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LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP WALSH TO HON. EDWARD BLAKE.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT IRISHMEN AGAIN BECOME UNITED-A CONVENTION IN DUBLIN, WITH ADVISORY REPRESEN-TATION FROM IRISHMEN IN FOREIGN LANDS, SUGGESTED AS THE MEANS OF OBTAINING UNITY-MR. BLAKE AGREES.

Hon. Edward Blake left Toronto last Wednesday, for San Francisco en route for Australia. Prior to his departure, in an interchange of letters between him and the Archbishop of Toronto, Dr. Walsh, a scheme was formulated for the holding of a great convention to restore unity in the Irish party. The correspondence will be made public to-morrow by the Catholic Register.

The Archbishop warmly thanks Mr. Blake for his services to Ireland, and then continues:—I think, too, Sir, that we in this country have a right and a duty to raise our voice in protest against the destructive dissensions that rend the ranks of the Irish Parliamentary representatives, that do so much to discredit their cause and ruin their effectiveness. Canada has contributed generously towards the Home Rule Parliamentary fund. Not much more than a year ago we, here in Toronto, in the midst of great financial depression, subscribed handsome sum of something more than \$7,000. In other cities and districts of

the Dominion sums proportionately as large were freely given for the purpose. In view of these large monetary contributions, in view of the material and moral aid which, by words and acts, and even by resolutions unanimously passed in the Dominion Parliament, we have given to you towards the Irish cause, we Canadians have a right to deplore and deprecate the fatal dissensions that have weakened and paralyzed the Irish Parliamentary representation, and that have thwarted and baffled the home rule cause. This is not the place to discuss the cause of these dissensions; it must suffice here to raise our voice in protest against them, and to declare that those responsible for them have brought shame and dishonor on their country and are guilty of high treason against the Irish race at home and abroad.

For those fatal dissensions it is our solemn conviction that neither you nor those with whom you are working are in any wise responsible. You have but been their victims. In order to try to keep peace and harmony in your ranks you have borne quietly with misrepresentations and calumnies until patience ceased to be a virtue, and your silence was construed by some into admission of guilt. Will Irishmen never give heed to the warning of our national poet, which is also the teaching of our sad history.

"Erin, thy silent tear never shall cease,
Erin, thy languid smile ne'er shall increase
Till like the rainbow's light
Thy various tints unite,
And form in Heaven's sight,
One arch of peace."

HOW IS IT TO BE DONE?

How is this necessary union to be effected? How are the Irish national forces to be focused into a great centre of strength and power? It seems to me that to the solution of this problem Irish patriotism and Irish statesmanship should now devote themselves. Surely vitality to shake off from her the fatal dissensions that have of late preyed upon her and threatened the extinction of her national life: surely she must not allow the waves and storms of angry passions and internecine feuds.

despair, it is rather a time for couragetoo far towards realization to be now tions indulged by certain of the Irish representatives, and doubtless they can

As an Irishman interested in the destinies of my native land I trust I may, without presumption, venture to make a amongst the Nationalists of Ireland so do so. The Premier pointed out that the necessary for the success of the cause presentatives of the clergy and people of tion of the Irish race abroad. In that convention let Ireland speak out her mind, let not her voice be like a broken musical instrument emitting discord and notes and jarring sounds, but let it on the contrary be clear, loud and emphatic, insisting on unity and condemn-ing faction. Let her point out and uphold the Parliamentary representatives whose methods and conduct she approves, and let her mark out and conlemn those whose intolerance of control, personal jealousies and animosities have done so much to break the unity and waste the strength of the national party.

them out and cast them from her as things more noxious than the serpen' ,8 St. Patrick banished from her sho res. In that convention let the voice of Ireland's sons abroad be heard and their advice considered. They live ur der free institutions and are accustor ned to the workings of deliberative assemblies and representative governments, and hence the advice and experience of their chosen delegates, in the present condi-tions of Irish affairs, would be of the

utmost value and importance. Surely representative Irishmen in convention assembled, free from prejudices and passions, having at heart not the triumph of party or faction, but the welfare and honor of their race and the triumph of their country's cause, will be able to concert and adopt such measures as will enforce proper discipline and due subordination in the ranks of the nation's representatives, and in this way will be able to secure amongst them that unity of purpose and action so absolutely vital to their success.

A great national convention, such as I venture to suggest, speaking with the authority of the nation and voicing its fixed and unalterable purpose to labor for and to win the right of self-govern-ment, would give new hope, and heart and energy to Irishmen at home and abroad, and it would be able to restore unity amongst the ranks of the Irish Nationalist representatives, to make them, once more, a compact body and an irresistible power in the Imperial Parliament. When Ireland speaks to England through such a body her just demands cannot be long refused her.

Wishing you a safe and prosperous voyage to the sunny lands of the South ern cross, and with sentiments of sincere

esteem, Believe me to be,
My dear Mr. Blake,
Yours very faithfully,
John Walsh, Archbishop of Toronto. [Hon. Mr. Blake's reply will be found

HON. JUDGE CURRAN.

on sixth page.]

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS APPOINTMENT LAST WEEK.

ENGLISH PRECEDENT THE BASIS-A BRIEF SKETCH OF HON. MR. JUSTICE CURRAN'S

On Friday last the following despatch came from the Capital:

OTTAWA, October 17.—As has been already indicated in this correspondence would probably be the case, the vacancy on the Superior Court Bench in Montreal has been filled by the appointment of Solicitor General Curran, who left for Montreal this afternoon, and will be sworn in at once. In making this appointment the Government has been guided by English practice, which is that when a vacancy occurs on the Bench it falls of right to the Attorney-General or the Solicitor-General, should either desire the appointment. It may be mentioned that this precedent was followed by Hon. Alex. Mackenzie when he was premier, b appointing Hon. Mr. Fournier, then minister of justice and attorney-general of Canada, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, and was several times followed by Sir John Macdonald. The custom is clearly laid down in Todd's Parliamentary Practice in England, volume 2, page \$21. This was fully explained by Sir Mackenzie Bowell Ireland must still have the power and to Mr. Mitchell, who waited on him to present the protest of Bishop Bond and others against the appointment of anyone but an English-speaking Protestant to fill the vacancy caused by Sir Francis herself like a derelict ship at sea to drift | Johnson's death. The Premier further about aimlessly and hopelessly a prey to stated that he deeply regretted that the questions of religion and nationality should have been introduced into the This is not a time for despondency or matter at all. So long as he was Premier he would resolutely resist any attempt ous resolve and earnest action. The to raise the question of nationality or Home Rule cause has cost the Irish race | religion with respect to appointments to too many sacrifices; it has been pushed the Bench, which, above all others. should be made solely on the grounds of abandoned, because of the difficulties capacity and merit. As to Mr Curran's that beset it. These difficulties are for fitness in these respects there should be the most part the direct result of per- no question whatever. He was a gentleschal jealousies, animosities and ambi- man of high standing in his profession, who had long experience, an unblemished character and highly esteemed by his be pushed out of the way by the united fellow-citizens in Montreal, of all creeds and determined action of the Irish and nationalities. It was well known that Mr. Curran had once before been offered a judgeship by another premier, which he had not then seen fit to accept, and when he desired to retire to the Bench he (the suggestion, which, if acted on, would in Premier) thought that he was perfectly opinion be instrumental in securing entitled by his position as Solicitor-Genpractice of appointing attorneys-general they have at heart. My suggestion is and solicitors-general to the Bench was this: Let a great national convention be constantly followed in England, and inheld in Dublin, composed of chosen re- stanced the most recent case, that of Sir Charles Russell, who was attorney-genreland and of an advisory representater al in Lord Rosebery's administration, and who had been appointed to one of the highest judicial positions in the Empire. The Premier added that, although Sir Charles Russell was a Roman

Mr. Curran is a son of the late Charles

Catholic, that had never once been men-

tioned in England, as an objection to the

appointment. Indeed, he doubted whether one half of the people knew what

religion Sir Charles followed, and the

other half did not care. They knew he

was a competent man, and the appoint-

ment was a good one and that was suffi-

cient.

In 1865 he married Mary Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Patrick Brennan. He was called to the Bar in 1863, and was appointed a Q.C., in 1882.

The Manhattan college, under the presidency of Cardinal McClosky, conferred the degree of LL.D. on him in June 1881, an honor also conferred on him by Ottawa University. He unsuccessfully contested Shefford for the Commons at the general elections of 1874, being defeated by the late Hon. L. S. Huntington. He was first returned to Parliament for Montreal Centre in 1882, was re-elected in 1887 and at the last general election. He was appointed Solicitor-General on the 6th December, 1892.

HONORED AT ST. ANN'S.

An Address from the Ladies of the Parish The progress of St. Ann's bazaar was pleasantly interrupted last Friday even-ing when the ladies, having extended an tian charity.

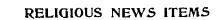
1842, and educated at St. Mary's college, of this parish and the good ladies and Montreal, and at Ottawa University. He their husbands are so prominently congraduated as a B.C.L. at McGill in 1862. nected, whether it be in school matters, and after a full classical and theological their husbands are so prominently con-nected, whether it be in school matters,

Now, ladies and gentlemen, I will just say, in conclusion, that I cannot adequately express my thanks for the very beautiful address that you have just presented to me. That it expresses the sentiments of your hearts I know. It speaks volumes for the relations that have always existed between me and those whom I have had the honor to represent.

I sincerely trust that the people of this city, whatever race or creed they may belong to, will always be united together in the bonds of fraternal love and Chris-

in matters of moral advancement and in all those different spheres of action meant for the betterment of the people. I say I shall not be debarred, but that you may always consider me as one of yourselves. That is the mode in which I should like to employ any leisure time having special charge of the Montreal jail. To him also was entrusted most of the work connected with the building of the new parish church, which is now an ornament to the city. In acknowledgment of the many valuable services rendered, the pastor of the church, the Rev. Abbe Lavallee, presented his worthy vicar with a valuable gold watch when the latter was appointed chaplain of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd in 1877. In his new position, the energetic young priest had again occasion to display his administrative powers, and the chapel of the convent, and the spacious and beautiful Academy of St. Louis de Gonzague were built under his care and direction. The success achieved by Abbe Racicot in financial matters soon took him to a wider field of action, and in 1880 he was called to the Palace by Archbishop Fabre to assume the charge of procurator of the episcopal corporation. He was apadviser of the Good Shepherd Convent, a done for arts, sciences, commerce, agriposition which he still retains. The financial embarassments of the episcopal corporation and the construction of the new cathedral, were the two great difficult problems with which the new procurator had to cope upon coming into office, and the results have amply shown that he was equal to the task. On May 1, 1892, when the Chapter of Montreal was reconstituted, Abbe Racicot was

made a canon-Canon Racicot was in charge of the Canadian pilgrimage to Rome and to Lourdes last year, and he made the excursion a success. With so many things yet to be done for the satisfactory establishment of Laval in Montreal, it is acknowledged that, as vice-Rector of the University, Canon Racicot is the right man in the right place.



Masonic lodges are decreasing in In Milwaukee II,810scholars attend the

parochial schools. The next German Catholic Congress

will take place at Dortmund in 1896. Two negro students have entered the law department of the Catholic University.

Rev. Robert Whitty, S.J., the most aged on the list of the fathers of the English Province, is dead.

The fruit of one week's mission to New York, was a hundred converts.

The Agrarian party in Germany has made alliance with the whole of the Right and part of the Centre, and they think they have a majority this time. The Alumni of the American College of Louvain, of which association Bishop

Maes, of Covington, is president, will meet in Washington during the session of the Eucharistic Congress. A reception was recently tendered to Rev. John D. Chadwick of New York, by the young men of St. Stephen's parish, on his appointment as chaplain on the battle-ship "Muine." He is the third

Catholic chaplain to be appointed to the United States Navy since its creation. Brother Thomas O'Neill, S. J., identified with Chicago's early history and one of the oldest Catholic educators in that city, died at St. Ignatius College recently, aged 69 years. Brother O'Neill was Father Damien's assistant in the parochial schools for year and was

widely known in Chicago. Fourteen prominent publication houses in Germany have organized an Association of Christian Book Publishers." Its object is to use their craft and business in the interest of the principles of Christianity, and to antagonize the spread of pernicious and anti-Christian literature in every shape and

form. Replying to an address of the Catholics at Selkirk, Archbishop Langevin says that the cause he and all his Catholic friends had been fighting for the past five years had been greatly strengthened by resolutions passed at a conference of Anglican Bishops in Montreal recently favoring separate schools and also by the letters of Principal Grant, voicing the sentiments of the Presbyterian Church.

MONSIGNOR O'BRIEN ILL.

Some consternation was caused on Sunday morning in St. Patrick's church when Monsignor O'Brien, who was celebrating low Mass, was seen to suddenly faint away. He was taken to his room and Dr. MacDonald was at once summoned. The latter found the Rev. prelate in such a weak condition that Rev. Father Quinlivan, the parish priest, ad ministered the last rights of the church. Mgr. O'Brien has just returned from a trip to St. Paul, Minn., and he has also been present at the Shortis trial at Beauharnois, and it is thought by his friends that the strain has been too much for him. Mgr. O'Brien is a member of the Pope's household in Rome, and has frequently visited Canada, where his kindly nature has endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. At a late hour on Sunday night the Rev. prelate,

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ISSUED BY THE BISHOPS OF MONTREAL.

THE QUESTION OF JOURNALISM DISCUSSED, AND THE DUTIES OF THE CHURCH, STATE AND PEOPLE-A SYNOPSIS OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE LETTER.

Before parting the Roman Catholic bishops who took part in the Provincial Council, recently held in Montreal, drafted a joint pastoral letter addressed to all the people of the ecclesiastical province of Montreal, on what they themselves call one of the most serious matters that can be treated at the present time, that is the press, which is a powerful instrument for instruction, morality and progress, but which is also. alas! in many cases, a cause of peril for souls, of trouble, scandal and ruin for society.'

The first part of the pastoral refers to the 'duties of the press.' The bishops recognize the influence of the press for the promotion of all that is good and summarily enumerates all that it has culture and the relations between nations far and near. They declare that 'to suppress the press would be to take away one of the most powerful levers of the universal civilization towards which the present generation runs with indefatigable ardor and as if irresistibly pushed along.' The bishops then go on to say that the press cannot, however, be given unlimited liberty, which would be disastrous both for individuals and for society. The press must be guided and watched. It remains subject to divine and human laws, and is bound by serious and sacred duties that do not mutilate its liberty, but simply fix its legitimate its merry, but simply hx its regul-mate and honorable limits, and indicate the route which it must follow to avoid erring fatally. The pastoral then refers more specially to the duties of the press in religious and political questions, and in the choice of and manner of publish-ing the items which daily fill the col-mons of powsparage. It maints out that unins of newspapers. It points out that a Roman Catholic journal must not only never attack the Church, but must also, when circumstances require it, publicly assert its allegiance to the religious authority.

On the question of the duties of the press as regards politics, the hishops say: The press, in its quality of intellectual power, constitutes, especially in politics,

A KIND OF ARISTOCRACY.

It is a control over the powers, the protection of minorities, the help of legislators, the mirror of public opinion, the Protestants in the Paulists' Church, light and guide of electors. Hence New York, was a hundred converts. haps not always understood." on, they say that it is good and useful to keep responsible governments constantly under the eye of the people, that the people may observe them, study them, praise them, blame them, and, if need be, force them to respect justice and right. It rests with the press to do this, to watch statesmen, to make the people acquainted with their public acts, their manner of governing, their projects and their tendencies. 'The press,' the pastoral adds, also represents right. When circumstances require it, it raises its indignant voice, it protests with energy, battles courageously, proch in . while maintaining them within the limits of moderation and justice, the legitimate claims of a whole nation, and finally reason prevails and right triumphs.

After referring to the duties of the press towards electors and the working classes, the bishops refer in the following plain language to the items published in the daily newspapers: "The tublie have the unquestionable right to be neither deceived nor scandalized by the anecdotes and reports of events placed each day before their eyes. The newspaper is the refore held to use the greatest caution in the choice and writing up of facts, and news which now-a-da enpy such a large place. It mus a only what it knows to be true, not as certain what is more rumer and All much less 4 ublish gossip which it knows to be completely false or even on insive towards certain persons or certain institutions. What a number of honest reputations have been lost through the indiscretion of the press! Is there not a risk to cause, perhaps irreparable injury, by leaving in unskilled or malevolent hands, or with unintelligent employees who do not mind what iney print, the care of gathering and publishing items often of a most compromising miture? Anyhow, the lying journal and the badly in ormed journal are undoubtedly, for the masses, two prelific sources of prejudices, talse views and anjust appreciation. A journal acair los singlignity and fails in its duty

BY HAWKING SCANDALS,

by giving up to public domain what belong to private domain only, by favoring, through its advertisements and reports, bad shows, amusements opposed to order, good morals, or Sunday observance by opening its columns to a detailed and complaisant description of crime.

CONCLUDED ON FIFTH PAGE.

WONDERFUL the growth of Catholicity in the older centres of American civilization. One hundred years ago, we are told, one Bishop, in Baltimore, attended with case to the wants of the scattered Catholics along the Atlantic seaboard although not out of danger, was reported to have improved considerably. He is receiving the best of attention from the millions under their care.



NEWLY APPOINTED JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

invitation to the Hon. J. J. Curran to be present, called upon Mr. Curran to go upon the platform and there presented him with the following

ADDRESS.

"The news of your appointment to the vacancy on the Bench of the Superior Court, Montreal, was nowhere received with more sincere pleasure and conspicuous evidences of satisfaction than among your many old and true friends in St. Ann's. Your long and untarnished career in the political arena, where your splendid gifts of brain and heart were unstintingly lavished in the interests of the pepole and for the welfare of the Canadian land, is a creditable and brilliant record to look back upon.

"As you leave the field of politics to enter upon the sphere of action for which your legal acumen and wide experience have so well fitted you, your high personal character has long since won for you a nigher and more honored place in the hearts of the people than any promotion, however high, could bestow, and the present appointment is after all but the outward expression of a wish that has long been felt by your numerous admirers and constituents.

'Clothed with a new honor, which the Government of Canada has conferred upon a faithful and worthy servant in the cause of right, you stand here on the stage of old St. Ann's, where the echoes of your patriotic sentiments, phrased by the genius of your eloquence, have so often rung in our ears, and we ask you to receive our greeting and congratulations, accompanied by the wish of all assembled here, that you may long be spared to occupy the honored and exalted position of Judge of the Superior Court of Montreal, and, when called by the Almighty Father of all from this earthly sphere, your virtues of soul may have merited for you a high place in the still more Superior Court of Heaven,"

Signed by the ladies of St. Ann's

MR. CURRAN'S REPLY.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,-The many tokens of kindness that have been showered upon me for so many ears past prevents me from saying that I am taken by surprise by this beautiful address which has just been presented to me on behalf of the ladies of this parish. I am not surprised at it, because I know the warm friends that had so long surrounded me. I know how often I have been honored by the confidence of the people of this section of the city and what an agreeable task it was for me to work in their interests as well as in the

interests of our common country.

I find this an admirable opportunity, when the ladies have so thoughtfully presented me with this address, to say the few words of farewell that it was my duty to say upon this occasion, and what place could be more appropriate than here, where my old friends, the friends of my family, all belong. I trust, in so far as it will not in any way conflict with the duties which I shall hereafter be Feuds have in the past been the ruin came to Canada in the present or ntury.

Amr. Curran is a son of the late charles the late of Archbishop to have improved the late of Archbishop the late of Archb

I have during the long years that it has been my lot to represent the people, and for many years previously, ever since I had the honor of standing upon a public platform in the Dominion of Canada, entertained an ardent wish and it has been my endeavor to say that which I thought would bring about a union of hearts and minds amongst all creeds and classes.

I may say that I am perfectly satisfied that, if we are to have a prosperous country, if we are to have a happy people, building up a new nation, it can only be done by those differing in creed understanding each other and working in harmonious accord in all those undertakings for the promotion of charity. where the generous hand may extend its benevolence, and where all may labor in the common interest, where all may unite, and, working together, stamp out all those miserable prejudices which sometimes manifest themselves, and which I believe are now nearly dead in our country. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. You have spoken of my past career; of the character I bore. When I tell you I have received to-day from the Atlantic to the Pacific telegrams of congratulation, from all manner of men, without distinction of race or creed, you will understand me when I say that I am gratified, but I am still more happy to find that here, where I am best known, amongst the people 1 have tried to serve, I have had such a heartfelt welcome to-night.

I bid you all farewell in one sense, and, through you, my old constituents generally, but as I trust to be with you in our good old city for many years, and when I retire from the Bench, I hope to have the testimony that I have discharged my duties as well in that capacity as you were kind enough to say I have fulfilled those which I have been called upon to perform for so many years as a representative of the people in Parliament.

CANON RACICOT.

The New Vice-Rector of Laval University.

The different faculties of the Montreal branch of Laval University have reason to rejoice over the appointment of the Rev. Canon Racicot as successor of the Rev. Abbe Proulx to the position of Vice-Rector of the institution, which position the former incumbent has recently resigned. A better choice, it is said, could not have been made, for in Canon Racicot are united knowledge and administrative capacity, combined with energy and affable manners.

After having been chosen by the bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Montreal and the university authorities here, the appointment of the new Vice-Rector had, according to the charter, to be ratified by the head council of Laval, in Quebec, and that was done at a meeting held yesterday morning.
Canon Zotique Racicot was born at

Sault au Reculct, on October 18, 1845. His father was the late F. X. Racicot,