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LOOK AT THE DATE.

We would call the attention of our Country readers to the DATE on the LAISEL attached to their papers, which shows the time subscription is paid to. Prompt remittances requested. Subscriptions strictly in advance.

THE HOME RULE RESOLU-

On Monday afternoon Mr. Devlin's much-taiked-of Home Rule Resolution came up in the House of Commons. The debate was adjourned at six o'clock. It was incomplete, and as the question is not yet disposed of, we shall give a fuller report of it in our next week's issue. An amendment was moved by Col. Tisdale and a couple of speeches were delivered in support of it. Another was proposed by Mr. Dalton McCarthy. The Irish members will stand by the Home Rule Resolution, and now that it is before the

majority. Most decidedly the mover of should be forever grateful to his Irish parliamentary confreres for having come to his aid as they did on Monday afternoon. Next week's TRUE WITNESS WILL have a full report: meanwhile, we hope, if the question comes to a vote, that it will be one that will have a far-reaching beneficial effect upon the destinies of the old land.

House we hope sincerely that it will be

carried with a strong and emphatic

FATHER LOCKHART.

The Oxford movement, brought many eminent and world-famed men into the Church of Rome; but the hand of death is rapidly thinning their ranks. Of these Father Lockhart was one. He was snatched away most suddenly, but he was of that category of men whose lives are such that the aunquam non paratus might be their motto. He had the carnestness of Newman, Manning, Hurrell Fronde, and all these distinguished Tractarian leaders. He founded the Order of Charity, and its members will long miss the preachings and teachings, the presence and encouragement of their experienced and learned founder. He has "fought the good tight," he has "run his course," he now enjoys the reward of "the good and faithful servant,"

A RITUALISTIC CRITIC.

The Church Times, having nothing bad to say of Dr. Vaughan, Cardinal Man-Westminster." Also it declares that "the Monsignor is sent to Westminster as the old Roman commanders were sent to has neither numbers, nor means at his disposal. The Roman generals were sent out with strong and well equipped armies; he has only two millions of souls under his care, and they are mostly of the poorer class of society. Men must be hard up for arguments when they compare an Englishman born, with his Episcopal staff, the symbol of peace, to a Roman general, sword in hand, invading the land and seeking to deprive its people of their freedom. They have got tired of the old style, vulgar and ineffective way of talking about scheming Jesuits and Priest-ridden people; this form of insult to their Catholic neighbors is more in harmony with the spirit of the times. God help the fanatic, for he needs a deluge of grace to quench the flames of religious animosity that scorch his heart.

KEVELAER'S ANNIVERSARY.

On the first of June Kevelaer celebut it is one of the most noteworthy re- ful curse. sorts in all Europe. A correspondent of the London Times says that for two cen-

Heine, the unchristian poet of Germany, a flame, consuming the body and damnwrote a beautful poem on the pilgrimage | ing the soul of that helpless creature. to Kevelaer. He pictures the anguish of a mother over the lot of her son who is slowly dying, and how, with strong which is too freely administered. We faith in the Blessed Virgin's intercession, she gets him to join her in a pilgrimage. under our notice where a woman had They make their offerings. Then they been suffering for some months, and the both go to sleep for the night, and the Blessed Virgin steals softly in and lays her hand upon the son's heart and lifteen, or twenty drops, just as she felt smiles. The mother sees in a vision what takes place and awakes. She finds her son dead, with the beams of the the drug to be administered by inexperimorning sun playing on his face, and, filled with holy consolation, she says O, Mary, blessed be thou!" Holy shrine; great poet; wonderful influence to wrench such a poem from the intidel

FAITH AND MIRACLES.

There are thousands to-day who base alone; yet they will not believe in the presence of God. We ask, is not seems supernatural. They do not understand the mechanism of the universe, tered; but let them be used as sparingly nor even the wonderful things that daily, as it is possible. We are not acquainted in the natural order, pass before their eyes,-still they believe in them, because they are of the natural order, though above their comprehension, the less drugs administered the better. But the moment the boundary line is crossed and they tread the domain of the | it. The curse must be checked in some supernatural, they do not believe, al- way. though they see the effects. This is a strange contradiction. The Protestant author, Charles Kingsley, says that "we shall be made truly wise if we be made content; content, too, not only with what we can understand, but content with what we do not understand—the habit of the mind which theologians call- and rightly-faith in God." And Monial France, an humble nun had a Bailey, an eminent Protestant authority, vision. In a miraculous manner the man can "kill two birds with one stone," says that "Fuith is a higher faculty than reason." He is right. However, Margaret Mary Alacoque, as she knelt It is far ahead of the Leper Island and no evidence con'd convince, no positive before the Blessed Sacrament. To her the "remote Chinese districts." Comproof could persuade, no miracle could He expos d His Heart, and she beheld convert men and women whose minds are made up not to understand the evi- deemer for man. The heart is the most dence, not to see the proof, and not to vital organ in the human body; it is by admit the miracle. The very life of a it the life b'ood is sent coursing through scoffer at impracles is in itself a most the whole system. The heart it is that astounding miracle.

A MODEL BISHOP.

The Rev. Dr. Fitzgerald, Methodist Bishop of Atlanta, stands forth in defence of the lynching of negroes on the ground that " the unspeakable crime for which they were lynched outlaws the perpetrators." This is a very strange statement coming from a man whose social position would lead us to believe that he was a good citizen, and whose profession should have him appear, at least exteriorly, a Christian. Let us suppose that the criminals were only punished according to their deserts, even then,—such a theory as that of Bishop Fitzgeral I would nullify all laws and Instice. If this principle holds good in the case of one crime, it holds equally sal has the devotion become that leagues matives into "a spiritual ferment?" No them down. Were Orangement or any offended party, the injured person, or the outraged family or community be ning's successor, tells its readers that he permitted to take the execution of the is "the Pope's Italian Archbishop of $\big|$ law in hand, then our tribunals are use less, our judgeships are sinecures, and our law is a mere dead letter. Why not advocate a proper observance and im-Syria, Gaul, or Britain, to subdue the partial execution of the laws? There is native freemen and bring them under a something horrid and repulsive in the the yoke of Rome." Now, to become contemplation of certain crimes, and the such a danger to the land, the archbi-hop | perpetrators of them are beings more I athsome than the slimy sernent that erawls or the poisonous toud that larks in the darkness; but equally as dangerous to order, to law, to peace and security, to social, moral, and religious existence would be the acceptance of such a theory as that Methodist Bishop advocates. It is not Christian, and most certainly it is far from Catholic.

ALCOHOLIC MEDICINE.

One word upon this important subject. Is it not possible that our medical mencould be brought to see and to know that there is scarcely an ill, to which broke, yet the Divine power within pretlesh is heir, that requires intoxicating served it for still more awful torture. It liquor as a cure? We think that bled in anguish during each scene of the more drunkards are made in the tragedy enacted along the Via Dolorosa, sick room, or at the mother's breast, than in the saloons. Thousands of sober with love: torn, bleeding, sorrowing, men have fallen ill, and while hovering breaking, at last the point of the conbetween life and death, have been fed turiou's spear cleft it in twain, and its upon alcoholic stimulants; they escaped last dying pulsation was one of superdeath, but merely returned to life to live human love for man. brated the two hundred and fiftieth an- a semi-death, to become coomed victims niversary of the erection of its miracul- and to go down, in a few years, to ous picture of the Blessed Virgin. This drunkards' graves. We would ask our shrine is situated on the left bank of the physicians to lock into this and to try Rhine, in the diocese of Munster. It and see if they cannot find some means may not be very well known in America, of reducing to a minimum such a fear-

Thousands of children drink in the seeds of alcoholism from their very turies and a half pilgrims have visited, mothers' breasts. The poor woman is in multitudes sometimes of four hundred | ill, she needs a stimulant, she can't | begets love : devotion awakens dethousand per year, the holy shrine of nurse a baby without first taking a little votion; generosity engenders generosity Kevelaer. In July also there is to be a gin or brandy; and the doctor encour grand festival there, when the Bishop of ages her, and prescribes liquor. What have a grand festival there, when the Bishop of ages her, and prescribes liquor. Munster will crown the picture with is she doing? She is kindling in the from that Sacred Heart will warm them

Bishop of Treves will preach the sermon. the first breath of license will burst into

If it is so with liquor, it seems to us that there is another drug, an opiate, refer to morphine. A case has just come doctor sent her, against her husband's will, a bottle of morphine, ordering ten, she required them. He did not even take the trouble to be present, but left enced and illiterate people. The consequence was that from the hour she took the opiate she forgot how to pray, she became happy in the semi-consciousness of queer visions, she thought only of her phial of morphine, and in three days she died without a prayer, without a priest. without that consolation which her past life-so pious-would have led her to seek. Oblivious of everything, she sank heir salvation upon Faith and Faith into the opiate slumber and awoke in miracles. They scoff at everything that | that a cruel wrong? If such drugs are with the science of medicine, but we know enough from experience and study to feel certain that the less liquor and As to the liquor, we will again speak of

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART.

We are now in the month of June, the first of the summer months, the month of roses, the month of the Sacred Heart. Two hundred and seventeen years ago, in the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Son of God appeared to the prostrate in it all the superhuman love of the Reburns with love and breaks with sorrow. Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God is to be adored both in His Divine and in His human nature, and with one single act of devotion. By the mysteries of His life and passion the Saviour mani-

fests himself to us as the object of our adoration, love and gratitude. By His-Sacred Heart, in our day, He has manifested Himself for our devotion. The Sacred Heart is intimately united to the | ment. soul and to the person of Our Lord, full of life, of feeling, and of knowledge, ing this month of June. In 1875, Pius and scalalities of the Sacred Heart are to be found in almost every civilized land.

Friday, the 24th June, is the day (known as the Feast of the Sacred Heart but it will be celebrated upon the following day, Saturday, 25th. This is on account of the previous day being the Feast of St. John the Baptist.

Heart flowed the torrent of blood that Foster Father, away up in Nazareth, He ance of genuineness? plyed the humble trade of a carpenter; the manly heart throbbed with mighty anticipations as the full-grown Redeemer, at the age of thirty, walked out upon the ways of men, and commenced His miracle-storied mission of three years. That Heart was tertured long before the commencement of the dread passion. In Gethsemane it almost It was facerated with grief and affame

Christ only asks that man should not be ungrateful. He seeks a return, in kind, for all the love His Heart has felt and still feels.

During this month, then, it is the duty of every sincere Catholic to make some reparation to the Sacred Heart for all the ingratitude shown heretofore; a devotion to that most holy of all objects is fruitful of untold blessings. Love Let our poor human hearts be as gratehave or are capable of, and the flames gold. The Archbishop of Cologne will young, fresh and impressionable being a into an undying life, while its rays will celebrate Pontifical High Mass, and the fire that will smoulder for years, and at light them to an endless happiness.

An American contemporary says that it is noted as a very queer fact that while it was voted at the Methodist Conference in Omaha "that owing to the decline in congregational singing, music has lost its power in the church," congregational singing is on the increase in the Catholic Church and that music is to-day just where it has always been with us, a cherished accessory to divine worship. The Paulist Fathers, during their never to be forgotten mission of to the Motter of tied, and the whole last March, inaugurated congregational Island has been, long since, placed under Orangeman can be styled " loyal," after anging in St. Patrick's Church here, and it has proved a grand success. It is thus month of May we drew the attention of that the Catholic Church should ever our readers to this fact, in order to After the declarations made by the and always be abreast of the times, and constantly attracting the children of earth, by the harmony and beauty of month. Each individual Catholiches a her ritual, to the ceremonies of her immortal Faith.

DECIDEDLY ATTRACTIVE.

There appears in the English press a notice, or rather invitation to Anglican they do not understand, provided it necessary, in extreme and rare cases, let clergymen in search of a living, which them be carefully and properly administ holds out very great inducements. It runs thus: "Cornwall,-Advowson 200. Pop. 600. Mansion-like Rectory. Grand views. Fine church. Salmon and trout fishing, and hunting. Society." It is quite an inducement to have a palacelike dwelling and a very good temple wherein to hold forth. It is also pleasant to find that the labor cannot be very great, since the population is only six hundred in all. But when you add to it salmon and trout fishing it must be a bonanza. And yet that is not enough, for there is also good hunting. A very paradise on earth! Who would not be a worker in such a vineyard? No lack of occupation; if there are not many souls to save, there are lots of fish to eatch; and if the devil requires to be chased, a and be after him while on the hunt. wa'l is the place for a missionary.

MISSIONS IN CHINA.

from Northern China what it calls "significant and reassuring letters." The London Universe says that these letters purale did not take place. All the calmer turn out to be nothing else than the and more rational citizens, of both Proabsurd fiction of a colporteur lift the not a fable manufactured at homes who, knowing the imbecdes he writes for, has the andacity to say:

"We were led into a remote district. unknown to any missionaries hitherto, into oblivien, to wish that even a breath where the people are simply desperate after religion, and are in a spiritual fer-

Now we would like to know where this "remote district" is. by what name hence it is proposed to us by the Church | it is called, and by whom they were lodas the special object of our devotion dur- there. It is very strange that people should be "simply desperate after re-IX., of sacred memory, made choice of ligion," when heretofore there never had this month as the one during which all been any missionaries amougst them. Catholies should adore the Saviour in an It must be that they were "desperately ing themselves blackguards; but these render useless the whole machinery of especial manner, that is by prayers par- after" the colporteurs with clubs and Justice. If this principle holds good in ticular to the Sacred Heart. So universoiter weapons. Who aroused these ment, suppose that the mere sight of the tract and bible carriers set the Northern Chinamen in a ferment of religion.

Protestant writers have told us the story of their missionaries in China, and they do not tell a very encouraging one. Dr. Grant has said: "Whoever asserts From the fountain of that Sacred that Protestant missionaries make sincere Chinese Christians must be either saved the human race from eternal per- governed by a delusion or guilty of dition. The Infant Heart of Jesus flut- fraud." There is not a remote corner in tered with overflowing love for man, China that has not been visited by object to the conduct of men when a child, He was rocked in His Catholic missionaries before ever a tract-Mother's arms; the youthful heart of huckster ventured beyond sight of the the Boy Saviour, beat with pulsations of | Coinese shore. Why don't they concoct an immeasurable affection, as, with His letters that bear, at least, the appear-

A QUEER VOCATION.

Another, and very peculiar, attempt is being made to establish community life in the Church of England. To gain recrnits they advertise for novices and offer liberal terms. Young men willing to take " vows pro tem," falfil the duties of sacristan, etc., and live in common, are asked to reply. They are offered board, lodging, and clothing, or else five dollars per week. The notice thus closes: "Let him who is called apply to 'Reform," etc." We know of a good many young men and old ones, for that matter, who would willingly have a religious vocation pro tem, on condition of twenty dollars per month and no board to pay. There are hundreds knocking about, within this very city, who for good board and clothing would willingly find themselves suddenly called to a religious life, as long as it was not to make perpetual vows. It is a queer and nevel way of recruiting monks, and of filling the ranks of a religious community. It is probable that London alone would be able to furnish more candidates—suddenly seized with a religious vocation (at five dollars per week)—than they can receive into the new monastery. very city, who for good board and cloththey can receive into the new monastery. Just imagine St. Francis, or St. Dominic, their privete affairs or the business of the sioners collect, in school taxes, the public or St. Augustin, advertising for Friars | Society, the country is free, and we have

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING. founder of a Catholic religious com- get an inch, and of carrying to realization munity, giving a pound a week to the youth of the country, and throwing in a religious vocation (like a cromo) in the bargain. What next eccentricity will they learn that their hopes are vain the we hear of? We are now beyon! the better for all parties, possibility of surprise.

OUR LADY OF MONTREAL

The city of Montr al, as is well known is style? Ville Marie, or the city of Mary. It was dedicated in an especial manner tic, has his paternal eye ever fixed upon the Province of Quebec in particular, British America harmonizes. and upon Montreal in a special manner. He has appointed Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli to be protector of the Congregation of Our Lady of Montreal Another proof that he watches attentively the progress of our city and each then, they should try to make their should pray sincerely for Leo XIII.

VISITING ORANGEMEN.

Last week there was quite a flutter in ertain circles over the session of the Orange Grand Lodge of British America held in Montreal. They were two days assembled, in their hall on St. James street, when a great many matters pertaining to their association were transacted. Full reports of all the proceed ings have appeared in the daily press, so we have no occasion to repeat them. An ing up in our midst; and that in future, incident took place which to some persons seemed of importance and to other of little consequence. An Alderman had promised to have the fire Brigade parade for inspection by the visitors; fearing The London Bible Society received that such a course might cause a disturbance, or at least some unpleasantness the order was countermanded and the test out and Catholic persuasions, feel that it was much better that no such display

if was made. We have had too bitter an experience in the past, when scenes occurred that should be allowed to sink into oblivion, to wish that even a breath might give rise to another such temptest.

The orangemen came quietly, attended to their business and left peacefully.
They neither carried bunners, displayed regula, nor clashed their party tunes on the air. We must give them full credat for having acted very respectfully. There are always a few hot heads, of the are always a few hot heads, of the "Young Briton" stamp, who imagine they are heroes when they are only proving themselves blackguards; but these they are heroes when they are only proving themselves blackguards; but these the party when failed to appoint ments shall be made by the Lieutenant common three said appointments shall be made by the Lieutenant common three said appointments shall be made by the Lieutenant covernor in connell in the manner above provided; and the commissioners so appointments shall be deemed to have been made before the said day, the said appointments shall be deemed to have been made before the said day. The said bowe provided; and the commissioners so appointments to be made by the Lieutenant to we not been made before the said day, the said appointments shall be made by the Lieutenant to make they are heroes and in the commissioners and the commissioners and the commissioners are the appoint ments to be made by the Lieutenant to commissioners and the commissioners are the said other class of men, to come into Montreal, transact their private lessiness, and go away, as did the delegates of last week, there would never be a word of opposition heard, from even the most enthusiastic adversary of their principles. It is not the individuals, who may happen to be Orangemen, that we object to, nor would we like to see any class of our effects will be greatly felt remains to be tellow-citizens deprived of the liberty which they have a right to enjoy; but of that organization, when they deliberately and unnecessarily fling insults in the faces of our co-religionists, and flaunt their flags, or hammer their party tunes in contempt for and in disrespect to persons, principles and objects that we hold most sacred.

The Address to the Grand Master, was a mild, but strangely contradictory docurrent. In one place it says:

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"We have long been of opinion that a meeting of your august body in our city would render the Association here lasting benefit, and we trust that as a result of his meeting of the Grand Lodge of British America, in Montreal, the fundamental principles of Orangelsm will be better understood not only by our Bonnan Catholic fellow-citizens but by our Protestant friends as well, that the vague and erroneous ideas which have so long prevailed with regard to the Loyal Orange Association will be dispelled, that it will find favor with the people, and soon accomplish the ends for which it was instituted." nstituted

This would look somewhat conciliatory but in another place it strives to revive the memory of scenes that rankled in the breasts of many, and to fan into flame embers that, not only should be left to smoulder, but should be quenched forever. Thus it runs:

Minor, at twenty dollars per month. It nothing to say; but if they came to feel able to the people for what they do with would be amusing to have heard of St. their way, and try the Montreal pulse, those means. They are appointed to Vincent de Paul, or any any other with the object of taking an ell when they their positions, not by the people, but

Major Sam. Hughes' hope of one day again parading our streets and casting insult into our faces, then the sooner

There is no excuse, no reason, no shadow of a pretext for Orange processions. Their music, their songs, their insignia, everything are so many chants of triumph over and marks of insult towords Roman Catholies. Nothing more; nothing less. They were wont to plead Loyalty." But to-day no consistent her protection. At the opening of the he has subscribe to resolutions of sympathy with the ultra-disloyal men of Ulster. stimulate them to greater devotions to O angemen down in the North of Ireland, wards the Blessed Virgin during her after their avowed purpose of making armed resistance to a British Govern patron saint; so has each parish, com- ment that would dare to do justice to munity, and country. This grand com- a long suffering and much wronged counmercial metropolis has a more powerful try, they can lay no claim to "loyalprotectress than any saint-its patroness ty." They may plead their "respect for is Mary the Mother of Christ. The the British Constitution "; but never was Hoy lather, looking across the Atlan- that Constitution more openly defied and set at naught than by these Belfast our young and hopeful country, upon | famaties, with whom the Grand Lodge of

We therefore repeat that any demonstrations, of the nature of Orange processions, have no raison d'etre, and they are highly menacing to the peace, hatpiness and well-being of the State. If. of its Catholic institutions. Montreal peaceful and respectful meeting, in this city, a stepping stone to future and further so called "rights and privileges," -- that is to say the right to insult their fellow-countrymen and the privilege to create ballfeelings in the community, -then they may as well at once understand that such immoral "rights and privileges" shall be respected only according to their value. But we believe and we hope that a better spirit is coming into Canada; that these old feuds are being relegated to the past; that the s, irits of harmony and toleration are growwherever our Orange fellow citizens, individually or in numbers, shalt visit our city, that we may be able to congratulate them upon their straight-forward and eaceful conduct, as we certainly must do upon this occasion.

OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM

A bill is now before the Local Legislaure, the principal clauses of which are the following:-

the said day, they shall be made within the shortest possible delay thoreafter, and the commissioners so appointed shall enter into office imm diately after their appointment.

I. The commissioners appointed in the manner above provided shall enten in a office during three years, shall be replaced in the manner of their appointment, and all the above provisions shall apply to them."

Thus seems to promise an improvement upon the actual construction and aspect of the School Board; but whether the seen. At least it is a step in right diraction. Still these new commissioners will fall heirs to a considerable amount of obstacles and difficulties which the present commissioners have inherited from past years, and which will require great care, perseverance and concentrate action to surmount and overcome.

In plain English, our present system is radically wrong. To change a system requires time, unanimous action and energy. It is almost useless to cut off dead limbs and prune away useless branches; the axe should be placed at the very root of the evil, and it should be so wielded that every blow would tell. Our people seem not to thoroughly grasp the situation, and those who do appreciate it do not seem willing or able to set the public sentiment in motion. We repeat, the system is radically bad, and the commissioners as well as the public are suffering in consequence.

When the moneys of the country, collected by taxes, or in other ways, are expended, it is by the members of a government, supported by political representatives, all of whom are responsible to the people. It is the people's money they use, and they must answer to the people, in some manner or other, for their administration of the public funds. When our city taxes are spent by the corporation, they are used by men responsible to the rate-payers, and whom these rate-payers can bring to account and can harl from office, if they do not render a satisfactory account of the If they merely came here to transact people's funds. But our School Commismoneys, and they are, in no way answer-