

the Divine blessing, by virtue of cold water and a joint of meat, plenty of work and good humor, I have still enough of life and courage and strength left to meet you face to face; to repel your attacks; to expose your falsehoods; to unravel your sophistry; to detect your forged quotations; to refute your insinuations; to exhibit your inconsistencies; to prove your truthfulness; to hold you up to public view in your true light—a pretended friend to truth, yet closing your columns against the exposure of your own untruths—an abusive assailant of the school system in its weakness, the party manipulator of it in its strength—warmed in public life by the patronage and generosity of a Baldwin, a Hincks, a Morrison, and then their vilifier and slanderer—in succession the calumniator and sycophant of most public men and all parties; assailing the "civil and religious institutions" of Lower Canada at one time, and "guarding" them inviolate at another—at one time warning to the death against the very principle of separate schools, at another time making "an honorable compromise on the question of separate schools"—now filling the land with "eternal hate to Rome,"—then the "political ally" of the ultra-Romanist champion—the enologist of Garazzi, then the parasite of McGee—one week the fawning dictator of the Judges, the next week the violent traducer of their motives and character—one year holding the right of the Bible for all, and no education without the Bible, another year treating the right of the Bible in the School as an absurdity, and the cry for it as a "sham!"

The above is first rate, and is satisfactory evidence that the vigor of the writer is as yet no whit abated by age. As against Mr. G. Brown his cause is a good one, and he well knows how to make it appear to the best advantage; but the less the Reverend Superintendent says in defence of his speculations and appropriations of public monies, the better for himself, and the moral interests of the community.

ECCLESIASTICAL CORPORATIONS.—The *Courrier du Canada* calls the attention of its readers to the fact that there will, in all probability, be laid before Parliament, during the present Session, several Bills for providing for the incorporation of religious and charitable societies; and warns Catholic members of Parliament to be on their guard against allowing the introduction into those Bills of any of those insulting and restrictive clauses, which, thanks to our Ministers of good principles—"bons principes"—were embodied in the several Acts of Incorporation passed during the last Session.

We know not what effect this warning voice from the *Courrier du Canada* may have upon our legislators. But remembering that the majority of them voted for the worst clauses of Mr. Drummond's Bill of 1856; that those same clauses were, with the knowledge and assent of the Catholic members of the present Ministry embodied in all the Bills passed last Session for the incorporation of religious and charitable Societies; and that until very lately, no voice, save that of the TRUE WITNESS, was raised to protest against the establishment of such an infamous precedent in our Canadian legislation, and such an outrage upon the rights of individuals, and the interests of religion; remembering we say all these things, we fear greatly that in the Session of 1859, as in all preceding Sessions, we shall still find our liberal Catholics, the friends of "good principles," doing as they have done hitherto; and ever ready to sacrifice the interests and honor of their religion, to the political exigencies of a party.

But this we hope, and this we have a right to demand,—That no such measures as those alluded to by the *Courrier du Canada* shall be again allowed to pass without a contest; or, like the Bill for the Incorporation of the Academy of St. Cesaire, shall be again smuggled through the House, as was the case last year. Let Protestants place what restrictions they please upon their Societies; nothing can be more reasonable, and with those restrictions we have nothing to do.—But it is our duty to insist that our Catholic institutions be not modified, or tampered with, to gratify Protestant prejudices, or to meet the wishes of the fanatics of Upper Canada; and we would therefore warn those who pretend to represent Catholic interests, and who owe their seats in Parliament to Catholic votes, that their constituents expect of them the exercise of the greatest vigilance over such measures as may during the present Session be brought before the Legislature for the incorporation of any Catholic, religious, educational, or charitable institutions. From the Ministry or their servile supporters we hope for nothing; for it is to them that we are indebted for all the insults that have been heaped upon those institutions. But it is to the independent members of the Legislature that we address ourselves,—to those who scorn to wear the livery either of the "Ins" or of the "Outs," and who are alike indifferent to the blandishments of the dispensers of government patronage, and to the brutal howlings of the "Clear Grit" rabble. It may be too late to repair the injury done last Session; but at all events, if there be one or two independent members in Parliament, and if these will but do their duty, no measure imposing dishonoring restrictions upon our religious societies will again be allowed to pass without a lively discussion, which shall have the effect of exposing to the world in their true colors, the hypocritical friends of order and good principles—"les bons principes." Let us at all events have the satisfaction of publishing, and holding up to execration, the names of those miserable wretches who calling themselves Catholics vote for the incorporation of the sworn enemies of their race and creed; but who refuse

to their own co-religionists, the right to hold property for charitable purposes, and declare invalid all gifts or bequests to Catholic Societies made within six months of the death of the giver or testator! Last Session we know our friends were off their guard; but now that they have been fairly warned, we expect from them an unremitting vigilance with respect to all Acts of Incorporation that may be laid before Parliament.

"SAVE ME FROM MY FRIENDS!"—The *Montreal Witness* having indulged in some not very laudatory remarks of Burns, who entertained, and in his works frequently gave utterance to, strong feelings of contempt for the canting puritanical gentry of his day,—thereby incurring from the evangelical world the reproach of being a profane person and a sinner—is smartly taken to task in its issue of the 5th instant by a writer over the signature *Vindex*; who contends that, so far from corrupting, Burns' poetry has done much to elevate and refine, the morality of the peasantry of Scotland. "With all that is faulty," says *Vindex*, "in much of Burns' poetry, his country owes him a deep debt of gratitude. His worst productions are pure compared with the coarse ribald songs that were the common use of the peasantry—aye, and more than the peasantry of Scotland."

This, coming from a Scotchman, is strong and conclusive testimony to the moral condition of the people whose "course ballads" and "ribald songs" were the infallible exponents of their coarse and ribald modes of thought and action; and though of course in the older ballad poetry of Scotland, and its glorious Jacobite minstrelsy a purer and more elevated strain makes itself heard, there is no reason to doubt that *Vindex* is substantially correct; and that indelicate as is much of the poetry of Burns, still at its worst, it is in a moral point of view, an immense improvement on the popular poetry that obtained amongst almost all classes of Scotch society before his day.

DIVORCE COURTS.—We see by our Parliamentary papers that Mr. Gowan has given notice of his intention to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of Divorce and Matrimonial causes. This will again give our Catholic friends of good principles an opportunity of distinguishing themselves. No doubt, as in the case of the Orange Incorporation Bill, they will find some excellent excuse for supporting Mr. Gowan's intended motion.

On Thursday, the 3rd instant, Law Students attending Professor Bibaud's course of lectures, underwent an examination in the St. Mary's College, before a numerous and we may add high-pleased audience. Amongst the number present were several members of the legal profession, who seemed to take a warm interest in the proceedings. The knowledge evinced by the students of the higher branches of the profession showed that they had not failed to profit by the lectures of their learned Professor. As usual, the "Emerald Isle" had her representatives, and upon this occasion, in the person of Mr. Owen Joseph Devlin, (brother to B. Devlin, Esq., of this city) who, we feel much pleasure in stating, passed through a very strict examination, and in a very creditable manner, for which he was handsomely complimented by Marcus Doherty, Esq., one of his examiners. Mr. Devlin, we are told, is qualifying himself for the Notarial profession in the office of John Helder Isaacson, Esq., Notary.

RELIGIOUS PROFESSION.—We learn from the *Courrier du Canada* that on Friday last, the 4th inst., His Lordship the Bishop of Tloa received into the Community of the Sisters of Charity at Quebec, Miss Mary Anne Flynn—in religion Sister Stanislaus; and gave the religious habit to Dlle. Henriette Michaud—in religion, Sister Ste. Mary Magdalen.

The *Journal de Quebec* informs us of the death of the Rev. M. Fortier, parish priest of St. Michael, county of Bellechasse, on Thursday evening, 3d inst. The reverend gentleman had served the parish for nearly thirty years, and his death will be long lamented by those who knew him.

To the Editor of the True Witness. Paris, C.W., Feb. 7th, 1859.

DEAR SIR—As a Catholic and Irishman, I deeply regret to see that a Toronto Ministerial paper countenances the scandalous conduct of some few individuals of Toronto, who are endeavoring to sow discord amongst the Catholics of Upper Canada, by raising an outcry against our French Bishops and Priests. No person, pretending to be a Catholic, should be guilty of such infamous conduct. What ridiculous nonsense and folly for any Irish Catholic to find fault with Bishops and Priests, for being natives of *La Belle France*, the country of all others, next to the Emerald Isle, that should be dearest to Irishmen. France has ever given an asylum to our persecuted countrymen, and the French have always, with open arms, received Irishmen as brethren and friends. I consider him unworthy of the name of an Irish Catholic who could be guilty of such base ingratitude, as to malign our French Clergy; who have left their own beautiful sunny land, relatives and kindred, to undergo the rigors and hardships of a Canadian mission for the spiritual benefit of Irish Catholics. I love and revere our good Irish Clergy; but I think the French Clergy are equally entitled to our

love and gratitude for the great sacrifices made by them, in coming to a country where the language, habits, &c., of the people are so very different from their own; and the fact of being strangers alone should entitle them to a "*Cæd Millæ Fællæ*" from every Irish Catholic. What wicked presumption of a few nominal Catholics of Toronto, to raise such an unnatural outcry; they are no real friends of our holy religion or our good Irish Priests, who are endeavoring to foment a jealousy against the French Clergy. I have the honor of being personally acquainted with many of our French Bishops and Priests; and more zealous and exemplary clergymen or gentlemen can no where be found. The Bishops of Toronto and London need no eulogy; they are well known for their sanctity and many inestimable virtues. Our own good Pastor, the Rev. M. Bissey is a general favorite. I would like to see the Toronto grumblers take a trip to the Goderich Mission, and ask the Irish Catholics to petition against their beloved Pastor, Father Schneider. I really believe the Tipperary boys of Irishtown would break every bone in the carcass of such audacious scoundrels. I would ask the Irish Catholics of Hamilton dissatisfied with the saintly Father Carayon, or with any of the other French Clergy, who have been stationed there?—Are the Irish Catholics of St. Thomas jealous of the Rev. M. Frachon, whose zeal and fervor is so well depicted in a letter in the last *Freeman*? Are the Irish Catholics, and especially the poor of Dundas, rejoiced at the removal of Father Baidoux to Owen Sound Mission? I am very certain they deeply regret his departure. I might also mention the Revs. Messrs. Bayard, Laussier, Wassereau, and others, who are an honor to our Church, and beloved by their flocks. Let facts speak for themselves; the letter I alluded to in the *Toronto Freeman*, gave a narrative of the progress of our holy religion in the Rev. M. Frachon's Mission. I will give you a few facts respecting the Paris Mission, since the arrival of Father Bissey in July 1857.—Previous to this time there existed some disagreement amongst the congregation, respecting the building of our new church; the work was discontinued, after the walls were built about nine feet. Shortly after Father Bissey's arrival the work commenced, and was so far completed by Christmas Day 1857, that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was celebrated therein for the first time. With few exceptions, our congregation are very poor; but all contributed very generously, and when the times get better, I hope the interior will be finished. In January 1858, Father Bissey procured the invaluable aid of the Sisters of St. Joseph to teach the children of our Separate School. The very great change for the better in the appearance, conduct, &c., of the children since placed under the charge of the good Sisters, is plainly evident, not only to Catholics, but to Protestants also, proving there is no education comparable to a good moral and religious one.—In March 1858, Father Bissey induced one of the Redemptionist Fathers of Detroit to come here and hold a Mission; during the week that saintly man remained here; the Confessional was crowded morning, noon, and night; so much so, that the Rev. M. Baidoux, of Dundas, was also sent for, and both day and night assisted the good Missionary. I could relate many other good deeds of our French Pastor; but as fear I have already trespassed too much on the columns of your excellent paper, I will now conclude beseeching all Catholics to become united. We have foes enough to contend with; and require our undivided strength to battle with Orangemen, Brownism, Ryersonism, Proselytism, and other isms. Let us pull together and uphold and defend Catholicism.

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DAVIS' PAIN KILLER.—It is a real pleasure to us to speak favorably of this article known almost universally to be a good and safe remedy for burns and other pains of the body. It is valuable not only for colds in the winter, but for various summer complaints, and should be in every family.—*Ch. Advocate* 10.

Birth. In this city, on the 6th instant, the wife of Mr. John Moley, of a son.

Married. In Toronto, on the 2nd instant, by the Very Rev. Mr. Bruyere, D. J. Rees, Esq., merchant, of Montreal, to Anna Maria, eldest daughter of Mr. Hughes, of Toronto. The youthful couple were accompanied to church by a large circle of friends, and the edifice presented quite an animated appearance through the vast concourse of spectators who had assembled therein to witness the eventful proceedings, as well as to offer congratulations to the happy couple.

Died. In this city, on the 9th instant, Mary Anne Foley, only daughter of the late O. C. Foley, aged four years and five months. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend her funeral on this (Friday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from her mother's residence, No. 301 La Gauchetière Street, to the Catholic Burying Ground.

On the 10th inst., at her son's residence, Chaboulez Street, Mary Hogan, wife of the late Stephen Spelley, County Clare, Ireland, aged 57 years. The funeral will take place at two o'clock, on Saturday afternoon, 12th inst. May her soul rest in peace. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend the funeral without further notice.

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