prophecies fail, and tongues cease and knowledge passes away.—Frothingham.

A FIENDISH ACT

Attempt to Murder a Priest by Poisoned Sacramental Wine.

ONEIDA, N. Y., Oct. 9.—The Rev. Father Kelly, of this place, is seriously ill, and the circumstances connected with his illness point to a crime of murderous intent. He celebrated mass in the church yesterday morning and partook of about two teaspoonfuls of the wine, when he was at once seized with great pains and a burning sensation at the stomach, which he regarded as symptoms of poisoning. He quickly retired from the altar, and, making known his situation, sent immediately to a druggist for some antidote. The emetic had the desired effect of relieving his stomach, but none too soon. A physician was summoned, and applied the best known remedies for poison. Father Kelly was deathly sick when conveyed to his home. One of the parishioners yesterday went to Syracuse to have the wine in the bottle analyzed. Several tests were made, each disclosing the presence of arsenic in large quantities. The theory is that some one entered the church by means of a false key on Sunday or Monday night and put the deadly drug in the small bottle of wine left there, as arsenic was found scattered on the altar.

We must never suffer ourselves to doubt that in his government of the Church, the Sovereign Pontiff is guided by an intelligence more than human. Even in secular matters it is ever safe to be on his side, dangerous to be on the side of his enemies.—Cardinal Newman.

Is Queen Victoria a Convert.

The Paris correspondent of the Courrier des Etats Unis, of New York, gives new currency to the repeated rumor of the conversion to Catholicity of Queen Victoria. At all events it has been frequently intimated by those entitled to know that England's Queen was, at the least, remarkably inclined to view the Catholic Church with favor. In case she has at length concluded to take the final and decisive step of becoming a Catholic, it will be kept profoundly secret, because State policy so requires it.

This rumor revives the rumor confidently asserted to have been true enough, that Alexander I, the Czar of Russia, became a Catholic at the time of his death. The Vatican alone knew the truth of this rumor; and, elsewhere, no one could affirm with any positiveness that the Emperor or all the Russias had renounced the Greek faith for that of the Church of Rome.

As we said, in case Victoria has come over, the fact must be kept a profound secret. If the Queen became publicly a member of the Catholic Church, she would have to abdicate. In England, by her law, "reformed" religion is the religion of the State; and the reigning monarch is the head of the State Church. The people of England—we mean, the majority of course—would never slow her majesty to profess any other than the official religion.

At the same time it may be remarked that the daughter of the Queen of England, Empress Victoria, widow of Frederick III., is entirely free to become a Catholic if she wishes. Nor are there any State interests in the way, no more than that of her mother-in-law, Empress Augusta, who, according to the recent report was about to embrace the Catholic faith.

In England conversions are becoming very frequent among the high personages of the nation. There are to-day at court fifty-three Catholics, holding royal offices. Lord Ripon, was the late Viceroy of India, is a convert, as was Lord Lyons, the late ambassador to Paris. There is without any doubt a powerful movement towards Catholicity in the England of the present day.—Pittsburgh Catholic

St. Patrick's T. A. and B. Society.

The monthly meeting of this society was held at St. Patrick's presbytery Sunday afternoon. Hon. Edward Murphy presided. The Rev. Father J. A. McCallen opened the meeting with a short address. The pledge of total abstinence was administered, and there were several additions to membership. Resolutions of condolence were passed to Mr. Thos. Finn on account of the recent death of his mother. The auditor's quarterly report was read, and showed the financial standing of the society to be most satisfactory. Considerable routine business was transacted, and the meeting closed with prayer.

Youth should be a savings bank.—Mde. Swetehire.