

Board of Trustees for 1881 was held on Tuesday evening the 11th inst. There was a full attendance of the members. The newly elected members were duly installed and the Treasurer's accounts for the year read as certified to by the auditors. The following is the abstract statement of the Receipts and Expenditure:

RECEIPTS.	
To balance on hand from 1879..	\$ 825 30
" Government grant.....	889 00
" School fees.....	748 51
" Taxes.....	3,500 00
	\$5,962 81

EXPENDITURES.	
By teachers' salaries.....	\$3,541 65
" Caretakers' ".....	333 20
" Interest.....	866 73
" Fuel.....	293 19
" Rent of school house.....	204 00
" Insurance.....	45 00
" Sundry accounts.....	316 41
	\$5,600 18

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1880. 362 63
After the transaction of other routine business, a committee of the whole was formed and following officers were elected for the current year, viz:

Chairman.—Very Rev. E. I. Heenan, V. G.
Secretary.—Charles Leyden.
Treasurer.—P. Rouan.
Superintendent.—Rev. J. S. O'Leary.
Auditors.—W. J. Harris, and Wm. McDonald.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Hamilton has within its limits 50 miles of water-pipe, and 447 hydrants. The gross receipts of the waterworks office during 1880 were nearly \$100,000, and the expenditure about \$40,000.

There were 600 deaths in this city during the past year, consumption, as usual, carrying off more than any other disease. The value of property destroyed by fire within the past twelve months amounts to \$14,000, which is said to be less than during the preceding year.

Mr. T. J. Baine, who is about leaving the city, was made the recipient of a valuable ring and handsome address, on Saturday evening by his fellow-employees of Mr. Thos. Ward's establishment.

CHIPS.

Soft and slushy on Thursday. Weather cleared recovered from the holidays, and thinking it was April gave us a balmy breeze or two. Discovering his mistake the same night he opened the North Pole valve and "let us have it," hard and as cold as the heart of an Irish landlord.

People don't cough all the time in church, even in winter. To be sure they keep up a crescendo concert of sneezes and coughs—solo and chorus—from the beginning; but when the magic words, "banns of marriage" come from the pulpit, a silence breaks in as sudden and as awful as that which succeeds the simultaneous cessation of twenty trip-hammers. The important announcement made, the concert is resumed with renewed vigor and spirit acquired by the relaxation.

Housekeepers are much exercised over the present shape of the *Mail and Globe*. There was a time when these papers were of considerable economic value in the kitchen, pantry and dining-room. When folded double and trimmed at the edge they made such nice covers for shelves and cupboard tops, and they were just splendid for tying up large parcels; but "since they made books of them, we can make no hand of them."

A newspaper sage says: A man may be like a piano—upright but not grand. May not a man resemble a piano in its other beauties—grand, but not upright?

CLANCAHILL.

QUEBEC LETTER.

Did I not know it to be impossible to do so, I would fear tiring your readers with the doings of our branch of the

LAND LEAGUE.
A second remittance of fifty pounds sterling—making eighty in all—has been made to the parent institution in Dublin this week. New members continue to join.

ECOLOGICAL.

His Grace the Archbishop visited the Laval Normal school on Friday and said mass there. He also visited the convent of the Sisters of Charity during the week. Revd. Mr. Methot is much improved in health, and is now permitted to drive out. He is still in the General Hospital.

THE ST. PATRICK'S LITERARY INSTITUTE have commenced the season's series of weekly concerts and readings. A large and highly appreciative audience favored them with their presence. The entertainment was an excellent one, both in variety and style, and the audience were well rewarded for their attendance. The proceedings commenced with a chorus, "Welcome to friends." This was succeeded by recitations by Masters Boivert and Gallagher. Miss O'Connell made her first appearance in a piano solo, which she rendered in a brilliant and tasteful style. This young lady gives great promise of being a favorite performer. Miss Hawkins next sang "Nina" in a very sweet and pleasing manner and was deservedly encored. The next item on the programme was an original ode, "The Geraldine's wife," by Mr. Joseph K. Foran, and which he introduced with an historical sketch of Pamela, the faithful wife of the patriotic Lord Edward Fitzgerald. A new attraction was next presented to a Quebec audience in the person of Miss Maguire, who sang "Good night, my child." This young lady fairly took the house by storm. She was vociferously encored, to which she gracefully acceded. The appearance of Miss Carey in a piano solo was the signal for loud applause. Mr. A. Gingras sang "Mother, I've come home to die," and was loudly encored. The popular favorite, Mr. Gus Kuhring, next appeared in a violin solo to piano accompaniment by Miss O'Connell. It is only necessary to say that Mr. Kuhring's performance was fully in keeping with his ability as a violinist; he elicited loud and continued applause. The beautiful song "Beware" was then sung by Miss O'Mally, in a most bewitching and effective manner, and an encore was loudly demanded and given. Mr. B. Jennings recited "The Execution of Montrose," in a style which denotes the possession of considerable histrionic talent. A vocal duet by Misses O'Connell and Maguire, accompanied on the violin by Mr. Kuhring, next followed. Here again both young ladies won the applause of all present. The performance was brought to a close by two gentlemen of the "burnt

cork persuasion," Messrs. Hare and Stock, whose comic songs to banjo accompaniment drew forth rounds of applause; an encore, and yet another appearance was necessary to satisfy the audience. It is pleasing to be able to say that arrangements have been made for a repetition of this popular mode of spending a pleasant evening, on each Thursday, for the remainder of the season.

MISCELLANEOUS.
"Emerson the thinker," was the subject of a lecture by Mr. George Stewart, editor of the *Chronicle*, before the Y. M. C. A., during the week.

The election of Trustees of St. Patrick's took place, as announced, on Sunday. A curious complication has arisen. Mr. "Thomas Molony," the name of a respectable member of the congregation, appeared on the list of twenty-five submitted by the Rev. pastor in accordance with the law, and this gentleman and his friends claim to have cast their votes thinking he was the person. On the other hand, Mr. "T. J. Molony," an ex-trustee, claims that he was meant; but, at the same time, another ex-trustee, Mr. Archer, who was next in number of votes, claims that neither of them have a right to the seat—strengthening his position by the fact that he was only some ten or fifteen votes behind.

A sad affliction has visited the family of Mr. F. Carbray, merchant, of this city, in the death of his daughter, Cecilia Mary, a bright and promising young girl, in her twentieth year. Miss Carbray graduated at Bellevue Convent, in 1878, where she was awarded the Dufferin medal.

A railroad to Murray's Bay is spoken of. If carried out it will afford another means of travel to the famous shrine of St. Anne. The gentlemen of the Seminary, who are large proprietors in that part of the country, are said to be taking a leading interest in the matter.

A sad accident occurred at the Isle of Orleans, on Sunday night. Mr. L. Godbout, pilot, who was entertaining some of his friends at supper, proceeded to show them the manner of firing a distress rocket. The rocket went up a few feet and came down to the ground, when it exploded close to his feet, sending him several feet from where he was standing, completely shattering the shin-bone, and otherwise injuring him in other parts of the body quite severely. Doctors Blouis and Lachance were immediately called in to render assistance. Rev. Mr. Pelletier, the ever-zealous parish priest, passed the night with the afflicted family to console them and render whatever assistance he could under the circumstances. Mr. Godbout had been carried out to sea in one of the Dominion steamers in the fall, and had only a few days returned amongst his family at the time of the accident. Fears are entertained for his recovery, as, besides sustaining a terrible shock to his nervous system, both of his ears were carried away by the explosion, and, in addition, it is believed that the amputation of one of his legs, which he broke on being thrown down, will be absolutely necessary. His wife is also said to be in a precarious condition owing to the fright.

I perceive that one of your local contemporaries threatens us with a visit from the notorious "Sara," in the Spring. Much obliged to him; but he can keep her and "much good may she do him." Of course it was quite in order for the pangs of Gamba, M. Fréchette, to meet her at the railroad depot in Montreal, and beseecher her with a poem! What will your contemporary, the *Catholic Review*, now think of his favorite?

Small-pox is said to be amongst the troops on the citadel. The death of trumpet-major Patterson is announced. The "State Trial" draws its slow length along. Chief Justice May had the good sense to see that he had "committed" himself in more ways than one and has retired from the scene. Attorney-General Law has sustained his reputation of being a "bore" when addressing the court. He is said to be a first-class "Chamber lawyer," however.

BRANNAGH.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. B. Skuse, of Lambeth, says somebody put one hundred dollars in his coat pocket. He fears an enemy is endeavoring to get him into trouble. Not at all, Mr. Skuse, Santa Claus passed that road on his way home.

Two more accidents occurred to boys from the practice of sleigh jumping, besides the very lamentable one already chronicled. A boy named Jones sustained very severe injuries from falling under a sleigh on King street, while another lad named Errington had his leg broken on the Hamilton Road.

Early Sunday evening, in the cobbling room of Ashplant & Tauton's boot and shoe store, a vest by some means caught fire and the wall on which it hung was immediately in flames. The alarm was rung and the brigade were quickly on the spot, but the fire had been extinguished without their assistance.

In another column will be found an article from the Philadelphia *Times* by which we learn that a most princely donation has been made to the church by a late resident of Manayunk, Bernard McCann. The deceased gentleman was an uncle of Peter McCann, Esq., our esteemed fellow-citizen.

The first meeting of the new Board of Separate School Trustees of this city was held at St. Peter's School House on Monday, 17th inst. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:—Chairman.—Rev. M. J. Tierman; Secretary.—Samuel K. Brown; Treasurer.—James Reid, Esq. Committee of Management for St. Peter's and Sacred Heart Schools.—Messrs. Gibbons, Reid, and Burns. Committee of Management for St. Mary's School.—Messrs. O'Byrne, O'Dwyer, and Glynn. Committee for procuring fuel for the various Schools.—Messrs. Gibbons, Nelson, and Reid. Auditors.—Mr. J. J. Gibbons, and Mr. Thomas Wright.

On Friday, Harry, son of the late Mr. James Laurie, ran after a farmer's sleigh, with a heavy load of cord-wood on, and climbed on the side of the sleigh, which was a pair of bobs. The poor little fellow slipped in front of the second pair of bobs, and his leg was run over and above the knee, completely smashing and grinding the unfortunate lad's flesh and bones out through his knickerbocker stockings. Medical aid was immediately secured, but it

was found impossible to save the limb. Chloroform was administered, and Drs. Brown, Harper, Niven, and Cattemole performed amputation above the knee.

We are now credibly informed that the aged colored man, Anderson, who, together with his wife, perished from cold and destitution, near Toronto, of which a full account has already appeared in these columns, is the veritable old negro who, over forty years ago, piloted Wm. Lyon Mackenzie safely through the dense forest, in order to effect the escape of "the rebel patriot," for the capture of whom, dead or alive, \$1,000 had been offered by the Government. Anderson, who was 6 feet 2 inches in height, at that time was a man of extraordinary muscular development and wonderful power of endurance. Without timely assistance, it is positively asserted, Mackenzie could never have made good his escape.—*Advertiser*.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE CITY OF LONDON.

To the Supporters of the Catholic Separate Schools of London, Ont.

GENTLEMEN:—We, the Catholic Separate School Trustees of the city, beg respectfully to report to you that during the past year our schools have been carried on very successfully. The state of our finances, as the account given below shows, is in a very flourishing condition. We are entirely out of debt, and have to our credit \$114.58. This sum, together with the taxes of 1880, which are yet to be collected, give us over \$2,800 to meet the expenses of the present year.

During the year 1880 there were 789 pupils registered in our schools—boys, 409; girls, 380. The general per centage of average daily attendance of the registered number of pupils is 51½. This is fully as high as other schools throughout the cities of the Province.

At the late High School Entrance Examination three pupils of our Senior Boys' Division passed very creditably.

Our Board of Education for 1881 comprises the following members: No. 1 Ward.—Mr. James Burns and Mr. Alex. Wilson. No. 2 Ward.—Mr. J. J. Gibbons and Mr. C. G. Crutchiehanks. No. 3 Ward.—Mr. J. P. O'Byrne and Mr. James Reid. No. 4 Ward.—Mr. Thomas Wright and Rev. M. J. Tierman. No. 5 Ward.—Mr. W. McFee and Mr. Nicholas Glynn. No. 6 Ward.—Mr. Thos. Lewis and Mr. S. O'Dwyer. No. 7 Ward.—Mr. P. Crumney and Mr. John Denany.

Our teaching staff comprises one master and eight female teachers, members of religious communities. The teachers are most indefatigable in the discharge of their duties, and the pupils under their charge are receiving an educational training which will fit them not only for time, but also for eternity.

His Lordship Right Rev. Bishop Walsh, Monsignore Bruyere, and our resident clergy frequently visit the schools and examine the various classes. Our schools are also inspected annually by one of the High School Government Inspectors.

The following is the financial statement for the year 1881:—Receipts, \$2654.69; disbursements, \$2,540.11, leaving a balance in hands of treasurer of \$114.58; assets \$2821.58; liabilities, none.

REV. M. J. TIERNAN, Chairman.

LECTURE AND CONCERT IN WOOD-STOCK.

A very interesting and pleasing entertainment was given in the Town Hall, Woodstock, on the 10th inst., to a large and appreciative audience.

The subject of the lecture, "Tom Moore," was handled with the characteristic ability of our old friend, Rev. Wm. Flannery of St. Thomas, who kept his audience well in hand while being instructed and amused. In portraying the genius and patriotism of Ireland's immortal bard, the lecturer made some vigorous and practical points adapted to the present condition of things in Ireland. Speaking of the liberal and tolerant character of the Irish Catholic people of Ireland, he instanced, among many others, the election to the House of Commons of the Rev. Mr. Nelson, a Presbyter minister, in preference to one of "their own," because the minister was more in sympathy with the "people's" cause. But of the boasted liberality and toleration of Englishmen and Canadians, much of it was deserved, no doubt. The latter, however, would scarcely select Father Carlin or Father Lannery as a candidate for North Oxford. This was a strong point which the audience fully appreciated. The Rev. lecturer was heartily applauded throughout.

The musical portion of the entertainment displayed native talent of more than an ordinary character. Not hearing the whole of the programme we could only refer to that we did hear, and these were the Misses Reidy, Downey, and Doty, and Mr. John Drumgoole. Miss Reidy, it is no exaggeration to say, stands ahead of the list of sopranos in Western Ontario at the present day. She is faultless in her manner, seems to have a keen sense of the sentiment and melody of her song, and gives unmistakable expression to them with a voice full of melody and well cultured. She seems to get into the hearts of her audience. Her rendering of the "Last Rose of Summer," pure and simple, would have given delight to its author. No attempt at painting the lily. No one can do justice to this song without fully realizing its beauty. Miss Reidy evidently knows all about it.

Then came Miss Downie, of Seaforth, who appeared to be quite at home in song—natural, piquant and full of melody. She sang her song as if she meant every word it contained, and she was greeted with an encore. Miss Doty, of Ingersoll, promises to be a success as a vocalist. Not having caught the name of the song she sang, we could only judge of her voice, which is well trained and has considerable range. One is safe in saying that the presence of these three young ladies at a concert in London would prove a treat such as has not been experienced for some time. But what genius for music have we in London of either sex? Poets are born, not made, and so are the children of song. We hope an effort will be made to secure the services of Miss Reidy, at any rate, in the event of our having one of the old time concerts on St. Patrick's Day next. Our London favorite, Mr. Drum-

goie, is a favorite wherever his pleasant and happy voice is heard in song. He was deservedly encored in his "Death of Nelson." On the whole the entertainment reflected credit upon the judgment and good taste of its promoter, Rev. Father Carlin, for the benefit of whose church it was given.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Mrs. Robt. Dunn, residing at the half-way house between Stratford and St. Mary's, committed suicide on the 11th.

The Quebec and Montreal branches of the Irish Land League now make regular weekly remittances to the central Irish office of the League.

Thirty thousand dollars were collected after a sermon by Archbishop Bourget in the Notre Dame Parish Church, at Montreal, on Sunday.

Brampton, Dec. 15.—An old man named John Smith was found on Saturday morning frozen to death about two miles north of here, on the Credit Valley Railway, by the section man.

Montreal, Jan. 12.—Jean B. Narbonne was placed on his trial yesterday at Ste. Scholastique for the murder of his brother Alexander four years ago. The jury, after hearing the evidence, returned a verdict of guilty.

CHATHAM, Jan. 14.—Yesterday an employee in Raymond's sawmill, at Mitchell's Bay, named James Stevens, was engaged in gumming a saw, using a grindstone instead of the usual emery wheel. The stone burst, and a large piece flying up, struck Stevens upon the forehead, killing him instantly.

The services in St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, were unusually impressive on Sunday last. Rev. Father Davis was ordained priest by His Grace the Archbishop previous to the celebration of High Mass. Mozart's Twelfth Mass was rendered by the choir in brilliant style.

Lucan, Jan. 12.—At eleven o'clock yesterday forenoon the boiler of a threshing engine belonging to Mr. Bolton, of London township, exploded while threshing at Mr. Alexander Ironside's, killing g Alexander Bolton instantly and injuring three other men, who had a narrow escape with their lives.

Clifton, Jan. 12.—On the strength of a telegram from Thorold this morning, Officer T. K. Wynn, of the Ontario Police Force, cleverly captured a man named Harvey Secord, alias H. S. Raymond, at one of the hotels here on a charge of forgery. It appears he has been operating throughout the country and is an expert at the business, only getting out of prison in October last, where he served a term for a similar offence.

Wingham, Jan. 16.—This community was thrown into a state of great excitement this morning on receipt of the news that Mr. Allen Caldwell, one of our most respected farmers, had cut his throat. The deed was committed about 9 o'clock, Mr. Caldwell having got up from breakfast saying he would go to the barn and do some little chores before going to church. He did not return as expected, and on search being made, was found lying on the barn floor dead, with his throat cut from ear to ear, and a razor by his side.

Aylmer, Jan. 13.—A serious accident occurred this morning to Mr. Harvey Hughes, who resides two miles from this village. The circumstances are briefly these:—Mr. Hughes, together with two hired men, were engaged in digging a well on his farm. At the time of the accident Mr. Hughes was in the bottom of the well, some twenty-three feet in depth, and the men were drawing up the bucket, filled with frozen dirt. The hook slipped from the bucket and descended, striking the unfortunate man on the head, tearing his scalp in a frightful manner. He was taken up insensible. Dr. O. W. McKay was called in, and dressed his wounds. His recovery is considered doubtful.

THE CATHOLIC WORLD.

The February number of the *World* has reached us. A glance at the table of contents will show that a very interesting and instructive series of articles appears this month. The *World* is always first class, but it really appears as though the managers are endeavoring to make each new number surpass the previous one.—The Genesis of Faith; Conclusion; The Wraith of the Acheuse; A New Book on Freemasonry; Protestant Proselytism in Ireland; A Life's Decision; The Ecclesiastical Press in Germany before the "Reformation"; The Fight with the Dragon; A Woman of Culture; The New Rhetoric; Catholics and Protestants agreeing on the School Question; New Publications.

DONAHOE'S MAGAZINE.

For February has been received. A glance at the table of contents, which we append, will show that this excellent monthly has taken its place among the best of our Catholic periodicals: Portraits of the Principal Members of the Land League; The Late John Murphy (with Portrait); An Irish Brigade at the Siege of Savannah; Outlines of Geology and Geological Notes of Ireland; Home Education; Evening Mass; The Irish Bar; A Strange Story; Osiers; Failure of an Orange Expedition; Griffith's Valuation; Waltzing; A True Old Catholic; A Mad Elephant; John Bright on Ireland; Mr. Parnell on Emigration; Tinned Food; A Great Work; The Birthplace of St. Patrick; The Stuff of the Land League; The Irish Land question; The Exodus.—DANGER AHEAD; My Mother's Grave; The O'Dowd; St. Bridgid Patroness of Ireland; Useful Knowledge; The Humorist; A Talk with our readers; Events of the Month; Notices of Recent Publications; Obituary.

KIND WORDS FOR THE RECORD.

Cincinnati, Jan. 10th, 1881.

THOMAS COFFEY, Esq.

Dear Sir,—The CATHOLIC RECORD is a welcome visitor to our convent. It is equally interesting and instructive; thoroughly Catholic, and yet inoffensive to Protestants. Whilst the daily papers vilify our holy religion, the CATHOLIC RECORD sustains it with true heroism. It therefore surely deserves a wide circulation among Catholics of this country.

Yours truly,

REV. F. MICHAEL, O. S. F.

"IN LIFE WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF DEATH."

The words of the Psalmist were sadly exemplified in the demise of Miss Lucy McIlhargey, daughter of P. McIlhargey, Esq., of Lucan, Ontario, on Sunday, January 9, 1881.

She returned home December 23rd, 1880, to spend the brightly anticipated Christmas holidays, in good health and in the best of spirits, when she fell a victim to Inflammatory Rheumatism, after an illness of a few days. The deceased had been a pupil of the Sacred Heart Academy on Dundas street, for the space of a year. Her gentle, amiable disposition, her quiet, retiring manner and persevering application to every duty endeared the young lady to her teachers and schoolmates, by whom she is universally regretted. Miss McIlhargey was aged 18 years and six months. Her funeral took place at Biddulph, Jan. 11th, 1881, followed by a large number of sympathizing friends and relations. *Requiescat in pace.*

CATHOLIC NOTES.

Among the novices in an Ursuline convent in France is a native of Nubia, a redeemed slave. She is called in religion Sister Mary Xavier.

The schools of the Christian Brothers in Jerusalem are attended by more than 300 children of all denominations, among whom is a son of the Pasha.

The Cardinals lately preconized have been assigned as follows: Cardinal Jacobini to the Congregations of the Holy Office, Studies, Bishops, Regulars, and Propaganda; Cardinal Hassoun to those of the Propaganda, Rites, Ceremonial and Index.

Ranke, the venerable historian of the Popes, has just published the first two volumes of a "History of the World." The work is to be completed in seven volumes. The historian is in his 82nd year, but the new volumes are said to be as vigorous as any of his writings.

His Grace Archbishop Feehan is making hosts of friends in Chicago. Everybody is delighted with him. On new year's day his callers were numbered by hundreds. The sacred pallium for the new Archbishop was consigned to Rev. Patrick Gill, by Cardinal Caterni, on the 13th ult.

A union of Prayer has been formed in France for the purpose of obtaining from our Lord, through the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin, the return of the religious congregations to France, the liberty of worship and of Catholic education and the conversion of her enemies.—*New Orleans Star*.

John W. Mackay, the California millionaire, has announced his intention of giving \$50,000 to endow a scholarship in Bowdoin College. When the Sisters of Charity began to establish asylums in Nevada he sent for the mother of the order and told her he would be responsible for all the debts.

The Little Sisters of the Poor support \$20,000 aged persons in France where they have 100 houses, the largest containing not less than 400, and the smallest sixty or eighty inmates. The Republican Government actually proposed to place a tax of 3 per cent. on the value of the buildings, and on the alms collected by the Sisters!

The Canon Esprit de Louet, continuing diligently his researches, has ascertained the existence of a group of catacombs outside of Porta San Pancrazio, of which the church of that name should form the centre. In fact, a catacomb exists under the vineyard of Signor de Dominis, in front of the Church of San Pancrazio, and may communicate with the catacomb called S. Calepodius; another exists beneath the Villa Riccio, and this is perhaps the one which is prolonged as far as the caves named the caves of St. Philip.

The Very Rev. Henry O'Callaghan, D. D., and rector of the English College, Rome, is the newly appointed Bishop of Gibraltar. The bishop-elect was formerly a professor at St. Edmund's, Old Hall, England. Soon after the lamented death of Cardinal Wiseman he was appointed rector of the Oblate College at Rome, and when the rectorship of the English College became vacant she was advanced to, and has filled ever since, that more important office. We need hardly inform our readers that Dr. O'Callaghan is a native of Ireland.

AN AMERICAN BISHOP ON THE MIRACLES AT KNOCK.

Bishop O'Hara of the Scranton (Pa.) diocese, who has just returned from an extended pilgrimage to Rome and the noted places of Ireland, preached at the cathedral at Scranton on November 21st, before an immense congregation, giving a graphic description of the gracious reception accorded to himself and Bishop Shanahan, of Harrisburg, by Pope Leo. He said that they approached the Pope's room considerably agitated because of his exalted position as the head of the Church; but his gentle bearing and kindness of heart soon made them at home. He seated them beside him, and asked numerous questions concerning America and the condition of the people in the diocese of Scranton and Harrisburg. Bishop O'Hara described his visit to Knock, and said that it was specially interesting. Before going to the chapel he called on Archbishop MacHale, of Tuam, who, although over ninety years old, is still clear of mind and vigorous of intellect. While at breakfast with the venerable prelate Bishop O'Hara intimated his intention of visiting Knock, and found the Archbishop somewhat reticent on the subject. He finally said that so far there had been no evidence presented to warrant the approval or disapproval of the manifestations. He had appointed a committee of the clergy, however, to inquire into the matter, and they were still engaged in the investigation. On going to Knock, the Bishop says, he was forcibly impressed with the strong evidences of faith and devotion which he saw exhibited. He found about two thousand persons there dividing themselves into groups of about fifty each and passing around the unassuming little chapel in processions, then entering and performing the Stations of the Cross, and concluding by approaching the Sacraments. He said that no matter how the authenticity of the miracles might be questioned, his impression on witnessing this scene was that God would grant many blessings to Ireland.

THE IRISH CRISIS.

A CATHOLIC PRIEST'S EXPOSITION.

The Rev. Father Hunt, of the "Oblates of Mary Immaculate," late of London, lectured last Sunday evening at St. Peter's, New Brighton, Staten Island, at the invitation of the pastor, Father Berry.

We take from the *Sun* the following report of his discourse:

He began his discourse by saying he was not actuated by partisan motives; he could promise nothing startling; his reflections were mostly the result of personal observation. Ireland to-day is as different as if she were a new nation. She is yet poor, but no longer the mendicant of the world. The Irish people last year were prone before the world, unwilling to assist themselves; to-day they have arisen in the majesty of their might and the Ministers and Cabinet of England are moulding their propositions by the gauge and desires of the Irish people. The dark days of unchallenged despotism have passed away. How has this change been effected? Not by the stubborn argument of facts (and among these the cold facts of famine and death); not by the sword, for that; yet sheathed, and may it ever remain so; not by eloquence, for Grat an, Curran, Shiel and O'Connell are dead, and though eloquence still has a home "among the hills of holy Ireland," no utterance has been made of sufficient force to touch hearts already proved hard and cold as stone. The question of Ireland is the question of the hour. The heart of the huge metropolis has but one anxiety. "What are Land Leagues doing for Ireland?" Eloquence, facts, and the slaughter of 2,000,000 people have not availed, but wherever the English language is spoken a people's sympathies are uttered from some platform under the auspices of the Land League organizations.

Ireland is not by nature, but by force of circumstances, an agricultural country. Laws had been made against the trade and commerce of Ireland. She never voluntarily became the subject of England. England sought to keep Ireland poor, because prosperity and wealth might lead her to achieve her independence. The penal laws had driven the people to agriculture. To avoid penal enactments many had settled in the bogs. The lecturer here drew a picture of the typical landlord and agent. The behavior of landlords in former times is what inspired the organization of Land Leagues.

The history of Ireland might be written in two words: beauty and starvation.

The first object the voyager sees on entering Dublin Bay is a monument commemorative of the famine.

The speaker here gave a history of the Irish famines, and the apathy of the British Government in regard to them. It had spent \$50,000,000 in fighting for the Turk, \$100,000,000 for the luxury of shooting King Theodore, but no such sum could be had to feed 5,000,000 Irish people. It had spent \$125,000,000 in the Zulu war, while Ireland might have starved but for the charity of America. The evictions were the cause of crime and agrarian murders. In one year there had been 3,000 evictions; to-day not one. Ninety-six agrarian murders had been committed in the preceding year to five last year.

The speaker quoted Sir Robert Peel to prove that nothing could be done for Ireland with the co-operation of landlords. The condition of the Irish peasants was worse than any other in the world. It has been asked, "Why do they not emigrate?" They were an unusually domestic people; a land and home-loving people. Dr. Maginn, Bishop of Derry, was quoted to condemn the government's attempt to force emigration: "As the State exists for and by the people, the safety of the people is the supreme duty of the State; the prosperity of the State is proportionate to the safety and content of the people." One of the doctrines of the Land League is that no Irishman shall be forced to leave his country against his will. The Land League fosters no hate against persons; it counsels moral force only. Fair field and no favor is all that Ireland asks from the charity of the world. The speaker had hope in Ireland, not because of his confidence in British justice, but his belief in the sympathy of Englishmen and the good will of America. Since the Irish case has been brought to trial before the world, the children of the earlier hour are the men of to-day, and they are yet to be free and independent.

PRINCELY GENEROSITY.

\$300,000 BEQUEATHED FOR CHARITY.

Bernard McCann, one of the best known and highly-esteemed citizens of Manayunk, died last Monday at his home in that place, after an illness of four or five weeks. He was a widower, without children, or, indeed, any living relatives, and he leaves his entire estate, which amounts to over \$300,000 in real estate, bank stock and other securities, to churches and institutions of public charity. The will contains nearly forty bequests, ranging from \$3,000 to \$100,000, the latter amount being left to build a new Catholic church in Manayunk, on the site of the present Church of St. John the Baptist. He leaves about \$20,000 worth of property to assist in supporting the poor of the parish of Manayunk, and about \$10,000 worth of other real estate to help the parochial school of the same place.—*Philadelphia Times*.

OUR LADY OF KNOCK IN VAN DIE-MEN'S LAND.

The Tasmanian *Catholic Standard* publishes an account of a cure effected "through the intercession of our Lady at Knock." "It appears," says the *Standard* Mr. Collins had been long suffering from a hereditary and distressing complaint commonly