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"CHRISTIANUS MIHI NOMEN EST, CATHOLICUS VERO COGNOMEN."—"CHRISTIAN IS MY NAME, BUT CATHOLIC MY SURNAME."—St. Pacian, 4th Century.

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BISHOP CLEARY ON THE IRISH
NATIONAL LEAGUE, ORANGEISM
AND HOME RULE.

We find in the last number of the *Dublin Freeman's Journal* to hand, a sterling letter from the pen of an eminent Canadian prelate, who has proved himself on more than one occasion to be a true friend of Ireland and a courageous supporter of the Irish party, and of the demands for an Irish Parliament. The letter was a message of hope and encouragement with a golden ring, addressed to the National League in Ireland, from the Right Rev. Dr. Cleary, Bishop of Kingston. As the letter contains much that is of special interest to the Irish Canadian people, we have much pleasure in giving it a prominent place in our columns, along with the timely comments made on it by the *Dublin Freeman*. The letter reads as follows:

BISHOP'S PALACE, Kingston, Ont., Dec. 21st, 1885.
T. D. Sullivan, Esq., M. P., Dublin.
DEAR MR. SULLIVAN,—I enclose a draft for £70 11s 3d sterling, made payable to you. It is the contribution of this little city of Kingston to the Irish Parliamentary Fund, whose treasurer is requested to acknowledge its receipt through you. We have held a public meeting in our city hall to proclaim to all Canadians what it is that Ireland demands of Great Britain, and why she demands it. Ours was a splendid demonstration in regard to the number of citizens who sympathize with Ireland's constitutional efforts; and the intelligence and social worth of the men who pleaded her cause, and, above all, the irresistible force of the arguments by which the plea for Home Rule is supported. The Orange faction opposed us at our meeting, and subsequently held a special meeting of their own to denounce our "treasonable project," as they were pleased to term it. They held that they are the Derry of Canada, and they denounced the Pope one and all, and the Bishop of Kingston, and the whole Catholic Church of this and of former ages, save and except Pope Adrian the Fourth. But they failed to adduce even one argument deserving the notice of thinking men. They could not, after two weeks of consulting, canvassing, coaxing and dressing, gather as many as six gentlemen of education and recognized public merit into association with them upon their platform; and what a still sadder symptom of decay and decay of Derrism in Kingston, as on the banks of the Foyle, a large proportion of the Protestant gentlemen, who, for one reason or another, appeared at the meeting, were observed to abstain ostentatiously from any signifying approval of the empty platitudes and stale old calumnies which formed the staple of Orange eloquence on that occasion. Allow me to congratulate you on your signal success in winning for Ireland the representation of College-green in the last British Parliament. The victory so completely gained by the National Party in three of the four provinces, and so far advanced into the enemy's Northern stronghold as to give them, even there, a majority of seats in the present, with a fair prospect of further advances should another contest take place in the future, has rejoiced the hearts of all Irishmen, and of none more intensely than of Kingston's Irish sons. I remain, dear Mr. Sullivan, yours very faithfully.

JAMES VINCENT CLEARY,
Bishop of Kingston.
No doubt that this warm and sympathetic utterance from a patriotic Bishop in a foreign land will give new heart and courage to the people at home, and will let them see that the Irish exile can hold his own against the Orange foe even in the "Derry of Canada." The *Freeman's Journal* reviews a leading article to the letter of His Lordship, in the course of which it says: "It was announced yesterday that since the last meeting of the National League, America had sent \$15,000 to the Parliamentary Expenses Fund; the Irish National League of Australia had forwarded \$2,500; the people of Lyttleton, New Zealand, had contributed \$250. From the province of Ontario had come \$260 raised amongst the Irishmen of Guelph, and \$350 odd collected in the city of Kingston. Accompanying this latter subscription is a letter from the Most Rev. Dr. Cleary, formerly President of St. John's College, Waterford, subsequently Parish Priest of Dungarvan, and now Bishop of Kingston. At home Dr. Cleary was an earnest, courageous, and practical supporter of Ireland's constitutional claims; and that, too, at a time when the Home Rule proposals of Mr. Butt were looked at askance by many worthy Irishmen. In the growing prosperity of the great self-governing Province that is now the scene of his labors he finds the most convincing proof of the advantages that autonomy can confer upon a people. Moreover, in far-off Kingston there are not wanting reminders of the forces that are employed in the service of misgovernment and alien rule at home. The Orange organization has been transplanted to Canada, and

the fell anti-Catholic spirit that inspired its founders ninety years ago animates those who profess its intolerant and unchristian principles to day in the New World as in the Old. Fortunately the power of the faction is not proportionate to the malevolence of those who lead it, or to the bigotry and violence of the rank and file. The greatest danger to the future peace and prosperity of the Dominion is that the Orangemen in their blind rage against Catholicism, and their blatant Anglomania, may initiate a war of races against the Canadian Catholics of Irish and French descent. They are fiercely aggressive enemies of every thing that is Catholic and that is not British. Seeing the manifestations of their policy, and looking to its possible consequences, Dr. Cleary must often be reminded of the countless woes that Orangeism has brought upon Ireland. Even when a meeting was recently held in Kingston, as he tells in his letter, to state and to justify the Irish demand before the people of the province, the Orangemen held their inevitable counter demonstration, at which was denounced the "treasonable project" of debating a constitutional change to be constitutionally accomplished in the relations between Great Britain and Ireland. In the approved "Twelfth" fashion "they denounced the Pope one and all, and the Bishop of Kingston and the whole Catholic Church of this and of former ages, save and except Pope Adrian the Fourth," who happened to be an Englishman.

The hearty patriotism of the Irish residents in "the Derry of Canada" is vouched for not only by their generous aid to the Irish cause than by the sturdy, outspoken letter of their worthy Bishop, and taken in connection with the notable contributions from other Irish communities abroad, is a splendid testimony to the irradicable love of the Irishman for the country of his birth.

DIocese of Hamilton.

DEPARTURE FROM MOUNT FOREST OF REV. B. J. O'CONNELL.

Mount Forest Representative, Jan. 23th.
This morning the Rev. B. J. O'Connell left Mount Forest to take charge of the Catholic congregation in Galt. During the Rev. Father's ten years' residence in this town as priest of St. Mary's Church he has not only won the love of his own people but the respect of the entire public. The three addresses presented him, which are given below, show the love his congregation here has for him, while we can say as a general public, that his departure from this town is deeply regretted by all. For eight years we have known him personally and during that time have seen him improving the condition of the people from year to year and at the same time endearing himself by his warm heartedness and neighborly conduct to the Protestant people of the place. In the departure of Father O'Connell the town loses one of its most public spirited citizens; a man who has done much to improve the town and the moral tone of the place. We shall all miss his cheery presence very much and deplore that it has been seen fit to remove him. Our loss is a great gain to Galt, and to the people of that place we can say that you are getting not only a noble priest but a man any community may well be proud of.

To his successor, the Rev. Father Cassin, of Priceville, we extend a cordial welcome, and feel that no better man could have been appointed to succeed him, as he was five years ago an assistant of Father O'Connell's and therefore is better acquainted with the wants of the people than an entire stranger.
On Sunday an unusually large congregation assembled in St. Mary's Church, being the last Sunday of the Rev. Father's pastorate of the church. The Roman Catholic brethren poured in crowds from the adjoining townships to show by their presence their respect for their beloved pastor, who had so long faithfully served them. Miss Kate Strong assisted in the musical part of the service. Immediately after high mass a number of gentlemen from the congregation advanced to the sanctuary rail and Mr. M. Donnelly read the following address and Mr. John Corrigan presented a well filled purse:

To the Rev. B. J. O'Connell, P. P., St. Mary's Church, Mount Forest.
DEAR REV. FATHER—Having heard of your intended departure from our midst, we come forward on this occasion to give expression to the deep sorrow which fills our hearts, and to tender you our heartfelt gratitude for your untiring devotion to your holy calling, and our highest respect and esteem for yourself in person. It is now almost ten years since you came amongst us and when we look back and consider the state of the parish, we are indeed, feel thankful to Almighty God, for the great benefits conferred upon us through your ministry, and now at your sudden and unexpected departure, what wonder if sorrow fills our inmost hearts. Yes, dear Rev. Father, we are deeply grieved, and feel losses of a father and friend.
In the avocations of life, there is none in which is displayed the self-sacrifice that is exhibited in the Catholic priesthood, in no other position in life is displayed the devotion to duty so forcibly, in no other position is required the same abandonment of everything the world holds most dear; parents, friends and relatives, all are abandoned for Christ's sake and man's religious welfare. Of the truth of this, you have been to us a living example, ever active in the service of your divine Master, laboring in season and out of season, visiting the sick, consoling the afflicted and preparing the dying, always ready when duty called, you have proved your-

self the ever watchful and faithful shepherd of the fold. You have not only taught us to love God more, to practice the duties of our holy religion, to be industrious and temperate in our habits, but also to respect the opinions of our fellow men, to have respect for ourselves and to live in peace and harmony with our neighbors. Nor are we unmindful of the great care you have taken of God's house and of "the place where His glory dwelleth." For all these as well as for the noble stand you have taken in the cause of religion, education and temperance, we tender you our most grateful thanks, and while rejoicing over the healthy spiritual state of the parish; we must also express our admiration at its sound financial standing, and in this way acknowledge the result of your wise administration. We would indeed, Rev. Father, wish that you might have lived your lifetime amongst us; your tender and arduous care for the little ones of the flock; your unswerving devotion to duty; your mild and gentle manner, and above all, your impartial dealing with your people, have endeared you to us all. But as it is the will of divine Providence that you must leave us to labor elsewhere in the Lord's vineyard, please accept this purse as a slight token of the esteem we hold for you, and of the high regard we have for yourself in person, and when ministering at God's holy altar, we hope you will not forget us and our families, as we promise in return never to forget you in our humble prayers.

Signed in behalf of the congregation of St. Mary's Church, Mount Forest,
M. DONNELLY, L. MADDIGAN,
E. MURPHY, D. CUMMINS,
J. HASTINGS, THOS. REIDY, & R. J. P. NOONAN, D. MURPHY,
J. O'HARA, J. O'BRIEN,
P. HALPIN, J. CORRIGAN.

Immediately after this address a number of ladies stepped forward and Mrs. Daniel Murphy, in behalf of the ladies of the congregation, read the following address, and Mrs. D. Cummins presented a purse.

To the Reverend Father O'Connell, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Mt. Forest.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER—The occasion which calls us together is one of sorrow because it requires us to say to you the very sad words—good-bye. In this life we are not permitted to keep near us always those whom our wishes might dictate, but in separation from one whom we revere or cherish we only see the shadow of the journey to that great re-union where we hope to meet and where parting will not be known. We would, indeed, be either blind or ungrateful did we allow to pass unnoticed your earnest, painstaking and untiring efforts in our behalf, and the good you have accomplished. By your zeal, energy and above all, by your performance of your sacred duties you have endeared yourself to us all. During the past ten years the good you have effected through your influence on society is incalculable and will be held in lasting and grateful remembrance by the parishioners of St. Mary's Church. In conclusion, permit us to say to you this purse in behalf of the ladies of the congregation as a slight token of our esteem and affection and our many and sincere wishes for your future happiness, begging that whilst offering up the Holy Sacrifice of the mass at God's altar, you will remember us in your prayers.

LADIES OF ST. MARY'S CONGREGATION.
The Rev. Father, being considerably moved by the address, made a suitable reply to both, thanking them for the kind feelings expressed in the addresses towards him, as also for the very generous gifts bestowed on him. He strongly advised them to lead such lives as became good Catholics. He exhorted them to be sober and industrious and ever obedient to the laws of God and their country; and to extend to his successor the same obedience and respect as they had shown him, and he was sure Almighty God would in the future, as in the past, bless them and their children. He bid them farewell amidst showers of tears. In the afternoon a gold-headed cane was presented him by the Sunday School, accompanied by the following address, which was read on behalf of the school by Miss Florence Donnelly, the presentation being made by Miss Minnie Murphy.

To the Reverend Father O'Connell, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Mt. Forest.

REVEREND AND DEAR FATHER—We meet here this afternoon with feelings of sorrow and regret, sorrow caused by your intended departure, regret because we feel we often annoyed you by our thoughtless conduct. We hope that in future when we have grown older and wiser, the remembrance of your example and advice will be a guide to us in endeavoring to make our lives worthy of the position and privileges we may enjoy. Knowing that in a few days the pleasant tie that binds us together as pastor and children will have ceased to exist, we earnestly allow to be severed conveying to you our earnest gratitude for your zealous and unceasing efforts for our spiritual welfare. We beg your acceptance of this slight token as a memento for the many favors received at your hands, and we humbly solicit your prayers in our behalf. That you may regain your former health and strength, and that God may send you every blessing in your new field of labor, is the sincere prayer of each one of us.
CHILDREN OF ST. MARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL.
On the Sunday previous an address and presentation was made to Rev. Father O'Connell by the congregation of St. Patrick's church, Protoc.

New Agents.

We have great pleasure in stating that we have appointed as agents in the parish of Ennismore, Miss McCanna, Miss Tyrrell and Mr. Sullivan.

THE LEGISLATURE OF ONTARIO.

The third session of the fifth Parliament of Ontario was opened on the 28th ult., with becoming ceremony. The speech from the "throne" was rather lengthy, but contained little of importance, if we except the promise of certain new measures including a Bill for the auditing of the public accounts for the Province, a Bill for increasing the usefulness and efficiency of Mechanics' Institutes, a Bill for the amendment of the law relating to the estates of deceased persons, a Bill respecting the liability of employers for injuries suffered by their workmen.

On Friday, the 29th, the address in reply to the Lieutenant Governor's speech was proposed by Mr. Hawley, (Lennox) and seconded by Mr. Connors (Algoma West). Mr. Connors, who is entirely new to Parliamentary life, made an excellent speech. Mr. Meredith followed in a moderate speech, claiming credit for the Opposition for much that the government had done and proposed to do. On Monday, the 1st inst., Mr. White, of North Essex, moved to add to the second clause of the address the following words in reference to the North-West troubles:

"And we trust, now that peace has been restored, the supremacy of the law vindicated and maintained, and just punishment inflicted on the principal participants in the rebellion, it may be found consistent with the public interest to extend the merciful consideration of the Crown to the cases of those who are now undergoing imprisonment for offences committed during or arising out of it."

Mr. Fraser took strong objection to Mr. White's amendment, which would, he said, commit the House to an approval of the whole of the steps taken by the Dominion Government. He suggested that Mr. White accept the following in lieu of his amendment: "And this House now hopefully trusts that peace and tranquillity having been fully restored, it may be found consistent with the public interest to extend the merciful consideration of the Crown to those who are now undergoing imprisonment for offences connected with or arising out of the rebellion."

Mr. White declined and the debate proceeded. It is likely that several days will be lost in the discussion of matters altogether outside the jurisdiction of the Legislature. Mr. Mowat would render the Province excellent service by introducing a measure simplifying the procedure of the Local Assembly. The speech from the "throne" should be abolished as a relic of feudal barbarism. What the people ask and what they have a right to expect is that when their legislators meet, they proceed at once to do their duty.

PRESENTATION AT LINDSAY.

We are in this issue enabled to lay before our readers the address and presentation made on New Year's Day to Rev. Father Sweeney, assistant pastor of Lindsay.

Rev. James Sweeney, Lindsay, Ont.:

REV. AND DEAR SIR—It is a custom grounded on the best instincts of our nature, and sanctioned by the practice of our friends at this season of the year to exchange friendly greetings, and to wish one another abundance of spiritual and temporal blessings.
The custom is all the more honorable when it brings with it, as it does to-night, the expressions of good will from the people to the priest who always labored faithfully in the regard.
The congregation of St. Mary's parish, whom we represent, desire to express the pleasure they have felt since your coming to Lindsay, in observing the constancy with which you have applied yourself to their service, the zeal you have shown in whatever concerned their welfare, and the generous disregard of self that has marked your labors in their behalf.
The work of cheer you have spoken to the sick and dying has not been without its effect, and many an erring one has been turned to a better life by your kind and gentle admonition.
Therefore, reverend sir, the greater reason why on this opening day of the new year, which we believe is also the sixth anniversary of your ordination, we wish you in all sincerity, all the pleasures of the season, and a happy new year, abounding in all the blessings that become your station in life.

We have also to thank you, Rev. Father, on behalf of our Literary Society, for the kindly interest you have taken in our proceedings, and the healthy influence your encouragement has had among our fellow members.
In conclusion we beg you to accept from the congregation this present, as a slight token of their esteem, which is presented with the wish that you may enjoy good health to use it in the earnest and energetic discharge of the duties of your office.
Signed in behalf of St. Mary's congregation.
JOHN O'REILY,
ANDREW O'LOUGHLIN,
JOHN L. O'BRIEN.
January 1st, 1886.

MY DEAR FRIENDS—On this solemn occasion words fail to adequately convey the over powering sentiments of gratitude that press around my heart to-night.
This is only one of the many acts of kindness done to me since I first came amongst you, and this magnificent gift springs from your own good will and good dispositions.
Beneath this coat of fur I will always carry a warm Irish heart, and it will be all the warmer now through the combined generosity of yourselves and that of our kind parishioners.
Again I can only thank both you and them from the bottom of my heart for your generous and costly gift.
You know the deep interest I like to

take in your society, which, young as it is, has already made great strides and accomplished much.
Go on, young men, courageously, and persevere, and it will soon reflect great credit on yourselves and on your town.
From your worthy president, who presides over your deliberations with so much ability as well as zeal, down to the humblest member, all have contributed to the well now gentlemen, as if I had said enough, and it only remains for me to thank you all again for your kind present and still kinder words, and to humbly pray that the pleasant relations which have heretofore subsisted between us may always continue, and that, clad in this winter garment, which I look upon with pride, I may go forth manfully and decorously to do battle in your spiritual behalf.
Once more I will wear this handsome present as a memento of my ordination day and in grateful remembrance of the parishioners and of the C. L. Association, of Lindsay. JAMES SWEENEY, Priest.
Lindsay, Ont.

IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The following is a complete list of the subscribers in the city of Ottawa to the Irish Parliamentary Fund. Next week we shall publish the list of subscribers in the neighboring parishes:

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| Bishop of Ottawa | \$10 | M. F. Walsh | \$10 |
| Rev. M. J. Whelan | 5 | M. McDonald | 5 |
| P. P. | 5 | Daniel O'Connor | 20 |
| Rev. J. A. Sloan | 5 | Capt. W. McCaffrey | 5 |
| Hon. J. Costigan | 25 | Joseph Kavanagh | 5 |
| P. Baskerville | 10 | Kavanagh Bros. | 4 |
| P. P. | 10 | Patrick Cassidy | 10 |
| John Honey | 5 | Richard John | 1 |
| J. and Lyons | 5 | Patrick Kelly | 1 |
| J. K. | 5 | John Gleason | 1 |
| P. Brinkley | 1 | E. J. McEvoy | 2 |
| G. Brock | 1 | George Goodwin | 10 |
| John Barrett | 1 | James C. Brown | 2 |
| O. Ryan | 1 | John Boyle | 1 |
| John Burke | 1 | Chas. Golden | 1 |
| Wm. McEvela | 1 | Wm. Driscoll | 1 |
| John Casey (Dal- | 1 | James Mundy | 2 |
| houise St.) | 5 | James White | 1 |
| J. J. Higgins | 5 | James Gleason | 1 |
| C. J. Higgins | 2 | Michael D. Kelly | 1 |
| Thos. Casey | 2 | Thos. Kinsella | 1 |
| Thos. Nolan | 1 | John Kinsella | 1 |
| J. McCall | 1 | James Kinsella | 1 |
| J. B. Lynch | 2 | James O'Connor | 4 |
| M. W. Casey | 1 | John O'Connor | 1 |
| James Higgins | 2 | F. O'Reilly | 1 |
| E. P. Stanton | 5 | Nelson Renaud | 1 |
| James Bennett | 5 | Alex. Devlin | 1 |
| J. G. Foley | 5 | Slattery Bros. | 1 |
| J. A. Gorman | 3 | H. Thorbahn | 1 |
| J. A. McCann | 1 | Michael O'Brien | 1 |
| E. O'Leary | 2 | Wm. O'Connor | 1 |
| Michael Sarrs | 10 | Florence Mahony | 1 |
| J. L. P. O'Hanly | 10 | John Casey (Nel- | 2 |
| J. A. MacCabe | 5 | son of) | 2 |
| Chas. Murphy | 5 | J. J. McGowan | 1 |
| Frank Brennan | 2 | J. Templeton | 1 |
| J. P. Hanrahan | 10 | P. Gallagher | 5 |
| Wm. Wain | 5 | Roderick Ryan | 20 |
| A. Friend | 10 | James G. Moylan | 10 |
| M. J. O'Doherty | 1 | Wm. Mackey | 20 |
| W. McKay & Son | 10 | W. H. Waller | 5 |
| Thos. Barnard | 3 | John Redmond | 5 |
| T. J. Richardson | 3 | M. Finn | 5 |
| James Barry | 5 | John O'Leary | 1 |
| A. Friend | 5 | Wm. Cowan | 5 |
| James Blunkett | 2 | Martin O'Garra | 10 |
| M. O'Leary | 5 | G. O'Gorman | 2 |
| M. O'Farrell | 10 | Keske Bros. | 15 |
| James Dalton | 2 | Denis Murphy | 5 |
| Andrew Devine | 1 | J. Kavanagh | 2 |
| P. J. Bennett | 1 | John Kennedy | 2 |
| Edward Danne | 5 | Wm. Slattery | 1 |
| Mary Hanlan | 1 | Thomas Casey | 1 |
| John Burke | 2 | M. O'Donnell, Fitz | 2 |
| E. Ryan | 10 | John Gilhooly | 1 |
| G. P. Brophy | 5 | Wm. Finlay | 1 |
| F. B. Hayes | 10 | Wm. Wall | 2 |
| Mayor McDougall | 10 | Moses Nolan | 1 |
| P. A. Egleson Jr. | 5 | John Kehoe | 1 |
| P. Farrell | 2 | John Brown | 1 |
| Denis O'Neill | 2 | J. R. Armstrong | 1 |
| P. Brennan | 1 | Hugh Quinn | 1 |
| John Barrett | 1 | John McStravick | 1 |
| Patrick Kelly | 1 | James Kearns | 5 |
| Mich. Fitzmaurice | 5 | J. James Mandy | 50 |
| James Kearns | 5 | A. Andrew Dolan | 50 |
| P. J. Coffey | 1 | Hamill Ruelle | 50 |
| A. F. McElvaine | 1 | John Hanrahan | 50 |
| L. Ferris | 1 | Patrick Canty | 1 |
| Maurice Bennett | 5 | | |
| Patrick Canty | 1 | | |

Total for the city of Ottawa up to date, \$535.00.

Ottawa, Feb. 1st, 1886.

FROM QUEBEC.

Quebec Telegraph, January 2d.

As previously announced, a lecture on Daniel O'Connell was last evening delivered by the Reverend Brother Maurice in the hall of the Cercle de La Salle. The chair was occupied by the President of the Society, Mr. J. Boyce, who in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker of the evening, Rev. Bro. Maurice, in the course of his very able and eloquent lecture, dwelt at some length upon the boyhood and education of the great Liberator, and cited passages from some of O'Connell's letters, written while engaged in the study of law, to his brother, which showed the great ambition with which he was at an early age imbued. The lecturer, in a very interesting manner, traced O'Connell's successful career at the Bar; his election to Parliament, and the forcing of the great Emancipation Bill, which won for him the title of Liberator. He here quoted the saying of Lacordaire "that eight millions of people sat down in the British House of Parliament in the person of O'Connell." He related the history of the great repeal movement, its rise and disastrous failure and the events which followed. He spoke in a most pathetic manner of the great tribulation upon his native land in '45, and of his futile efforts to obtain from the British Parliament the aid which his country so much needed. The reverend lecturer feelingly related O'Connell's depart-

ure for Rome and his sad death in Genoa. In the course of his remarks, he quoted some of the most noted sayings of the Dominican preacher, Father Tom Burke, of America's silver tongued orator, Wendell Phillips, and of other famed orators and historians. The speaker time and again elicited rounds of applause by the expression of the deep sentiments and patriotism which his lecture abounded in. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by a vote of thanks being moved by Mr. D. Walsh and seconded by Mr. John Power.

Correspondence of the Catholic Record.

FROM HAMILTON.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.

Several gentlemen of this city have organized a company to be known as the "Hamilton Brush Company" for the purpose of manufacturing brushes on a large scale. Mr. F. Barlette, one of the oldest brush makers of Hamilton, who has been manufacturing on his own account for many years, and whose goods are so well and favorably known throughout the province, will be the Managing Director. The company will manufacture under an entirely new process just patented in Canada, and have the sole right to manufacture in the Dominion. The process alluded to has been in use in the United States for two years and gives excellent satisfaction. No metal or nails are used. The following are the officers of the company: Henry Arland, Pres.; J. F. Kavanagh, Vice Pres.; Jas. O'Brien, Sec.; Treas.; F. Barlette, Manager; Wm. Kavanagh and E. L. Barlette, Directors. The first four mentioned gentlemen are also Directors. Mr. E. L. Barlette is an experienced brush manufacturer. He is a brother of the Manager, and under their personal supervision, we have every reason to expect the new company will be a prosperous one. We wish them every success in their undertaking.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

The Catholics of Hamilton are justly proud of their Separate Schools. They are five in number, and are second to none in the Province. In the model school adjoining the cathedral all the higher branches are taught, so that Catholics have no reason to go outside of their own schools to obtain a first class education.

On Jan. 10th last His Lordship the Bishop opened the new St. Vincent's School, on Main street. This is one of the finest schools in the Province, and its erection will be a great boon to the Catholics of that vicinity who are largely indebted to Mr. Alban West for his untiring exertions to bring about its establishment. St. Lawrence School, John and Ferry streets, has been enlarged to twice its former size, and will be opened in a few days. Both of these schools have been planned and erected under the supervision of Mr. R. Clabery, and their great credit on that gentleman, who promises to be one of the foremost architects of the Province.

The following gentlemen compose the Separate School Board for the year 1886: No. 1. Ward, Rev. J. Craven, re-elected; M. J. Foster, No. 2. Ward, Chas. Leyden, Chas. L. Br., newly elected; No. 3. Ward, Alban Best, re-elected; J. Zingales, No. 4. Ward, J. T. Beatty, re-elected; Patrick Duff, No. 5. Ward, Very Rev. E. J. Heenan, V. G., re-elected; Jas. O'Brien, No. 6. Ward, Alfred Bates, newly elected; Rev. Father Bergman, No. 7. Ward, P. Roman, re-elected. L. K.

Correspondence Catholic Standard.

Two Converts in Lancaster.

On Sunday afternoon, December 20th, a notable event in Catholic circles took place in Lancaster, Pa., at St. Ann's Church. It was no other than the reception of two young men, students from a prominent Protestant institution here. Their professions of faith and the subsequent baptism of one of them were made publicly at Vespers. The young man in question was Felix Baum, a junior and beneficiary student in the reformed Theological Seminary attached to Franklin and Marshall College, and the other was Frank Schoedler, a junior in Franklin and Marshall College. Baum was born in Berlin, Germany, was baptised a Catholic, but fell away from his faith and became connected with the Lutheran church, and was confirmed in it; but on Sunday he became a penitent, making anew his profession of faith. He is about twenty-eight years of age and speaks five languages, among them being German, French, Hungarian and Spanish. He is also an excellent Hebrew, Greek and Latin scholar. He attended the reformed school in Mecklenburg and the gymnasium in Hamberg. Schoedler, the other young convert, is the son of a reformed Minister, stationed at Turbotville, Northumberland County, and is an excellent scholar, also an excellent musician, and at present is engaged as organist at St. Mary's Church here. Both young men have been under instructions with Rev. Father Kaul, pastor of St. Anthony's church, for some time past. Father Kaul has been very successful in his securing of converts to our holy religion. The professions of faith and baptism, as already stated, were public, and St. Anthony's church was crowded with people anxious to witness the ceremony, as it had become generally known that the event was to take place as it did. After the Sacrament of Baptism, benediction was given, and the young men were congratulated on all sides. J. H. Wagner, Esq., who is a convert from the reformed Ministry acted as sponsor for Mr. Schoedler, and he and your correspondent, who by the way, is a convert of Father Kaul's, too, knelt within the sanctuary during the profession of faith made by Mr. Baum. Both young men have severed their connection with the Franklin and Marshall College and Theological Seminary, and have located themselves for the present among Catholic friends.